Office of Overseas Development Assistance

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The Pohnpei State ODA office is responsible for facilitating, coordinating and supporting the processes described herein. within their respective jurisdictions.

**Notice of Funding Availability:**

1. **Build Back Better Regional Challenge – funded by U.S Department of Commerce.**

**Website:** [View Opportunity | GRANTS.GOV](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=334735)

**Due Date: October 19, 2021**

Core responsibilities of the state ODA Office include, but are not limited to:

* Provision of advice regarding ODA opportunities and strategies;
* Consolidation and disseminate of ODA data and information, including with FSM Finance for grant awards and ODA agreements;
* Collection of monitoring and evaluation data and information for ODA priorities for the state government’s projects;
* Supporting the development of requests for assistance;
* Facilitating processes for determining ODA priorities and endorsement of requests for assistance; and
* Coordinate between jurisdictions for ODA matters.
* Provide annual capacity building workshops to assist the private sector and NGO’s to apply for ODA
* Consolidating and disseminating state-wide ODA data and information;
* Consolidation and maintenance of a repository of ODA agreements;
* Update and maintenance of a public website that consolidates ODA opportunities;
* Research into ODA opportunities and trends;
* Day-to-day liaison with development partners regarding strategic ODA matters;
* Support the development of ODA management capacity at Local level; and
* Liaison with the FSM ODA Office and the FSM Department for Foreign Affairs for the submission and receipt of decision-making for official, unsolicited requests for assistance.

In addition to its role as custodian of POHNPEI STATE GOVERNMENTs ODA information, the State ODA Office is responsible for the following tasks:

* Timely submission of official, unsolicited requests for assistance, receipt of development partner decision-making; and execution of endorsed ODA agreements and frameworks for state-wide assistance;
* Seek clarification from relevant State government departments or offices where ambiguity exists in relation to ODA matters, prior to representation to development partners;
* Timely sharing of all ODA-related information with FSM ODA and FSM Finance; and
* Act as an unqualified champion for endorsed ODA requests for assistance in all dealings with development partners.

NOTE: The State office is not responsible for the drafting of requests for assistance, nor is it responsible for decision-making regarding ODA priorities.

**UPCOMING TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS FOR GRANT WRITING**

October, 2021 – GRANT WRITING 101

November, 2021 – Grants.gov training for AOR’s

Links to important ODA documents:

1) State Law 10L-65-21

2) Pohnpei State ODA Policy 2021

2) Pohnpei State/FSM ODA Donor Map – updated 2021