

# Funding Opportunities for Civil Society Organizations in Moldova

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This compilation is part of the Refugee Coordination Forum's effort to support local organizations in Moldova to access funding opportunities in line with localization efforts. We have collected information from various sources online and compiled it here for the convenience of local CSOs. However, it is important to note that the RCF is not responsible for these opportunities, nor does it take part in any decision related to them, nor can it recommend organizations for them. If you have any other funding opportunities to contribute or want to share feedback, please write to us ([mdachrcf@unhcr.org](mailto:mdachrcf@unhcr.org)).

## New Funding Opportunities

**Title of the call:** Generative AI Skills Grant Challenge

**Deadline:** 15-Aug-23

**Funding source/donor:** data.org, with support from Microsoft

**Eligibility of entities to apply:**

- Nonprofits, social enterprises, and academic/research institutions globally
- Organizations with extensive technical experience, as well as those with emerging and locally unique ideas for advancing the workforce and closing the digital divide through the use of generative AI

**Areas to be covered/thematic:**

- Ensuring that AI serves the public good, transforms society, uplifts lives, and advances economic growth in underserved communities
- Mitigating negative aspects of technology by promoting trustworthiness and responsible Generative AI
- Emphasizing inclusion, diversity, equity, and access (IDEA) in generative AI
- Designing for human systems with a balanced approach to technology and Sociotech
- Addressing challenges like digital divide, gender inequality, infrastructural challenges, and policies across regions

**Funding Information:**

- In-kind support may include data science talent, staff training, technical support and consulting, media production, marketing, software, and infrastructure licenses
- Up to five final winners will receive a combination of grant funding and in-kind support, with a combined total value of \$250,000 USD
- Award to be issued pursuant to the terms of a grant agreement between New Venture Fund

and the relevant awardee

**Geographic Focus:**

- A total of 5 awardees will be selected from the following regions: Asia, North America, Latin America, Africa, Europe

**For more detailed information, interested entities can [visit data.org](https://data.org).**

**Title of the call:** Creating Hope in Conflict: A Humanitarian Grand Challenge (CHIC)

**Deadline:** 15-Aug-23

**Funding source/donor:** U.S. Agency for International Development, UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, Global Affairs Canada, Grand Challenges Canada

**Eligibility of entities to apply:**

- Social enterprises, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit companies that are legally incorporated and capable of executing activities
- Sole proprietorships and multilateral organizations (e.g., UN) are not eligible; multilaterals may collaborate through local partners
- One Project Lead per application; an institution may be the applicant on multiple applications with different Project Leads
- Note: Solutions being implemented in Afghanistan are not eligible

**Areas to be covered/thematic:**

- Access to Energy: Equitable access to climate-smart and/or renewable energy solutions for vulnerable populations
- Life-saving Information: Improve reliability and safety of critical information and two-way communication, including the use of AI with a focus on ethical considerations
- Health Supplies and Services: Address barriers in healthcare infrastructure, worker skills, disease surveillance, and response, including considerations for climate change and health

**Funding Information:**

- Up to \$250,000 CAD per project over a maximum of twenty-four (24) months starting from April 2024
- 5% holdback of funds until submission of a satisfactory final report

**Geographic Focus:** Global, excluding Afghanistan

**Ultimate outcomes of interest:**

- Lives saved and lives improved in conflict-affected areas
- Examples: Reduction in morbidity (Health), use of stable and reliable energy (Energy), use of reliable and accurate information (Life-saving Information)

**For more detailed information, interested entities can visit [the CHIC website](#).**

**Title of the call:** Rapid Response Window on Women's Participation

**Deadline:** Ongoing Opportunity

**Funding source/donor:** Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF)

**Objective:** Financing strategic, short-term, and urgent initiatives led by women peacebuilders and women's civil society organizations to increase women's influence in peace processes. The funding does not support community-focused, medium, or long-term peacebuilding initiatives.

**Tracks:**

- Track 1: High-level decision-making processes such as Ceasefire, Peace Treaty negotiations, Political Transition, etc.
- Track 2: Activities influencing a Track 1 process, including building trust, communication, raising awareness, dialogues, conferences, etc.

