Grant Call Notice

Proposals for American Corner Kandy Programs 2027

Deadline for Submissions : November 30, 2026
Funding Agency : **U.S. Embassy Colombo Public Affairs Section**
Proposal & Budget Templates: (Attached)
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About the American Corner Kandy

The American Corner Kandy is a public diplomacy initiative of the U.S. Embassy in Sri Lanka, hosted in partnership with the Kandy Municipal Council. Located within the D.S. Senanayake Memorial Public Library in the heart of the Central Province, provides a welcoming space for learning, dialogue, innovation, and skills development.

As part of the global network of American Spaces, the American Corner Kandy promotes mutual understanding and stronger connections between the people of the United States and Sri Lanka. It provides free access to educational resources, information about the United States, and opportunities to learn from American expertise, innovations, and best practices.

The American Corner Kandy regularly conducts programs in English language learning, technology, innovation, entrepreneurship, leadership, youth development, and U.S. culture and values.

Through its activities, the American Corner Kandy:

- Provides free access to the internet, educational resources, and a curated collection of U.S. books and learning materials.
- Offers free course, training and workshops that introduce participants to American technologies, innovations, ideas, and best practices.
- Builds local capacity through partnerships with educators, professionals, and community leaders.
- Creates opportunities for cultural exchange, dialogue, and stronger U.S.–Sri Lanka connections.

Through this grant opportunity, the American Corner Kandy aims to expand its reach and impact by supporting innovative programs that equip youth and communities across the Central Province with practical skills, knowledge, and opportunities inspired by American excellence and innovation.

About the Grant Opportunity

With support from the U.S. Embassy in Colombo, the American Corner Kandy invites proposals for small grant-funded programs that build local capacity while promoting American innovation, expertise, values, and U.S.–Sri Lanka partnerships.

We welcome practical and innovative initiatives that strengthen skills and knowledge in English language learning, STEM, information technology, entrepreneurship, and emerging technologies. Programs should introduce participants to relevant American tools, platforms, approaches, and best practices while providing opportunities to develop practical, real-world skills.

All proposals must clearly demonstrate their connection to the United States and explain how the proposed activities support relevant U.S. foreign policy priorities, particularly those that contribute to a safer, stronger, and more prosperous America. This may include promoting American innovation and technological leadership, expanding economic opportunities, encouraging entrepreneurship, and sharing American expertise and solutions that create mutual benefits for the United States and Sri Lanka.

Program Areas of Focus

Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals under one or more of the following areas:

1. English Language Learning – Basic to intermediate English language courses inspired by American English, including public speaking, writing, presentation skills, and digital communication.

2. STEM Education – Hands-on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics activities that encourage research, creativity, problem-solving, and innovation, with exposure to U.S. advancements and educational approaches.

3. Cybersecurity – Programs that promote digital literacy, cybersecurity awareness, online safety, and responsible digital practices, introducing relevant U.S. cybersecurity resources and best practices.

4. Basic Coding – Introductory programming courses using platforms and programming languages such as Scratch and Python, with opportunities to explore U.S.-developed technologies and learning resources.

5. Basic IT Skills – Training in essential computer skills, cloud-based tools, digital productivity, and virtual collaboration using relevant U.S. technologies and platforms.

6. Skills Development and Professional Readiness – Programs focusing on leadership, teamwork, communication, resume writing, interview skills, and workplace readiness, drawing on American professional practices.

7. Super Intelligence (SI) Awareness – Introduction to SI concepts, tools, applications, and ethical use, highlighting American-led developments and innovation in the field.

8. Web Development – Practical training in building personal or business websites using HTML, CSS, WordPress, or other relevant technologies.

9. Entrepreneurship and Digital Marketing – Training in business development, digital marketing, online branding, and strategies for reaching local and international markets, including exposure to American business practices.

10. Innovation for Community Solutions (Tech for Good) – Applying technology, including U.S.-developed tools and solutions, to identify and address local community challenges.

11. Gamified Learning – Using American game-based learning approaches and design principles to make education more engaging and develop problem-solving and other essential skills.

12. Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation – Programs covering business planning, freelancing, startup development, and mentorship, introducing participants to American entrepreneurship models and innovation practices, particularly to empower youth.

Eligibility Criteria

- Educational institutions, professionals, civil society organizations, and qualified individuals with relevant experience and expertise are eligible to apply.
- Proposed programs should focus on youth development, skills enhancement, and community empowerment.
- Applicants should demonstrate relevant qualifications, experience, and the capacity to successfully implement the proposed activities.
- Preference will be given to proposals that demonstrate a clear connection to the United States through American expertise, technologies, educational approaches, resources, or best practices.
- Proposals should include measurable outcomes, practical learning opportunities, and inclusive approaches to participant selection and outreach.

Funding Guidelines

- Grants of up to USD 3,000 may be awarded.
- All proposed budgets must be prepared using the attached budget spreadsheet.
- Projects should have a duration of 3–12 months.
- Proposed activities and expenses must be clearly justified and directly related to the project objectives.

How to Apply

Applicants must complete and submit the following documents:

1. **Proposal Narrative:** Complete the application using the provided proposal template.
2. **Project Budget**: Complete the budget using the provided budget spreadsheet.
3. **Supporting Documents:** Attach relevant documents demonstrating the applicant's qualifications, professional background, and experience in the proposed program area.

Both templates are attached for applicants' convenience.

Proposals should not exceed 12 pages, excluding annexes and supporting documents.

Key Dates

Application submission deadline	November 30, 2026
Notification of award	December 20, 2026
Expected project start date	January 15, 2027

Key Links

Applicants are required to download and complete the following templates.

1. Proposal Narrative Template
   https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H6ZfAavvBpySs2Okj0mewx5NKxAeEWsZ/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=101961524214239449415&rtpof=true&sd=true

2. Budget Template
   https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1amIuH1IF55m7FkFhOM4XDJpa2KuQykcj/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=101961524214239449415&rtpof=true&sd=true