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U.S. Embassy Announces Call for Proposals for the 2010 AVON Award for the Elimination of Gender Based Violence

The U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce that it is currently accepting proposals for funding for the 2010 Avon Award for the Elimination of Gender Based Violence.

Following the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, the Avon Foundation made a contribution of (US) \$500,000 to the Secretary of State's International Fund for Women and Girls to combat gender-based violence in order to promote the advancement of women around the world.

The objective of the program is to identify an effective project to reduce or prevent gender based violence at the local level. Applications should address the issue either from the prevention, protection, or prosecution perspective or a combination of these. Applications should also describe how successful pilot projects could be scaled to leverage this issue in a sustainable manner.

The application(s) selected for funding will be awarded up to (USD) \$50,000 and can be submitted by local non-governmental and/or non-profit organizations in Jamaica.

Interested persons should contact the U.S. Embassy at KingstonAvonGBV@state.gov to request a proposal application and additional information. **The deadline for proposals is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 2010.**

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