**Funding Streams:**

- **Direct Support (up to \$25,000 USD):**
  - Payment for logistical or technical services, not a grant.
  - Includes translation services, childcare, printing, travel expenses, etc., related to peace processes.
  - Open to individuals, informal groups, and women's associations/networks.
- **Short-Term Grants (up to \$100,000 USD):**
  - For implementing projects like advocacy campaigns, capacity-building, strategic planning, monitoring of peace agreements, etc.
  - Requires formal registration, and only CSOs can apply.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Open to Official Development Assistance (ODA) eligible countries with ongoing formal peace processes.
- For Direct Support: Individual women peacebuilders, local women's rights organizations, youth-focused, or young women-led organizations, feminist CSOs, etc.
- For Short-Term Grants: Same as Direct Support but only CSOs are eligible.
- Must be a Women's Rights or Feminist Organization, Women-Led Organization, Youth Focused Organization, or Young Women-Led Organization.
- Current WPHF grantees who received Direct Support can apply for a Short-Term Grant.

For detailed information, interested parties can visit the [Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund \(WPHF\) website](#).

**Title of the call:** UNVTF announces Call for Proposals (Sub-Grant Programme 2)

**Deadline:** 25-Aug-2023

**Funding source/donor:** The UN Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons (UNVTF), managed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

**Eligibility of entities to apply:** Non-profit making organizations (including NGOs and CBOs) registered as of 1 July 2021, having at least two years of experience in providing assistance to victims of trafficking or other vulnerable populations. Specific eligibility details apply.

**Areas to be covered/thematic:** Providing essential humanitarian, legal, and financial aid to vulnerable victims of trafficking, with priorities given to certain populations, regions, forms of exploitation, and activities including early identification, medical assistance, material support, shelter, financial literacy, legal and psychosocial assistance, education, vocational training, family reunification, and survivor engagement.

**Budget:** Proposals with budgets up to USD 60,000 will be considered, with 2% reserved for UNODC monitoring.

**Additional information:** This is a global Call for Proposals, and the funded activities must be implemented within 24 months. Projects to be implemented in origin, transit, and destination countries will all be considered. The UNVTF has previously awarded over USD 6 million to support more than 155 NGO projects in over 60 countries since its inception in 2010.

**Where to find more information?:** Visit [UNVTF](#)

**Title of the call:** Civic Innovation Fund in Europe

**Deadline:** 1-Sep-23

**Funding source/donor:** THE CIVICS Innovation Hub

**Eligibility of entities to apply:** Primary young civic educators (under 35) and young NGOs (under 3 years of existence) focusing on interdisciplinary, intersectional, intergenerational, and inclusive approaches in civic education.

**Areas to be covered/thematic:** Various topics related to civic education, including memory & history discourses, foresight & forecasting, financial & economic literacy, sustainable development, health & well-being, democratic participation, cultural practices, media & digital literacy, AI, demographic change, war & peace, migration & integration, diversity & inclusion, and culture & arts.

**Budget:** Each project receives between 10,000 € and 12,000 € for piloting, incubation, and scaling up for the period of 12 months.

**Additional information:** Selected projects will present their ideas at the NECE Festival 2023 FUTURES! and showcase outcomes at NECE Festival 2024 BORDERS! The Civic Innovation Fund aims to pioneer new ideas in civil society, with a focus on start-up ideas in civic education.

**Where to find more information?:** [Visit Civic Innovation Fund.](#)

**Title of the call:** The Culture of Solidarity Fund: Just Transition call

**Deadline:** 11-Sep-2023

**Funding source/donor:** European Cultural Foundation

**Eligibility of entities to apply:** Civic, public, or private organisations with legal status operating in cultural, creative or other sectors of society (including education, health, environment, etc.), based in Europe or its immediate neighbourhood. Political parties are excluded.

**Areas to be covered/thematic:** European transnational collaborative initiatives addressing just transition and environmental sustainability from a cultural perspective. This includes raising public awareness of climate change, reinforcing democratic decision-making, designing creative solutions for changing ecosystems, and more. Specific focus on Social Justice, polarization of opinions, traditional regional identities, employment, job loss, local knowledge and expertise.

**Budget:** Grants available in three amounts:

1. up to €10,000
2. €10,000 – 20,000
3. €20,000 – 30,000

- Grants can be used for various activities including seeding new initiatives or scaling up existing ideas, for a timeline of up to 12 months.

**Additional information:** The call welcomes actions that build cross-border alliances of solidarity and seeks ideas that address just transition from a cultural angle. Emphasis on aspects like equity, rights, political polarization, cultural attachment to traditional industries, and more.

**Where to find more information?:** [Visit European Cultural Foundation.](#)

**Title of the call:** Lush Charity Pot Grant

**Deadline:** Ongoing Opportunity

**Funding source/donor:** Lush Cosmetics, via the sale of Charity Pot hand and body cream

**Eligibility of entities to apply:** Small, grassroots groups, having an annual income of less than £350,000. Predominantly volunteer-run, not-for-profit. Various specific exclusions apply (e.g., organizations involved in cruelty, harboring prejudice, etc.).

