



Could Your Program or Idea Help Struggling Women or Girls in Your Community or Elsewhere Around the World?

**The U.S. Department of State
Innovation Award for the Empowerment of Women and Girls**

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Deadline for Concept Papers: June 21, 2010

Everywhere from rural villages to burgeoning cities, women and girls face special challenges when it comes to poverty, violence, legal systems, education, employment, health and nutrition. The good news is that people across the globe are taking innovative steps to strengthen the ability of women and girls to overcome these difficulties.

To help identify and expand the reach and impact of these local measures, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has announced the Secretary's **Innovation Award for the Empowerment of Women and Girls**. This award, funded by the Rockefeller Foundation, is intended to enable individuals and organizations to address female empowerment more effectively in new and sustainable ways and to encourage others to join them.

The two 2010 award winners will each receive a grant of up to \$500,000 to advance their work.

We invite you to submit details about your program or concept **by June 21, 2010** to SGWIRFPInnovation@state.gov or to urge any organizations or individuals (female or male) you think would be strong candidates to do so. State Department staff will review all submissions and ask some applicants to send full proposals. A jury panel, co-chaired by Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Melanne Verveer and Rockefeller Foundation President Judith Rodin, will assist in the final selection. For guidelines, please visit the U.S. Department of State website at www.state.gov/s/gwi/innovation/rfp/index.htm or call Sheetal Matani at 212.852.8261 (New York). The awardees will be announced by the end of 2010.



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Jury Panel

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