

MEPI Alumni Venture Fund (AVF)

2026 AVF cycle to open in December 2025



Introduction

The MEPI Alumni Venture Fund (AVF) is a prestigious grant designed to empower and support MEPI alumni in making a lasting impact in their communities.

In the 2025 cycle, AVF offered alumni the opportunity to secure funds of up to \$4,000 to support civic, economic, environmental, and social initiatives that foster sustainable growth and development in the MENA region.

Grant Focus and Objectives

The AVF small grant encourages alumni to propose projects that promote long-term change for their communities. Alumni may use the AVF funds to expand on their existing civic, economic, or social initiatives, or to establish a new initiative to support sustainable change benefiting their communities.

Key Features

- Funding Amount: Up to \$4,000 per project
- Project Implementation Period: Five months
- Target Areas: Civic, Economic, Environmental, and Social Initiatives
- Geographic Focus: MENA region



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Application Process

Information Sessions

World Learning hosts virtual information sessions to assist applicants with resources and guidelines.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for AVF, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be an alum of one or more of the following MEPI programs: Student Leaders program, Tomorrow's Leaders program, and/or Leadership Development Fellowship
- Must be currently based in the MENA region
- Collaborative proposals with fellow MEPI alumni or alumni from other US Department of State programs are encouraged

Evaluation and Selection

Proposals will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined in the AVF Evaluation Scoring Sheet. Applicants should ensure their proposals address relevant topics and meet the specified conditions and requirements.

Additional Resources

Applicants are advised to review the AVF Materials and Evaluation Scoring Sheet for detailed information on eligibility requirements, selection criteria, allowable and unallowable costs, and other essential details.

Contact Information

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*All individuals who meet the eligibility requirements are welcome and encouraged to apply.