**Areas to be covered/thematic:** Animal Protection, Environment, Human Rights (including social justice, peace, and equality). Targeted funding to create long-term change, support non-violent direct action groups, provide aid for basic life needs, and support environmental responsibility.

**Budget:** Charity Pot grants range from £100 to £10,000 per project/application. The average grant is between £2,000 – £4,000.

**Additional information:** Rarely funds the maximum amount of £10,000. Specific criteria for what is and is not funded (e.g., does not fund animal farming, salary costs, etc.). Environmental responsibility is central to Lush.

**Where to find more information?:** Visit [Lush Charity Pot Grant](#).

## Previously Announced Funding Opportunities

**Title of the call:** Call for grants for local civil society organizations in order to submit project proposals for the development of the entrepreneurial spirit of young people in the Rep. Moldavia

**Deadline:** August 16, 2023

**Funding source/donor:** The consortium of associations: Help-Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe eV, DEMOS, HOMECARE and Pro Cooperare Regionala, through the EU-funded project Empowering youth entrepreneurship in Moldova.

**Eligibility of entities to apply:** Local CSOs registered in the Republic of Moldova.

**Areas to be covered/thematic:** The development of the entrepreneurial spirit of young people in the Republic of Moldova.

**Budget:** EUR 600,000

**Additional information:** This call is part of the Empowering Youth Entrepreneurship Project in Moldova, which is aimed at supporting the improvement of the role of civil society in community development and the provision of services for the citizens of the Republic of Moldova and strengthening the capacities of young people in the field of entrepreneurship through the cooperation activities of the CSOs involved

**Where to find more information?:** Please contact [atmda03.clarifications@help-ev.de](mailto:atmda03.clarifications@help-ev.de) or access [Asociatia Demos website](#).

**Title of the call:** Capacity Development of CSOs in Eastern Partnership Region

**Deadline:** 28-Aug-23

**Funding source/donor:** The European Commission (EC)

**Eligibility of entities to apply:**

- Non-profit civil society organizations established in EU partner countries (including Moldova) or EU member states.
- Must have 3 years of experience in implementing CSO capacity building activities in at least three countries from the Eastern Partnership and/or the Russian Federation.
- Must have experience in awarding and managing grants to CSOs and local initiatives.
- Areas to be covered/thematic: Strengthening the capacities of CSOs to participate in the democratization, reform and recovery processes in Eastern Partnership countries and the Russian Federation.

**Budget:** EUR 6,036,000 total, with individual grants ranging from EUR 1,000,000 to EUR 1,500,000.

**Additional information:**

- The EC plans to select up to 10 strategic partners for four-year agreements.
- Actions must take place in at least four countries of the Eastern Partnership and the Russian Federation, or in the Eastern Partnership region or the EU if in-country actions are not possible due to political or security circumstances.
- Lead applicants may act with affiliated entities.
- Ineligibility criteria not specified.

**Where to find more information?:** For more information, visit the [European Commission website](#).

**Title of the call:** Knowledge and Innovation for achieving Gender Equality and Social Inclusion at School

**Deadline:** 28-Aug-23

**Funding source/donor:** The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE)

**Eligibility of entities to apply:**

- Open to individual organizations or consortia of up to three organizations working in Global Partnership for Education partner countries.
- These can be nationally/internationally registered or incorporated organizations, including research institutions, universities, think tanks, network secretariats, associations, civil society organizations, non-profits, or the private sector.
- Applicants must have independent legal status and be capable of contracting in their own

right, receiving and administering funds.

**Areas to be covered/thematic:**

- Strengthening gender-responsive and socially inclusive education.
- Ensuring safe schooling experiences for all children, especially those facing gender inequalities and marginalization.

**Budget:**

- Single country grants up to CAD 500,000
- Multi-country grants up to CAD 1,500,000
- Regional/global grants up to CAD 2,500,000

**Additional information:**

- Proposals may be submitted by individual organizations, or by consortia of up to three organizations.
- Proposals from, or that include, private sector partners should demonstrate how private sector resources will contribute to the project.
- KIX will prioritize funding to organizations based in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), including Moldova.

