

## **CALL FOR BIDS: PARLIAMENTARY-STRENGTHENING IN KAZAKHSTAN**

The British Embassy in Astana, Kazakhstan is now accepting project proposals for the 2018/2019 financial year (April 2018-March 2019).

This year the British Embassy Astana is seeking to support projects in Kazakhstan that focus on the parliamentary-strengthening in Kazakhstan.

We are particularly interested in project proposals aiming towards the following outcomes:

1. Increased exposure of Kazakhstan's Parliament to UK parliamentary culture and practice as well as modern digital technologies, used in modern parliaments;
2. Strengthened law-making capacity of Kazakhstan's Parliament drawing on examples of best practice in the UK Parliament;
3. Increased public accountability, transparency and capacity of Kazakhstan's Parliament to work directly with the public;
4. Strengthened capacity of Kazakhstan's Parliament to hold the Executive to account;
5. Increased long-term and sustained cooperation and partnership between Kazakhstan and UK Parliaments, aimed at skills and knowledge sharing.

### **Bid Guidance:**

- Projects are funded for a single financial year running from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019, with no expectation of continued funding beyond this period;
- Maximum budget limit: £60,000.

### **Assessment:**

Bids will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Alignment with the above mentioned thematic priorities and outcomes;
- Outcomes are achievable within the funding period;
- Project design includes clear monitoring and evaluation procedures;
- Sustainability demonstrating that project benefits continue after the funding ends;
- Risk and financial accountability procedures;
- The organisation's safeguarding policies that ensure protection of beneficiaries;
- Overall value for money.

### **Process:**

1. Project proposals must be received by midnight on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. Late proposals will not be considered;
2. Proposals must be submitted using the attached forms only (Project Proposal and Activity Based Budget);
3. Proposals must be submitted to [Assemgul.Kaliyeva@fco.gov.uk](mailto:Assemgul.Kaliyeva@fco.gov.uk);
4. Project proposals selected for further consideration will be notified on **29<sup>th</sup> June 2018**;
5. The British Embassy Astana aim to sign grant agreements with successful project implementers by **15<sup>th</sup> July 2018**.

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