# <u>Call for bids in Kazakhstan: reducing</u> <u>illicit finance and fraud project</u> <u>proposals 2022 to 2023</u>

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The British Embassy Astana is inviting project proposals on illicit finance and cryptocurrency regulation by 30 October 2022 for financial year 2022 to 2023.



## **Objectives**

This financial year the British Embassy Astana is seeking to support projects that will:

- develop capacity within Kazakhstan to reduce risk of illicit finance activity including by a programme of activity to develop Know Your Customer expertise
- develop regulation around Cryptocurrency/Crypto assets working with the regulators in Kazakhstan to develop this industry
- support work to reducing internet/telephone fraud linked with the above objectives

## Bid guidance

Projects are funded for a single financial year that will end on 31 March 2023, with no expectation of continued funding beyond this period.

All project activity should be completed by 15 February 2023 to allow payments to be finalised before 31 March 2023.

This financial year, the British Embassy will look to fund one project up to a maximum of £50,000

This call for bids is a non-committal enquiry. This means that if you submit your project proposal, this will not necessarily guarantee any project funding from the embassy.

### **Assessment**

Bids will be assessed against the project criteria:

- alignment with the above mentioned objectives
- project outputs and objectives are achievable within the funding period
- sustainability demonstrating that project benefits continue after the funding ends
- clear risk management and financial accountability procedures
- the organisation's safeguarding policies that ensure protection of beneficiaries
- overall value for money

#### **Process**

- Project proposals must be submitted to <u>ukinkz@fcdo.gov.uk</u> and <u>Selena.McGuinness@fcdo.gov.uk</u> by 11:59pm (Kazakhstan time) on Sunday 30 October. Late proposals will not be considered.
- 2. You must complete and submit the following forms:

You can also read more <u>Guidance for bidding organisations</u> (ODT, 16.4 KB).

- 3. We aim to notify the successful bidders by 5 November 2022.
- 4. Grant agreements/MoUs must be signed with successful project implementers by 12 November 2022. If there is any delay, the British embassy has discretion to withdraw the offer of funding.

Revisions to the Grant Agreement and MoU templates will not be accepted.

When you submit your bid, you must confirm in writing (email) that you agree

to sign the Grant Agreement and MoU in their existing format if your bid is successful.

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