



On Thu, Jun 19, 2025 at 6:22 AM Clint Branam <cbranam@usaid.gov> wrote:

Thanks, (b)(6)

I'll inquire again about the memo.

(b)(6) thank you for plugging in even while on vacation--I never take that lightly.

All this sounds great.

Assuming they stick to their COB Friday delivery date, I agree with the Monday/Tuesday timeline.

Thanks again,

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On Wed, Jun 18, 2025 at 7:40 PM Christos Tsentas <ctsentas@usaid.gov> wrote:

Clint - I believe the team is envisioning packaging the waiver + award approval as one document for Jeremy to sign. BHA/OAA will generate that memo and GC will provide input into the doc.

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(b)(6) We will also need to decide on sufficient and reasonable milestones based on whatever we receive from the organization. To the extent you have access to/are able to share the memo that went to the Secretary on this, that will also help to inform the memo.

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(b)(5); (b)(5) - Attorney-Client Privilege I understand Sheri is already in close contact with NEA about all of this (including even now as she's out on vacation.)

Given GHF's reply on the other chain about their Friday COB target for submission - I'd assume we are talking about Mon/Tues next week at the earliest, but to defer to others for their views.

-Christos

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On Wed, Jun 18, 2025 at 5:05 PM Clint Branam <[cbranam@usaid.gov](mailto:cbranam@usaid.gov)> wrote:  
Thanks so much.

I'll pass this along to GHF for OOB Friday.

Christos, are we tracking on the Congressional Consultation and the memo capturing what our approach for Jeremy as a supplement to a waiver?

Sorry, what are "Signed Certifications and Assurances" in this context?

Assuming GHF is responsive, (b)(6) do you believe we're on track to execute by COB Friday?

Again, I really appreciate the heavy lift on this.

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On Wed, Jun 18, 2025 at 4:50 PM (b)(6)@usaid.gov wrote:  
Good afternoon Clint,

Thanks for the confirmation and direction from F Director Jeremy Lewin. Per the meeting yesterday, the mechanism will be a fixed amount award (FAA) and we can incorporate SAM registration and counterterrorism partner vetting as milestones so as not to delay funding/obligation, given this leadership decision.

BHA's Emergency Application Guidelines is a reference for GHF to prepare the technical activity narrative/program description, (b)(5); (b)(5) - Deliberative Process Privilege We will assume that GHF will provide us with the below information by OOB, Friday

The below is what is required for USAID to fund the Gaza Humanitarian Fund. Please send the below to GHF and the team stands ready to review the requested documents:

- 1) Technical Activity Narrative/Program Description
- 2) Detailed or Itemized Budget

- 3) Detailed Budget Narrative,
- 4) SF-424, SF-424A, and SF-424B (see [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov))
- 5) Signed Certifications and Assurances (required for USAID awards)
- 6) All applicants require a Risk Assessment and Management Plan (RAMP) to mitigate any violations of the U.S. Material Support Statutes (see attached for what needs to be inserted as part of the RAMP)
- 7) Pursuant to requirements in 2 CFR 200.206, we will need to complete a pre-award risk assessment. Please send us the following information:
  - Copy of the articles of incorporation or other documentation which substantiates the legal character or registration of the entity in the country, and region/municipality of operation, as appropriate.
  - List of principals of GHF and an organization structure.
  - History of past performance.
  - Financial and accounting to determine cash flow and management.
  - Any independent audit reports or findings.

Regards,  
Mike

On Wed, Jun 18, 2025 at 10:08 AM Clint Branam <[cbranam@usaid.gov](mailto:cbranam@usaid.gov)> wrote:  
Folks, thanks so much for the meeting yesterday. Jeremy confirmed he's prepared to waive vetting to expedite this with the hope of kicking off the award by the end of the week.

In light of tomorrow's holiday, I think it'd make sense to solicit the basics, including the risk assessment, from GHF to process tomorrow-- thoughts?

For those who haven't seen it, here's their initial proposal.

(b)(6) said he expected a huddle this AM--please let me know how the FO can support. I'll give a heads up to GHF that they'll need to be responsive for use to move this by COB Friday.

