LIMITED SUBMISSION: Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of LGBTI Persons

****PLEASE NOTE: ONE (1) PROPOSAL FROM TUFTS MAY BE NOMINATED****

DEADLINES:
Tufts Internal Email of Intent Deadline: October 20 by noon
Sponsor Deadline: Statement of Intent (SOI): October 27, 2017
Full proposal: by invitation based on SOI

For those interested, please send an email of intent (EOI) to the Limited Submissions Team at limitedsubmissions@tufts.edu informing us of an intention to apply. EOI s received after the deadline will not be considered. The email of intent must include:

1. The name of the solicitation
2. The name of the Principal Investigator, and any co-PIs
3. A 2-3 sentence description of the proposed project.

Should the number of interested applicants exceed the number allowed by the funder, an internal selection process will be conducted by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, and candidates will be notified to submit internal application materials. All candidates will be notified of results. NB: Successful applications must include official notification from the Limited Submissions Team in order to submit. For more information, please see http://viceprovost.tufts.edu/resources/funding/limited-submissions/

PROGRAM INFORMATION: The Global Equality Fund (GEF), managed by the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL), supports civil society organizations working to protect and advance the human rights of LGBTI persons globally. This request seeks creative and new ideas to address the violence and discrimination targeting LGBTI persons that undermine society’s collective security, and programs that provide LGBTI communities with the tools to prevent, mitigate, and recover from violence.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The Global Equality Fund invites organizations to submit a 3-page SOI outlining program concepts and organizational capacity to manage programs that will protect and advance the human rights of LGBTI persons. Applicants may submit no more than one (1) SOI which may address one focus area only, or may respond to a combination of focus areas. SOI focus areas, include, but are not limited to:

- **Freedom from Violence:** Individuals, organizations and communities are safe and secure from all forms of violence, including threats, intimidation, harassment, abuse, sexual violence, and psychological or physical harm.
- **Access to Justice:** The human rights of LGBTI people are acknowledged and protected through inclusive and affirming laws and policies, which are fairly and consistently implemented and enforced.
- **Social Inclusion:** The LGBTI community is included in economic and human development equally with other members of society particularly as a means to reduce violence and discrimination.
- **Empowered & Inclusive Movements & Organizations:** LGBTI movements reflect the full diversity of the communities they engage, as well as diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and sex characteristics. They are: capable of effective activism; connected with broader human rights movements, allied communities and movements, and other key stakeholders; well-managed, strategic, and effective.
Strong proposals are guided by the following cross-cutting values: gender equality, locally-led, and organizational development and capacity. They should:

- have potential to have an immediate impact leading to long-term sustainable reforms
- have potential for sustainability beyond DRL resources
- preferably not duplicate past efforts, but support new and creative approaches
  - This does not exclude from consideration projects that improve upon or expand existing successful projects in a new and complementary way
  - See FOA for details of excluded activities.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: There are no limits or restrictions on who may serve as PI. Organizations submitting SOIs must:

- Have existing, or the capacity to develop, active partnerships with thematic or in-country partners, entities, and relevant stakeholders including private sector partners and NGOs
- Have demonstrable experience administering successful and preferably similar programs. DRL reserves the right to request additional background information on organizations that do not have previous experience administering federal awards. These applicants may be subject to limited funding on a pilot basis.

Applicants may form consortia and submit a combined SOI. However, one organization should be designated as the lead applicant with the other members as sub-award partners. See FOA for specific vetting requirements for any funded entities.

AWARD INFORMATION: Approximately $2 million in funds are available for programs of the Global Equality Fund, pending funding availability. To support direct and indirect costs required for implementation, DRL anticipates making award amounts of $250,000 - $500,000.

FURTHER INFORMATION: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=297674

NOTE: Program announcement instructions supersede instructions delivered in this document.