

Global Challenges Local Solutions European Grant Competition

1st GRANT ROUND PRINCIPLES

ORGANISATION AND AIMS OF THE COMPETITION

1. Global Challenges Local Solutions European Grant Competition (Competition) is organised by the Academy for the Development of Philanthropy in Poland (ADPP) within the Global Challenges Local Solutions Program.
2. The Global Challenges Local Solutions Program is co-financed by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.
3. Competition was established in order to support grass-root initiatives, run by community foundations and local philanthropic organizations together with local communities, aimed at solving global challenges at the local level.
4. Total amount of 150,000 USD will be awarded within the 1st grant round.

TARGET GROUP

1. Applications to the Competition may be submitted by community foundations and local philanthropic organizations (Applicants), registered and operating in Europe. Only foundations and associations are eligible to apply for the grant.
 2. Community foundation is understood as a non-profit and non-governmental organisation 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,
 - 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,
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- Build capital endowment, which is an important element of sustainability¹.
3. Local philanthropic organisation is understood as a non-profit and non-governmental organisation that collects and re-grants money for the initiatives aimed at improvement of the living conditions of local communities. Among its beneficiaries are: local associations, foundations, schools, community centers and institutions that act for the benefit of local communities. Main tasks of the local philanthropic organisations include:
- Acting as grant-making institutions – e.g. giving grants, subsidies, that support development of local initiatives and projects.
 - Raising, cumulating, investing and managing funds (development of local resources).
 - Implementing the donors' orders.
 - Co-financing projects, grant policy implementation.
 - Facilitation of local cooperation and the promotion of local projects (playing a role of the leader in a local community).

GRANTS PROCEDURE

1. Projects submitted to the Competition should be aimed at solving global challenges at the local level by combining forces of community foundations/ local philanthropic organizations and local communities.
2. Submitted projects should refer to at least one of the SDGs².
3. Grants may be awarded both for new projects and for improving existing projects.
4. The project shall determine activities that are going to be implemented in the period not longer than **six months** (from November 1, 2017 till April 30, 2018). The grant will be paid in one installment.
5. Applicants can apply for the grant up to 15,000 USD.
6. One applicant is entitled to submit only one project within the present grant round. If it receives the grant in the present round, it can apply for another one no sooner than after its final narrative and financial report is accepted by the ADPP.
7. It is required to raise additional financial input: 50% of the awarded grant.

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

² <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs>

8. We encourage all organizations to build partnerships with local and international companies that are involved in SDGs. Check them out on the UNGC website - <https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/participants>.
9. To apply for a grant, the Applicant must fill in the online application form available at www.localsolutionsfund.org and submit it by **September 30, 2017**.

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.
3. During the assessment the Grant Committee will take into consideration the following criteria:
 - Adequacy of the planned activities to the local community's needs defined in the project,
 - Feasibility of the project and effectiveness,
 - Rationality of the planned activities;
 - Scale of engaging local community members into the project;
 - Durability, as a chance to continue the project;
 - Replicability of the proposed solution and the possibility of its implementation by the other local organizations.
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 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:

- regranting,
- endowment fund,
- lobbying expenditures,
- engaging in and supporting any form of terrorism or violence,
- supporting any religious or political activities.

SCHEDULE

July 7, 2017 – September 30, 2017	Call for applications
October 2017	The Grant Committee meeting and announcement of the 1 st grant round results
October 2017	Preparation and signing grant agreements
November 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018	Projects' implementation
May 2018	Reporting

FINAL PROVISIONS

1. Interpretation of settlements and requirements of the regulations are decided on by ADPP Board.
2. 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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