**ANNEX TO THE REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)**

**Technical Development Grant**

**Eligibility Information:**

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered eligible for a subaward resulting from this RFA:

1. Be a local, independent, and registered organization in Armenia.
2. Be in good standing in performance and reporting under any previous subgrants, from Internews or any other organization, where applicable.
3. Be willing and open to long-term support to enact complex transformations that require major shifts in organizational structure, business models or editorial culture.
4. Be willing and open to working on improved audience engagement or support for content that gains traction with audiences.
5. Be willing to increase the number of its viewers/listeners/users.
6. Be willing to increase the number and quality of produced materials.
7. Demonstrate a commitment to reporting requirements and deadlines, including monitoring and evaluation requirements, as applicable.
8. Not be listed with exclusions on the UN Security Designation List, Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List, System for Award Management (SAM), or Internews List of Debarred Subrecipients
9. Maintain bank account in the organization’s name.
10. Maintain accounting records.
11. Be committed to independent content creation, ethical standards, and production of content in the public interest that facilitates understanding of and participation in public policy and serves as a critical, non-partisan voice in their communities.
12. Additional conditions as applicable/necessary as identified during the risk assessment process.

**Unallowable costs:**    
The following costs will be considered unallowable and cannot be financed within this grant: terrorist financing,   
purchasing alcoholic beverages, contributions and donations, lobbying, fundraising, goods and services for personal use, insurance on property, covered telecommunications equipment (such as Huawei or ZTE), and proposal costs (as direct costs). Proposal budgets will be reviewed in accordance with, and selected subrecipients’ costs will be subject to, the cost principles ([2CFR200 Subpart E, Cost Principles](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=3a5b24a09e5a2bee7c2d178e2e9ca53e&mc=true&node=pt2.1.200&rgn=div5)) that apply to them to assure reasonableness, allocability, and allowability:

**Limiting Construction Activities:**

1. Construction will not be eligible for reimbursement under any award resulting from this solicitation.
2. Construction means — construction, alteration, or repair (including dredging and excavation) of buildings, structures, or other real property and includes, without limitation, improvements,

renovation, alteration and refurbishment. The term includes, without limitation, roads, power plants, buildings, bridges, water treatment facilities, and vertical structures.

c. Internews will not approve any subawards or procurements by subrecipients for construction activities that are not listed in paragraph d) below. Internews will reimburse allowable costs for only the construction activities listed in this provision not to exceed the amount specified in the

construction line item of the award budget. The recipient must receive prior written approval from Internews to transfer funds allotted for construction activities to other cost categories, or vice versa.

d. Description: *Construction is not eligible for reimbursement under this award.*

e. The awardee will include this provision in all lower-tier subawards and procurements and make vendors providing services under this award and lower-tier subrecipients aware of the restrictions of this provision.

**Environmental Considerations**

The following actions will not be considered for funding under this solicitation:

* Programs of river basin development;
* Irrigation and water management;
* Agricultural land leveling;
* Drainage projects;
* Large scale agricultural mechanization;
* Resettlement projects;
* New land development;
* Penetration road building and road improvement;
* Power plants;
* Industrial plants;
* Potable water and sewerage projects;
* Projects that:
  + Support project preparation, project feasibility studies, engineering design for activities listed in §216.2(d)(1);
  + Affect endangered species;
  + Provide support to extractive industries (e.g. mining and quarrying);
  + Promote timber harvesting;
  + Lead to construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or renovation work;
  + Support agro-processing or industrial enterprises;
  + Provide support for regulatory permitting;
  + Lead to privatization of industrial facilities or infrastructure with heavily polluted property;
  + Assist the procurement (including payment in kind, donations, guarantees of credit) or use (including handling, transport, fuel for transport, storage, mixing, loading, application, clean-up of spray equipment, and disposal) of pesticides or activities involving procurement, transport, use, storage, or disposal of toxic materials – pesticides cover all insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, etc. covered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; and/or
  + Procure or use genetically modified organisms

**Substantial Involvement:**

Internews may retain substantial involvement in subgrants awarded due to this RFA. Substantial involvement may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Approval of the recipient's implementation plans
2. Approval of specified key personnel
3. Internews and subrecipient collaboration:
   1. Approval of the subrecipient's monitoring and evaluation plans

**Cost Principles:**

Proposal budgets will be reviewed in accordance with, and selected subrecipients’ costs will be subject to, the cost principles that apply to them to assure reasonableness, allocability, and allowability:

1. Not for Profit organizations:

* [2CFR200](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=3a5b24a09e5a2bee7c2d178e2e9ca53e&mc=true&node=pt2.1.200&rgn=div5) Subpart E, Cost Principles

2. For Profit organizations:

* [48CFR31.2 Federal Acquisition Regulations](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title48/48cfr31_main_02.tpl) (FAR) and [48CFR731.2](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=d947754b86e1b3fe925ad7c9d6056e10&mc=true&node=pt48.5.731&rgn=div5#sp48.5.731.731_12)
* [USAID Acquisition Regulations (AIDAR)](http://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1868/aidar_0.pdf) - Cost Principles for Commercial Organizations