Talk soon,

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On Mon, Jun 16, 2025 at 5:05 PM Dianna Darsney de Salcedo <[ddarsney@usaid.gov](mailto:ddarsney@usaid.gov)> wrote:

(b)(6) Christos, (b)(6)

Bumping this email up as I just spoke with Clint. Is anyone available tomorrow to talk through this email with Clint and others from the Front Office? It sounds like this is still

a live issue, and that Jeremy is interested in understanding what the requirements for a new award may be, and what a reasonable timeline is under very expedited conditions. I am paraphrasing from my conversation with Clint, so please consider this a general framing subject to clarification from the Front Office.

I've outlined that our understanding of normal requirements are still the same as outlined below, but that we did not differentiate between the policy requirements and the legal requirements. (b)(5); (b)(5) - Deliberative Process Privilege

(b)(5); (b)(5) - Deliberative Process Privilege Team OAA, Clint also asked if there were certain instruments which might make better sense or lend themselves to expediency. I defer to you all on that, but did flag that the requirements below (like SAM registration, pre-award survey) were broad preconditions.

Annwen, can you kindly set something up? In full transparency, I am out at my (b)(6) tomorrow morning but you can do this without me, or we can find a moment later in the afternoon. Sheri/Emily, I also flagged for Clint that you had heard about (b)(5); (b)(5) - Deliberative Process Privilege

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Lastly, Danielle/Annwen, it'd be good to have a notetaker as I imagine the next step will be an info memo on these requirements. I can support you if I am present but recognize the show must go on and you may need to come together in the morning.

Happy to answer questions by email and Clint, please jump in if I've mischaracterized.

Thank you,  
Dianna

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On Mon, Jun 16, 2025 at 4:19 PM Clint Branam <cbranam@usaid.gov> wrote:  
Hi Dianna, do you have a moment to touch base on this? Jeremy is requesting some insight into it. I'm at (b)(6) if that's easiest.

Thanks,

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From: **Nadeem Shah** <nshah@usaid.gov>  
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From: **Carolina Serrano** <cserrano@usaid.gov>  
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Hi Dianna and Team,

Thank you for providing this detailed information. I will ensure it is shared so that we can proceed appropriately.

**Carolina Serrano**  
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On Thu, Jun 12, 2025 at 6:42 PM Dianna Darsney de Salcedo <ddarsney@usaid.gov> wrote:  
Hi Carolina,

(SBU) I wanted to share this with you in the event that you do receive information or an instruction for USAID to fund GHF. Today I pulled together a small team from OAA, GC, BHA's Middle East Office as well as our Risk Management Division. We will want to see what the Secretary has approved, but in the absence of that memo I am outlining the typical steps required to provide funding for a new partner in Gaza. There are both legal and policy requirements – many of which could potentially be waived – though it will require direct involvement of the USAID Administrator and/or Secretary of State. Thank you for giving us some lead time to think this through; and let's meet at your convenience if you do see a signed memo.

(SBU) Given USAID's drawdown, we have heard that the Department of State may be preparing to take this on directly. If we do need to move it forward, below are the basic steps USAID would normally follow to provide funding. This is not an exhaustive list and we are not delving into the actual award-making process as we don't know details on the scope of any programming. But it's an initial list of items that will need to be resolved in short order. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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On Thu, Jun 12, 2025 at 7:02 AM Dianna Darsney de Salcedo <[ddarsney@usaid.gov](mailto:ddarsney@usaid.gov)> wrote:  
Good morning, Carolina,

I must have lost the thread as I wasn't tracking a decision with S and heard this would be all managed at State. There were significant legal obstacles to any GHF award (issues like registration, vetting, a pre-award survey for a new partner) so once you see any memo please do pass it along and we can look at how any move forward is possible.

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We will huddle today with a small group here and get back to you in case there are outstanding issues.

Best,  
Dianna

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On Wed, Jun 11, 2025 at 6:06 PM Carolina Serrano <[cserrano@usaid.gov](mailto:cserrano@usaid.gov)> wrote:  
Hi all,

I'm writing to let you know that the funds for GHF have been approved by S. We are currently waiting for the memo to be returned, but we want to be prepared so we can proceed as quickly as possible once it arrives. Thank you!

**Carolina Serrano**  
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