

Global Challenges Local Solutions European Grant Round

GCLS FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

GCLS Special Grant Round guidelines - the support for community foundations dealing with refugee crisis caused by war in Ukraine

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

There are approximately 650 community foundations (CFs) operating across Europe. Thanks to the enormous amount of work, local communities in Europe are empowered in diagnosing crucial social issues and in joining forces with various stakeholders to tackle them. In this way they successfully make changes at the local level, while also contributing to the process of global problem resolution.

The primary objective of the Global Challenges Local Solutions (GCLS) Fund is to support community foundations throughout Europe to address global challenges on the local level, focusing on initiatives referring directly to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This objective has been implemented so far through six grant round competitions, connecting CFs and SDGs. Up until now, the Academy for the Development of Philanthropy in Poland (ADPP), the operator of the GCLS program, has distributed 83 grants for the total amount of approximately 1 260 000 USD, to local organizations across Europe.

Today, due to the war in Ukraine, the whole world is facing an extraordinary political, economy and social situation. Especially difficult situation is in the countries bordering Ukraine, which are receiving hundreds of thousands or even millions of Ukrainian refugees, escaping their country to survive.

Community foundations are often the organizations which immediately react to emergencies and special situations, and act by supporting local communities and organizations confronted with challenges. And so, it is at this moment, in the context of the Ukrainian refugee crisis.

Due to this circumstance, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation - a co-founder of the GCLS grants - has decided to continue their support, for community foundations in Europe, dealing with major refugee crisis caused by war in Ukraine.

The funds will be provided in the form of grants, which CFs may apply for through an announced competition and call for proposals. The competition and all procedures are conducted by the Academy for the Development of Philanthropy in Poland, the operator of the GCLS program.



ABOUT THE GCLS SPECIAL GRANT ROUND

ORGANISATION AND AIMS OF THE COMPETITION

1. Global Challenges Local Solutions European Grant Competition (Competition) is organized by the Academy for the Development of Philanthropy in Poland (ADPP) within the Global Challenges Local Solutions Program.
2. The Global Challenges Local Solutions (GCLS) Special Grant Round is financed by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.
3. The Special GCLS Grant Round Competition was established in order to support community foundations dealing with refugee crisis caused by war in Ukraine.
4. The **total amount of up to 100 000 USD** will be awarded within the Special GCLS Grant Round.

TARGET GROUP

1. Applications to the Competition may be submitted **only by community foundations** (Applicants), registered and operating in the **following countries**: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom (UK), Vatican City.
However, applications from **countries bordering Ukraine**, i.e. Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and other countries which are facing the refugee crisis the most, will be prioritized.
Only **foundations** and **associations** are eligible to apply for the grant.
 2. **Community foundation is understood as** a non-profit and non-governmental organization designed to pool donations into a coordinated investment and grant making facility dedicated primarily to the social improvement of a given community. The six main characteristics of the CFs are:
 - Act as grant-making foundations – i.e. give grants to support development projects,
 - Their mission is broadly defined i.e. to improve quality of life in a community,
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- Serve geographically defined communities: a city, state, region, district or province,
- Are supported by a broad range of private as well as public donors and seek philanthropic contributions primarily inside the community,
- Are governed by multi-sectoral local boards reflecting framework of the community,
- Build capital endowment, which is an important element of sustainability¹.

3. **Regarding Ukraine**, the Mott Foundation has made a grant to Ednannia <https://ednannia.ua/> to support Ukrainian community foundations as they respond to local humanitarian needs in their communities. Ednannia will provide grants Ukrainian community foundations to ensure that they can effectively respond to the needs of their communities, internally displaced persons, volunteers as well as donors seeking to direct their support to communities. Community foundations will also support local authorities in establishing shelters for displaced people, coordinate logistics of humanitarian support deliveries and collect funds for their communities. In addition to managing the regranting process, Ednannia will continue to provide informational and organizational development support to Ukrainian community foundations.