**Where to find more information?:** For more information, visit the [IDRC website](#).

**Title of the call:** Grant for a New Humanitarian Perspective – 1st Edition

**Deadline:** 31-Aug-23

**Funding source/donor:** Action Against Hunger

**Eligibility of entities to apply:**

- Open to all photographers, videographers, and content creators, with no restrictions in terms of nationality or age (applicants must be over 18).
- Action Against Hunger employees and their families, as well as jury members and the technical team directly linked to the grant and their families, cannot participate.

**Areas to be covered/thematic:**

- Reflection on the future of humanitarian imagery
- Encourages creativity and boldness to develop new narrative and iconographic procedures
- The project's subject should be relevant to the activities carried out by Action Against Hunger and aligned with their values

**Funding Information:**



- The winner will receive a grant of €10,000 to carry out his or her project, which will be exhibited from October 2024.
- The winner will also receive mentoring from the President of the jury of the grant, documentary photographer and artist Cristina de Middel.

**Where to find more information?:** For more information, please visit the [Action Against Hunger website](#).

**Title of the call:** 2023 Culture of Solidarity Fund

**Deadline:** Monday, 11 September.

**Funding source/donor:** European Cultural Foundation

**Eligibility of entities to apply:** The call is open to civic, public, or private organisations with legal status that operate in the cultural and creative or other sectors of society, including education and academia, health and social care, environment, human rights, social entrepreneurship, rural development, spatial planning, social entrepreneurship, etc. Applicants can be based anywhere in Europe or its immediate neighbourhood, including Moldova.

**Areas to be covered/thematic:** Supports European transnational collaborative initiatives that address the theme of just transition and environmental sustainability from a cultural perspective.

**Link to the official site:** <https://culture-of-solidarity-fund.grantplatform.com/>

**Budget:** The Fund has grants available in three amounts:

- Up to €10,000
- €10,000 – 20,000
- €20,000 – 30,000

**Additional information:** Grants can be used to finance a wide range of activities, from seeding entirely new initiatives to scaling up existing ideas to a European level. The project timeline may be up to 12 months. Activities related to the project may not take place before the start date. All incoming proposals will be assessed based on their relevance to the theme of the call and the mission of the Fund to strengthen a Culture of Solidarity in Europe, the creativity of the proposal, feasibility and practical implementation potential, and impact on the challenge(s) addressed and communities involved. Applications will be selected by a team of internal and external experts from a wide range of geographic, cultural and professional areas. The European Cultural Foundation has several different open calls running in the months of June to September, so it's recommended to study the call criteria closely and focus your efforts on the one that is the most relevant and fitting for your initiative.

**Where to find more information?:** For more information, visit the [Cultural Foundation Website](#).

**Title of the call:** 2023 Behind Meet and Code Grants for Non-profit Organizations

**Deadline:** 13-Sep-23

**Funding source/donor:** Meet and Code

**Eligibility of entities to apply:**

- Nonprofit organizations from selected European countries (including Moldova) and Kazakhstan.
- The organization is responsible for all aspects of event planning and implementation.
- Only organizations able to provide proof of non-profit status will receive funds.

**Areas to be covered/thematic:** Technology and coding events for children and young people, exploring digital skills (coding, robotics, IoT, AI etc.).

**Budget:** Up to 500 euro per approved event.

**Additional information:**

- Events must have at least 20 participants and be at least 240 minutes long, either in one or multiple sessions.
- Events can be virtual, partly virtual, or on-site, and must align with local Covid restrictions.
- Funds can be used for costs such as trainers, premises, learning materials, and promotional materials.
- Events must take place between 1 September and 31 October 2023.
- Ineligibility: Political or religious initiatives, individual beneficiaries, projects unrelated to Meet and Code.

**Where to find more information?:** For more information, visit [Meet and Code](#).

**Title of the call:** Global Development Awards Competition 2023

**Deadline:** 28-Sep-23

**Funding source/donor:** The competition is funded under the Policy and Human Resources Development Fund (PHRD) trust fund managed by the World Bank, and generously supported by the Ministry of Finance, Government of Japan.

**Eligibility of entities to apply:**

- The Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project (MIDP) is open to non-profit Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) from the listed eligible countries (which includes Moldova) to submit applications on projects currently at the stage of implementation.

**Areas to be covered/thematic:** The theme of the 2023 edition is 'Nexus of Education, Development

and Human Security’.

**Budget:**

- The Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project (MIDP): First two winners - US\$ 50,000 each, second prize - US\$ 25,000.
- Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF) Award: Up to US\$ 200,000 for a larger grant within the framework of the World Bank-administered Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF).

