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From: Mohammad Mansouri [mmansouri@niacouncil.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2006 9:46 AM
To: Trita Parsi
Subject: Re: Congrats...

Trita jaan,

We don't need to include that in the proposal. I will pay it out of my pocket. These will be my expenses. I am doing the same about the calls I have made to Iran for the project and also the reimbursable portion of my cell phone bill. Otherwise, I totally agree with you; it looks strange to request such a thing. However, you might be able to add a reasonable amount of money by the title of "capacity building" or alike and increase the total amount of the grant. The more total among is, the more credit goes to NIAC and all of us. This will lead us to even a better situation in the future.

Thanks for the revised version and good luck with the meeting.

Yours,
Mo

----- Original Message -----

From: "Trita Parsi" <Tparsi@niacouncil.org>
To: <mmansouri@niacouncil.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2006 10:50 PM
Subject: RE: Congrats...

> How much would a course there cost? I am wondering if we could get it into
> the budget. It might look strange. but do look into it. will write more
> tomorrow

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> -----Original Message-----

> **From:** Mohammad Mansouri [mailto:mmansouri@niacouncil.org]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2006 7:30 PM
> **To:** Trita Parsi
> **Subject:** RE: Congrats...

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> Trita jaan,

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> Not only I should read books, but also I was thinking of taking a couple
> of

> courses at Stanford or Berkeley on the subject of writing proposals. I
> know

> almost everything about defining, planning, and controlling project (it's
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> major part of my major!)and almost nothing about writing grants and so
> forth! I surely won't go to teach folks like this...

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> And yes, I like the idea of one chapter exclusively about writing
> proposals,

> long before going to have the workshop. The selected people will be
> required

> to read the entire book online, before even being considered for the
> workshop. I think that is fair, because I won't need to repeat many things
> this way.

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> About Noosheen, I did not do much but I did whatever that might work. She
> knows that I am one part of NIAC myself and she is very judgemental, so it
> was complicated to support the idea, while keeping myself away from her
> judgement. Noosheen is type of person who loves consistency, so I didn't

> say
> anything, before someone else had done and then I just resonated it. This
> is
> the way it works for her now and in the future... The fact that Hamid
> Moghadam has helped you on this project was not as important as having
> Ansari family on the list (as I told you months ago). Hamid pays to almost
> everyone; Ansaris are more strategic.
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> Moghadam and Ansari are the only two families who are helping NIAC from
> the
> Meadowood group, beside herself. The other partners are from different
> parts
> of the US and I don't think you know them. A couple even live in Canada
> and
> England. I have met all of them and am sure that we can squeeze more money
> out of them when its time comes up. That is how much I've learned about
> proposals: you should know the characteristics of your grantor and have a
> plan to approach them correctly; the rest will be easy...
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> Sorry about the rework imposed on you for the NED proposal. I spent
> several
> days and so many hours on it, but it seems that I don't get it the way you
> meant and it was supposed to be. Besides, things in theory are always
> slightly different from what works in real world and between the two of
> us,
> you are the one who know these sorts of things in practice.
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> Ghorbaanat,
> Mo
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Trita Parsi <Tparsi@niacouncil.org>
> Date: Wed, 11 Jan 2006 16:47:13 -0500
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>>Salaam Mohammad jon,
>>Yes, thank you!! I spoke to her on Dec 31 and she indicated that she would
>>support us. Thank you for all the work you did in supporting our
>>application!!!!
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>>Several of the people in Meadowood are already supporting NIAC, but not
> all.
>>Hopefully we can win over all of them.
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>>Re the Ned proposal, I am still working on it. Much needed to change, and
>>I
>>have no other option than to either send it to them late tonight or to
>>just
>>give it to them tomorrow.
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>>If we end up doing a grant writing workshop, you should buy a book on it
> and
>>study it carefully so that you will be in a good position to teach our
>>Iranian counterparts. Send us the receipt for the book, should be no more
>>than \$20. In fact, perhaps that should be the next chapter in e-book?
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>>Will send you the proposal as soon as it's finished.
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>>Again, thanks!
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>>-----Original Message-----
>>From: Mohammad Mansouri [mailto:mmansouri@niacouncil.org]
>>Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2006 1:53 PM
>>To: tparsi@niacouncil.org
>>Subject: Congrats...
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>>Trita jaan,
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>>I'm very happy that Noosheen finally decided to pay you guys. This is
> mainly
>>because of your persistence and wonderful backbone you construct by NIAC.
>>I
>>am happy to say that the positive recommendations of people like Afshin
>>Molavi in whom she trust was important (I tell you this for your future
>>consideration and please keep this between us). She also consulted me
>>about
>>the project. I never mentioned I knew about it and did my best to
>>encourage
>>her to do it through the ways I know works for her. I think I get to know
>>her and her other friends at Meadowood very well and this will help us all
>>in the future. Some of them are really influential people.
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>>So what happened to the NED proposal? Did you send them anything? If so,
>>would you please send me the version been sent so that I can keep the
> latest
>>and most updated version as well. We have only less than 2 weeks to
> finalize
>>it. So we should have their response to it soon. Please keep me posted.
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>>Good luck,
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