GRANTS PROCEDURE

1. **Projects submitted to the Competition should be aimed at activities preventing and/ or managing the local refugee crisis caused by war in Ukraine.**
2. Submitted projects may include such activities as:
 - supporting local communities accepting refugees;
 - integration and adaptation activities for people arriving from Ukraine such as: legal, educational, psychological assistance;
 - learning the local language;
 - assistance to refugees from Ukraine and help in organizing their stay in the country, e.g. coordinating humanitarian aid;
 - contact, coordination and information points;
 - purchase of equipment for the duration of their stay in the country, such as: clothing, cleaning supplies, home furnishings;
 - organization of collections (financial and in-kind).
 - coordination of assistance and volunteer work for refugees;
 - promotional and media activities;
 - grant competitions to be organized locally
 - institutional support for CFs that channel assistance to refugees from Ukraine (CFs operating costs, costs of developing CF's cooperation with municipalities, business and social partners);

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Community_foundation

Higher scores will be given to projects focus on preventing people from falling into poverty and provide children and young people with quality and easy access to education (SDG's goals no 1 and 4). Projects aimed at integrating refugees into the local community is aspect that will be highly appreciated too.

3. Funding Restrictions:

- Funds may not be used to attempt to influence legislation, through propaganda or similar means.
- Funds will not be used directly or indirectly to participate in a political campaign for or in opposition to any candidate running for public office, or in support of any political party.
- The funds will not be used for any activity related to the manufacture or sale of arms and ammunition or abortion or the provision of armament or abortion services.
- No amount from the appropriation will become a liability and/or be expended as financial support to a commercial venture currently located in the United States of America for the purpose of relocating that venture outside of the United States of America, or a venture that could affect a reduction in employment in the United States of America resulting from the relocation of production outside of its territory.
- No amount of the appropriation will be appropriated or used for any project or activity that would contribute to a violation of internationally recognized workers' rights, as defined in Section 502(a)(4) of the United States Trade Law Act of 1974, of workers in the host country, including its designated areas.
- Funds will not be used to support, in any form, activities carried out by natural persons and/or legal entities that could contribute to acts of violence or terrorism (vide: <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/>)
- Funds cannot be used to purchase items that may be associated with weapons and ammunition: night vision goggles, bulletproof vests, helmets, etc.
- Funds may not be used as direct financial support to any individual.

4. Our goal in this GCLS Special Grant Round is to support the aforementioned activities of community foundations in their area of operation (local area activities). If these activities result in further aid going directly to Ukraine, they **must not, under any circumstances, violate economic sanctions imposed by the United States government in response to actions in the Crimea region of Ukraine.** The funds must be used in compliance with the following:

In the Donetsk People's Republic (DNR), Luhansk People's Republic (LNR) and any other Covered Regions of Ukraine, General License No. 23 of Executive Order 14065 issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control allows nongovernmental organizations to engage in transactions described below:



- *Activities to support humanitarian projects to meet basic human needs in the Covered Regions, including: drought and flood relief; food, nutrition, and medicine distribution; the provision of health services; assistance for vulnerable or displaced populations, including individuals with disabilities and the elderly; and environmental programs.*
- *Activities to support democracy building in the Covered Regions, including activities to support rule of law, citizen participation, government accountability and transparency, human rights and fundamental freedoms, access to information and civil society development projects.*
- *Activities to support education in the Covered Regions, including combating illiteracy, increasing access to education, international exchanges, and assisting education reform projects.*
- *Activities to support non-commercial development projects directly benefiting the people of the Covered Regions, including related to health, food security and water and sanitation.*
- *Activities to support environmental and natural resource protection in the Covered Regions, including the preservation and protection of threatened or endangered species, responsible and transparent management of natural resources, and the remediation of pollution or other environmental damage.*

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 13224 and the USA Patriot Act, the Mott Foundation requires all organizations re-granting with Mott funds to check the terrorism watch list issued by the United States government — the Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list — and refrain from providing financial or material support to any listed individual or organization.

