

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).

New Funding Opportunities

Title of the call: Research on Women and Girls in Cross-Border Conflict Contexts

Deadline: 13-Sep-23

Funding source/donor: UK aid-funded Cross-border Conflict Evidence, Policy and Trends (XCEPT) program

Eligibility of entities to apply:

- Individual researchers, research organizations or institutions
- Strong encouragement for researchers and organizations from the Global South to apply, either independently or in partnership with those in the Global North
- Applicants should be advanced practitioners, subject matter experts, or academics usually holding a PhD, but other qualifications will also be considered

Areas to be covered/thematic:

- Intersectionality between women and girls and other identity markers like youth, ethnicity, religion, etc.
- Gender considerations throughout the research cycle
- Women's role in conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and participation in decision-making
- Addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and its impact in conflict environments
- Impact of transnational threats like terrorism, climate insecurity, etc., on women and girls
- Methodological diversity encouraged, including leveraging big data and AI

Funding Information:

- Awards between £10,000 and £35,000
- Amount will be commensurate with the scope of research and potential cost drivers such as travel, data collection, etc.

Geographic Focus:

Africa (particularly West Africa, Sahel, North Africa, Horn of Africa), Middle East, Asia (particularly Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar), Ukraine and bordering countries, Western Balkans

For more detailed information, [interested entities can visit XCEPT](#).

Title of the call: FIFA Foundation Community Programme 2024**Deadline:** 15-Sep-23**Funding source/donor:** FIFA Foundation**Eligibility of entities to apply:**

- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) worldwide operating football-related projects
- Organizations must showcase how they use football to address social issues and contribute to positive change
- Applicants must submit extensive documentation regarding finance and child protection

Areas to be covered/thematic:

- Focus on football's power to bring about positive social change
- Address challenges such as good health and well-being, quality education, gender equality, poverty eradication, reduced inequalities, peace, justice, strong institutions, and economic growth
- Target underprivileged children and young adults within communities

Funding Information: Up to USD 30,000 available for funding football-related projects and initiatives

Geographic Focus: Open internationally, targeting communities where NGOs operate

Workshops & Additional Information: Kick-off workshops covering application process, finance, and child safeguarding to be held online in English, with French and Spanish interpretation. Recordings will be made available for those unable to attend live.

For more detailed information, interested entities can [visit FIFA's website](#).

Title of the call: Meet and Code Moldova 2023 Funding Program**Deadline:** 13-Sep-23**Funding source/donor:** TechSoup Moldova, Meet and Code**Eligibility of entities to apply:**

- Non-profit organizations based in the Republic of Moldova
- Must be registered and validated with TechSoup Moldova
- Free and quick registration with TechSoup Moldova required

Areas to be covered/thematic: Organizing events that promote and contribute to the development of digital and programming skills for children and youth in Moldova

Funding Information:

- Grants available up to 300 EURO for event organization
- Events must take place between 1-Sep-23 and 31-Oct-23
- Participation in the proposed events must be free
- Target audience must be children and youth interested in technology and programming

Geographic Focus: Republic of Moldova

Additional Resources:

- Meet and Code [participation conditions](#), [FAQs](#), and [interviews with organizers](#) available online
- For questions, organizations can contact moldova@meet-and-code.org

For more detailed information, interested entities are encouraged to apply and can reach out for questions or refer to available online resources.

Title of the call: WH Initiative Small Grants for Young CSOs Leaders

Deadline: 15-Sep-23

Funding source/donor: Joke Waller-Hunter Initiative, powered by Both ENDS

Eligibility of entities to apply:

- Young individuals affiliated with environmental Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in developing countries and emerging economies
- Preference for candidates under the age of 35
- Candidates should display potential for leadership and have a strong commitment to environmental and sustainable development issues
- Individuals from 'advanced economies' are ineligible to apply

Areas to be covered/thematic:

- Personal development in the environmental sector
- Activities can include courses, training, internships, exposure and exchange travels, participation in conferences, etc.
- Focus on sustainable development, gender equality, and climate justice

Funding Information:

- Grant amounts available: 2,500 Euro, 5,000 Euro, 7,000 Euro
- Funds should be used exclusively for personal development and should not be part of a larger organizational project

For more detailed information, interested entities can visit [Joke Waller-Hunter Initiative](#).

