



AEIF 2018 Definition of Themes

- **Fostering Economic Prosperity:** Projects promote or develop best practices in business, including employment of youth, women or other marginalized groups. Activities may include skills training, building awareness of job resources, or promoting job creation through information on entrepreneurship or business development. Proposals to create for-profit businesses or directly employ workers are not eligible for AEIF funding.
- **Building Civic Participation, Good Governance, and Resilient Communities:** Projects support and promote active citizen participation, observation of the governmental/political process, promotion of good governance best practices, freedom of expression and the press, media literacy, volunteerism in community service projects; or help communities build resilience to natural disasters, violent conflict or extremism. Projects that support or oppose partisan political activity are not eligible for AEIF funding.
- **Advancing Science, Technology, Health, and Innovation:** Projects promote awareness of or provide training in science, technology, health, or innovation, such as access to clean water, public health, food security, recycling programs, or use of innovative technology for job preparation. Proposals to provide direct social services (i.e. medicine) to a population are not eligible for AEIF funding.
- **Promoting Inclusion and Educational Opportunity:** Projects promote opportunity for education, particularly for under-represented or marginalized groups. Projects may also include mentorship programs in science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics (STEAM), or English language.
- **Empowering Women and Girls:** Projects enhance or support empowerment of women and girls in civil society, the economy, government, education, and sports.