

Call for Project Proposals

Program Description

In response to the security challenges and humanitarian crisis caused by Russia's war against Ukraine, the German Marshall Fund of the United States and its Ukraine: Relief, Resilience, Recovery program is launching a call for project proposals for civil society organizations and independent media from Ukraine.

Proposals will address one of the following priorities:

1. Emergency support: grants of maximum \$25,000; duration 3–12 months

Under this thematic area, priority will be given to proposals that cover the immediate needs of the civic activists and media professionals, as well as their families. The following indicative actions are eligible under this thematic area (non-exhaustive list):

- Access to social, legal, and mental health services;
- Immediate/temporary relocation support inside Ukraine or to a neighboring country (for example, Moldova, Romania, Poland, and other countries welcoming refugees), including transportation costs, temporary accommodation, and seasonal equipment;

2. Recovery and capacity building for CSOs: grants of maximum \$25,000; duration 3–12 months.

Under this thematic area, priority will be given to proposals addressing the immediate needs of civil society organizations (CSOs) to enable them to resume their activities and to continue offering support to their beneficiaries. The following indicative actions are eligible under this thematic area (non-exhaustive list):

- Digitalization support such as replacing and/or purchasing new equipment, recovering and/or developing systems for storage and protection of data;
- Access to mental health services and healing activities for staff and volunteers;
- Legal assistance for those going through abusive situations, including human trafficking and bribery, among others.
- Institutional support to cover the salaries of the core team, rental costs for the office (temporary relocation or permanent office), utilities, and communication;
- Emergency preparation through trainings on data security, first aid, and survival in war/conflict zones;
- Capacity-building and equipment that can help to avert digital and physical assaults on Ukraine-based and exiled civil society and media organizations.

3. Recovery and capacity building of civil society organizations in the de-occupied territories: grants of maximum \$25,000; duration 3-12 months

Under this thematic area, priority will be given to proposals addressing the immediate needs of CSOs to enable them to resume their activities and continue offering support to their beneficiaries. The following indicative actions are eligible under this thematic area (non-exhaustive list):

- Facilitating the development and support of organizations and their beneficiaries in the de-occupied territories, in particular facilitating the restoration of access to administrative and social services;
- Support to organizations working on establishing communication and coordination with state and local self-government bodies for the reintegration of the de-occupied territories;
- Support to organizations of internally displaced and local residents of the de-occupied territories, in particular with access to legal, social, and psychological services, etc.;
- Institutional support for reimbursement of salaries of the core team, rent of office space (temporary relocation or permanent office), utilities, and communication services;
- Support for the implementation of formal and informal educational safety trainings, including on explosive remnants of war, in the de-occupied territories.

4. Media support: grants of maximum \$25,000; duration 3–12months.

Under this thematic area, priority will be given to proposals that support the media's key role in informing their audiences. The following indicative actions are eligible under this thematic area (non-exhaustive list):

- Core support for immediate needs such as salaries, costs for temporary relocations (rent, utilities), communication, and equipment, including laptops, cameras, microphones, etc.;
- Support for media content creators to diversify sources and formats of accurate information through on-the-ground reporting and fact-checking;
- Monitoring and exposing malign actors, their narratives, and dissemination patterns;
- Content creation to reach diverse and new audiences;
- Development of policy recommendations to limit the impact of false news;
- Access to wellbeing services for journalists, including psychological support, coaching, and trauma healing;
- Personal safety/survival trainings for journalists in war/conflict zones.

5. Support for educational projects, youth organizations and civic initiatives to rebuild Ukraine: grants of maximum \$25,000; duration 3-12 months.

Under this thematic area, priority will be given to proposals addressing the needs of CSOs, including youth organizations, to enable them to resume their activities and continue offering support to their beneficiaries. The following indicative actions are eligible under this thematic area (non-exhaustive list):

- Capacity building and supporting organizations working on the designing and development of strategies for creating national memory, identity in the context of war and post-war reconstruction at the local and state levels;
- Promoting and supporting organizations, including youth organizations, working on the development and implementation of strategies and projects for recovery of the country, especially at the local level;
- Capacity building of organizations working and/or involved in the development, implementation and monitoring of plans and projects for the recovery of Ukraine at the local, regional and/or national levels, as well as facilitating the coordination of these efforts between civil society organizations and state institutions.

Eligibility

Projects should be initiated by CSOs and independent media legally registered in Ukraine, which are based or relocated to and working from Ukraine and neighboring countries. The involvement of additional local partners is encouraged, and welcomed. The proposals cannot cover costs related to food, construction/renovations, or clothing. The cost of expenses indicated in the budget for compensation of salaries to members of the organization's team should not exceed 40 percent of the total budget.

Application Process

Proposals will be received and evaluated on an ongoing basis.

Project proposals must be sent to Ukraine3R@gmfus.org. Please note the number of the priority area and short project name in the subject line of the email.

To submit a project proposal, organizations must complete the forms [available at the website](#) in either Ukrainian or English.

Only proposals submitted using these forms will be taken into consideration.

For more information, please contact GMF program staff at Ukraine3R@gmfus.org