Title of the call: Support for Climate Justice Young Leaders by Youth Climate Justice Fund

Deadline: September 17, 2023

Funding source/donor: Youth Climate Justice Fund

Eligibility of entities to apply:

- Groups led by young people aged 35 and under
- Based in Africa, Middle East, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe
- North American or Western European groups led by marginalized or discriminated young people are also eligible
- Must be non-partisan, non-violent, and legal
- Should believe in and practice inclusive organizing, collective action, and intersectional movement building

Areas to be covered/thematic:

- Strengthening existing youth-led organizing efforts in climate justice
- Supporting emerging youth movements for climate justice
- Cultivating diverse leadership rooted in fair and equitable climate action
- Holding policymakers accountable and strengthening community power
- Focus on youth-to-youth capacity development and resource sharing

Funding Information:

- Groups can apply for a grant of up to USD 10,000
- Grant can be used for a period of 12 months

Geographic Focus: Africa, Middle East, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe North America or Western Europe (if led by marginalized or discriminated young people).

For more detailed information, interested groups can visit the [Youth Climate Justice Fund website](#).

Title of the call: Youth Well-Being Prize Competition

Deadline: 29-Sep-23

Funding source/donor: United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Eligibility of entities to apply:

- Individuals between the ages of 10 and 29 and/or youth-led organizations
- No prior professional or academic experience required
- Global call for solutions, except for countries subject to OFAC sanctions

Areas to be covered/thematic:

- Improving youth well-being in the areas of mental health, digital harm, safeguarding, gender-based violence, and climate change
- Solutions should be created by young people, for young people
- Innovations aiming to enhance individual, interpersonal, and overall well-being for youth

Funding Information:

- Total cash prizes: \$50,000
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each of the five categories (mental health, digital harm, safeguarding, gender-based violence, climate change)
- 1st Place: \$5,000, 2nd Place: \$3,000, 3rd Place: \$2,000 in each category

Geographic Focus: Globa.

For more detailed information, interested entities [can visit USAID](#).

Title of the call: iF SOCIAL IMPACT PRIZE

Deadline: 5-Oct-23

Funding source/donor: iF Design

Eligibility of entities to apply:

- Companies, design studios, NGOs, foundations, social enterprises, public and other organizations
- Projects should already be established
- A maximum of two applications per project
- Student concepts are not eligible

Areas to be covered/thematic:

- Projects must align with one or more of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

(Goal 1-15), ranging from No Poverty to Life on Land

- Projects should address relevant social problems, reflect moral-ethical standards, strengthen group relations, create a positive experience, and balance effort and use value

Funding Information:

- Share of EUR 100,000 in prize money for selected projects
- Additional benefits include being showcased on the iF Design Website, communication support, and an individual Winner Certificate
- Opportunity to update the project with latest videos, photos, or news

Geographic Focus: Global, with a focus on projects that have a sustainable impact and relevance to online visitors

For more detailed information, interested [entities can visit iF Design](#).

Title of the call: L'Oréal Fund for Women

Deadline: 30-Oct-23 (Applications open until 2026)

Funding source/donor: L'Oréal Groupe

Eligibility of entities to apply:

- Grassroot non-profit or non-for-profit organizations with official accreditation and eligible for philanthropic funds
- Organizations that have existed for more than two years, unless having a strong innovative component
- Organizations should have a minimum of 50 beneficiaries per year and operate directly without subcontracting to local/smaller organizations

Areas to be covered/thematic:

- Supporting highly vulnerable women or girls, including those in poverty, victims of violence, refugees, or those with disabilities
- Focus on women and girls' empowerment, particularly through social or professional integration and education
- Projects can range from services, social-purpose instruments, to field operations

Ineligibility Criteria:

- Advocacy activities
- Organizations or projects that discriminate based on gender, race, religion, etc.
- Activities with religious, political, or military goals
- Organizations in breach with UN standards, including Human Rights, labor rights, and environmental responsibility

- Activities involving forced or child labor

Funding Information: Information about the specific funding amount is not provided

Geographic Focus: Open internationally, supporting local or national projects.