5. The project shall determine activities that are going to be implemented in the period **not longer than 6 months (from May 1, 2024 till October 31, 2024)**. The grant will be paid in one installment.
 6. Applicants can apply for the **grant up to 15 000 USD**.
 7. One applicant is entitled to submit only one project within the present grant round. If successful in the present round, another application can be made no sooner than after the final narrative and financial report is accepted by the ADPP.
 8. Financial own contribution is NOT required. Nevertheless, declaring any own contribution in the application will be to the applicant's advantage.
 9. To apply for a grant, **the Applicant must fill in 2 attachments (GCLS UA Application Form 2024 and Budget UA 2024) available at www.localsolutionsfund.org and send them to the following e-mail address: e.maciejewska@filantropia.org.pl by April 1, 2024.**
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A confirmation e-mail will be sent to Applicant within 3 business days.

SELECTION CRITERIA AND THE GRANT COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

1. Submitted applications will be assessed formally and preselected by ADPP team.
2. The Grant Committee will be composed of international experts, who will evaluate the applications and select those that will receive grants.
3. During the assessment, the Grant Committee will take into consideration the following criteria:
 - Adequacy of the planned activities and local community's needs defined in the project; significance of it and possible impact;
 - Feasibility of the project;
 - Rationality of the planned activities;
 - Effectiveness of the planned activities;
 - Scale of engaging local community members into the project.
4. The Grant Committee may award a grant in less amount than stated in the application form.
5. Decisions of the Committee are irrevocable.
6. Applicants whose applications will be chosen by the Grant Committee, will sign an agreement with ADPP. Applicants will be obliged to submit the final narrative and financial report in compliance with the deadline and rules defined in the agreement.

USE OF GRANT

Ineligible costs

Financial resources within the donation CANNOT be used for:

- endowment fund,
- regranting,



- lobbying expenditures,
- engaging in and supporting any form of terrorism or violence,
- supporting any religious or political activities,
- direct financial support to any individual,
- direct financial support of activities in Ukraine.

SCHEDULE

March 12 till April 1, 2024	Call for applications
by April 29, 2024	The Grant Committee meeting and announcement of the GCLS Special Round grantees
May 1 till May 14, 2024	Preparation and signing grant agreements
May 1 – October 31, 2024	Projects' implementation
November 30, 2024	Deadline for reporting

FINAL PROVISIONS

1. When applying for a competition, an organization declares that its activities are in accordance with the following set of principles stated in TEN WAYS FOR Community Foundations to Consider Diversity and Inclusive Practices, Council on Foundations:
 - Consider how diversity and inclusive practices relate to your community foundation's mission and values and the region and populations the foundation serves.
 - Determine whether your board membership, volunteers, advisory committees, and governance offer opportunities to enhance the foundation's diversity and inclusiveness.
 - Cultivate an internal culture, policies, and procedures that reflect your foundation's commitment to diversity and inclusive practices.
 - Invite more diverse donors and perspectives into philanthropy, through new giving vehicles and leadership opportunities.

- Hire staff from diverse populations, viewpoints, and experiences.
- Seek contractors and vendors from diverse backgrounds, communities, and populations.
- Consider and enhance the impact of your foundation's grantmaking in support of diverse communities and populations.
- Assess how your foundation is perceived by the public, especially diverse populations, grantees, applicants denied funding, and organizations that have not sought funding from your foundation.
- Consider ways to model inclusive practices in your role as a community and philanthropic leader.
- Share what your foundation is learning about diversity and inclusive practices.

More information about those principles can be found here: [link](#).

2. In relation to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the organization undertakes to take appropriate steps to ensure safe conditions during the lifetime of a project, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
3. Interpretation of settlements and requirements of the regulations are decided on by ADPP Board.
4. ADPP reserves the right to introduce changes in regulations of the competition during its proceedings. ADPP will inform about possible changes in regulations on a current basis on the website www.localsolutionsfund.org. If participants do not agree with the changes, they have the right to withdraw their application at the latest on the date of enrolment closure.

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