**Where to find more information:** <https://www.gdn.int/gdac/2023>

**Title of the call:** Fit for Life Awards 2024

**Deadline:** 15-Feb-24

**Funding source/donor:** Fit for Life Foundation

**Eligibility of entities to apply:**

- The organization or initiative must be legally registered as a non-profit or social enterprise in its country/countries of operations.
- They do not accept applications from research institutes, government/public sector institutes, political organizations, or organizations that discriminate based on age, gender, race, ethnicity, disability, national origin, political affiliation, religious belief, or sexual orientation.

**Areas to be covered/thematic:**

- Physical fitness, exercise, and sport
- Mental health and well-being
- Mobility and nutrition
- At-home care and community support for older people
- Prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs)
- Other forms of preventative health support
- Link to the official site: Fit for Life Foundation

**Award Details:** At a yearly Award Ceremony Laureates receive 100,000 EUR over 3 years, plus recognition. The selection process includes sourcing, a rigorous three-stage due diligence process with 10 key selection criteria, and a selection committee composed of foundation advisory board members. Ongoing performance monitoring and regular evaluations are carried out to assess the impact of all grantees.

**Where to find more information?:** For more information, please visit the [Fit for Life Foundation website](#).

**Deadline for Application:** 30-Oct-23

**Grant Value:** Up to €80,000 for one-time or multi-year projects

**Objectives:** Favor access to water, sanitation, and waste management for vulnerable populations in developing countries, as well as delivery of emergency aid (including MHPSS). The Foundation pays particular attention to projects aimed at women/young girls and refugees.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Applicants with an associative legal status, a Foundation or Endowment Fund status recognized as being of public utility
- Applicants which have been legally established for at least 2 years prior to the date of the submission of the project application
- The Foundation gives priority to applicants possessing local divisions or reporting a very close partnership with a local structure, facilitating project follow-up and an ex-post follow-up of the projects

**Where to find more information:** Visit [Fondation SUEZ website](#).

## Previously Announced Funding Opportunities - Ongoing Opportunities Without a Deadline

**Title of the call:** New Democracy Fund's Flexible Response Mechanism

**Deadline:** ongoing opportunity

**Eligibility of entities to apply:** The call supports a broad variety of civil society actors in the Eastern Neighbourhood Countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), including human rights defenders, artists and/or cultural non-governmental organisations, journalists and documentarists, trade unions or other non-governmental labour organisations, associations, networks or any other organisation that represents a certain voice/group in a society, civil society actors in the Eastern Neighbourhood Countries currently in exile with a previous or existing partnership with a Danish organisation. Please note, all applicants must have a Danish-based organisation as a partner. Consortium member organisations of the New Democracy Fund can be such a partner.

**Areas to be covered/thematic:** Supports projects that focus on countering restrictions and human rights abuses, overcoming risks and emergencies, reclaiming civic space, using new windows of opportunity and new political openings, providing emergency assistance to individuals of all genders and groups under threat where the support is channelled through a civil society organisation.

**Budget:** The total yearly budget for Flexible Response Mechanism is DKK 5,000,000. The maximum grant amount awarded is DKK 400,000.

**Application process:** In order to apply, please fill out the Flexible Response Application Form 2023, Flexible Response Budget Template 2023, and Flexible Response Work Plan 2023 in English available in [this link](#). These should be sent to [frm@newdemocracyfund.org](mailto:frm@newdemocracyfund.org). Applications are handled on a rolling basis with a processing time of four to six weeks.

**Where to find more information:** Visit [Flexible Response Mechanism](#) for more information.

**Funding Opportunity:** Catalyst Fund

**Deadline for Application:** Ongoing Opportunity

**Value:** Requests submitted through the Catalyst Fund range from \$2,500 to \$15,000.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Individuals, teams, non-profits, or social enterprises operating anywhere in the world, with early-stage ideas or projects addressing global challenges. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, submit an application in English, include completed responses to all required questions, agree to legal terms and conditions of the grant program, and be able to legally receive grant funding.

**Where to find more information:** Visit [Catalyst Fund](#).

**Funding Opportunity:** Global Fund for Women Grant Program

**Deadline for Application:** Ongoing opportunity

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Be outside of the United States (with some exceptions)
- Use an intersectional feminist analysis and focus on advancing gender justice
- Embrace collective action and be governed, directed, and/or led by historically marginalized communities
- Not be a government entity, political party, or election campaign
- Not be an international organization proposing projects with local partners
- Groups do not need to be registered non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to qualify for funding.

**Where to find more information:** Visit the [Global Fund for Women website](#).