For more detailed information, interested [entities can visit L'Oréal Groupe](#)

Title of the Call: Community Support Initiatives (CSI) supported by UNHCR Moldova

Deadline: 1st of December 2023. Applications are reviewed by a committee on a monthly basis.

Funding Source/Donor: CCR/UNHCR

Eligibility of Entities to Apply:

- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- Community representatives
- Representatives of state institutions
- All entities actively involved in working with refugees

Objective:

- To promote awareness of individual and collective rights among members of communities that UNHCR serves.
- To establish community-based protection mechanisms.
- To empower communities by providing them with the knowledge and skills to respond to these objectives, with a focus on including the most vulnerable members of the community.

Areas to be Covered/Thematic Focus:

- Developing and reinforcing community structures.
- Skill development in project planning and implementation.
- Activities may include but are not limited to:
 - Creating or supporting community groups providing services to other community members.
 - Establishing self-help or counseling groups.
 - Forming neighborhood committees.
 - Organizing self-led trainings or events.
 - Purchasing equipment or materials necessary for project implementation.

Grant Amount: Up to \$5,000

Terms of Submission: Applicants are required to complete the application form available here in [Russian](#) and here in [English](#). The completed form should be sent to csi@ccr.md for consideration.

For more information, interested organizations and individuals are encouraged to send an email with enquiries to csi@ccr.md.

Title of the call: AJA Foundation Grant Program

Deadline: Ongoing Opportunity

Funding source/donor: AJA Foundation

Eligibility of entities to apply:

- Organizations that align with the focus areas of AJA Foundation
- Only one request per organization annually; if declined, eligible to apply again after 12 months

Areas to be covered/thematic:

- Human Rights: Support for organizations that defend human rights, aid refugees, and provide social services, focusing on addressing root causes and structural changes.
- Water: Focus on providing renewable clean water, addressing overall health and other societal impacts like education, employment, and gender equality.
- Health: Grants to organizations offering essential health services to those who can't access or afford it, mainly in developing countries.
- Education: Aid for students from financially disadvantaged backgrounds who excel in school but lack resources, offering tutoring, mentoring, advanced coursework, and scholarships.

Funding Information: Grants vary depending on the program

Target Stakeholders:

- Organizations globally that align with AJA Foundation's focus areas
- Communities and individuals benefiting from projects in human rights, water, health, and education

Geographic Focus: Global, with particular commitment to renewable clean water in rural African villages and health services in developing countries.

Additional Criteria:

- Due to funding constraints, only one request per organization can be considered annually.
- If a request is declined, the organization is eligible to reapply 12 months after the declination date.

For more detailed information, interested entities can [visit AJA Foundation](#)

Title of the call: Apply for Multitudes Incubation and Scaling Grants – Europe

Deadline: Ongoing Opportunity

Funding source/donor: Multitudes Foundation

Eligibility of entities to apply:

- Political changemakers based in Europe, both individuals and organizations
- Preference for those not yet supported by other organizations
- Open to unsolicited proposals
- Targeting those in ideation stages or scaling their impact

Areas to be covered/thematic:

- Building more inclusive and human political cultures (e.g., initiatives that work with political parties on electoral lists, building inclusive environments)
- Mobilizing people and communities for political power (e.g., initiatives that support communities to build power between and during elections)
- Preparing new political leaders to run for office (e.g., initiatives supporting candidates from underrepresented communities)

Funding Information:

- Incubation grants: Up to €50,000 for initiatives or organizations transitioning from voluntary work to sustainable organizations
- Scaling grants: Up to €100,000 for registered organizations ready to scale their efforts either horizontally (increasing existing work) or vertically (reaching new levels)

Geographic Focus: Europe

For more detailed information, interested entities can visit Multitudes Foundation.

Previously Announced Funding Opportunities

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 organizations with legal status operating in cultural, creative or other sectors of society (including education, health, environment, etc.), based in Europe or its immediate neighborhood. 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: 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 organizations, journalists and documentarists, trade unions or other non-governmental labor organizations, associations, networks or any other organization 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 organization. Please note, all applicants must have a Danish-based organization as a partner. Consortium member organizations 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 channeled through a civil society organization.

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. 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](#).

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](#).