



Application Form

Core Programmatic Support Grants 2026

About this grant | This is the application form for the Core Programmatic Support Grant, which the [European Fund for the Balkans](#) (EFB) allocates through its [Common Ground Program](#) (CGP). This grant helps organizations with their organizational development, covering operational and programmatic costs, enabling them to continue delivering or scaling their impact related to programs, projects, and activities with the purpose of bridging differences across divides.

CGP supports civil society organizations from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia.

Please note that the purpose of this support is **not** to develop new initiatives or projects, but rather to enhance the organization's existing core structures, strategies, and programs.

Instructions | You need Acrobat Reader to fill this form. You can download it [here](#). The complete form has to be submitted in English. An individual applicant answers all questions marked with *. A coalition-led organization uses separate fields. Use concise, concrete language. Where possible, provide links to evidence (media, artifacts, publications, testimonies, etc.) and/or prepare a package of PDFs to send along with this application form. If any of your materials aren't in English, please provide along with the evidence a short context and translation.

Coalitions are welcome to apply, but they must designate one registered CSO as the lead organization, which serves as the coalition applicant and must provide signed MoU(s) detailing roles, responsibilities, and budget(s). Incomplete or late applications **will not** be considered.

Applicant's information |

Legal name of organization (as registered)*

*If coalition, the legal name of the lead organization and partners (as registered)**

Legal status and registration no.*

*If a coalition, legal status, and registration no. of the lead organization**

Year established*

If a coalition, the year when the lead organization was established

Country, single choice*

Albania Bosnia and Herzegovina Croatia Kosovo Montenegro North Macedonia Serbia

*If a coalition, country of the lead organization, and all partners [multiple choice]**

Albania Bosnia and Herzegovina Croatia Kosovo Montenegro North Macedonia Serbia



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Head office address*

*If a coalition, the head office address of the lead organization**

Contact person for this application (name & role)*

Email*

Phone *

Official website*

*If a coalition, the websites of the lead organization and all partners [write in]**

Describe your organization's mission and vision*

[max. up to 5000 characters with spaces]

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Track record |

Provide three (3) examples showing your recent (last 18-24 months) contributions to empowering trust, dialogue, social cohesion, and/or cross-divide cooperation. Include links/attach material as evidence. Your examples should include an explanation of what changed as a result of your intervention, who benefited, and how. Also, describe external contributing factors that affected the change, if any. If any examples of your contributions is in the local language, please provide a short context and narrative description in English.

Example 1 |

[Description up to 5000 characters with spaces] |

[If applicable, prepare material as a single PDF and include it in the application package under the file name "Track record Example 1"]*

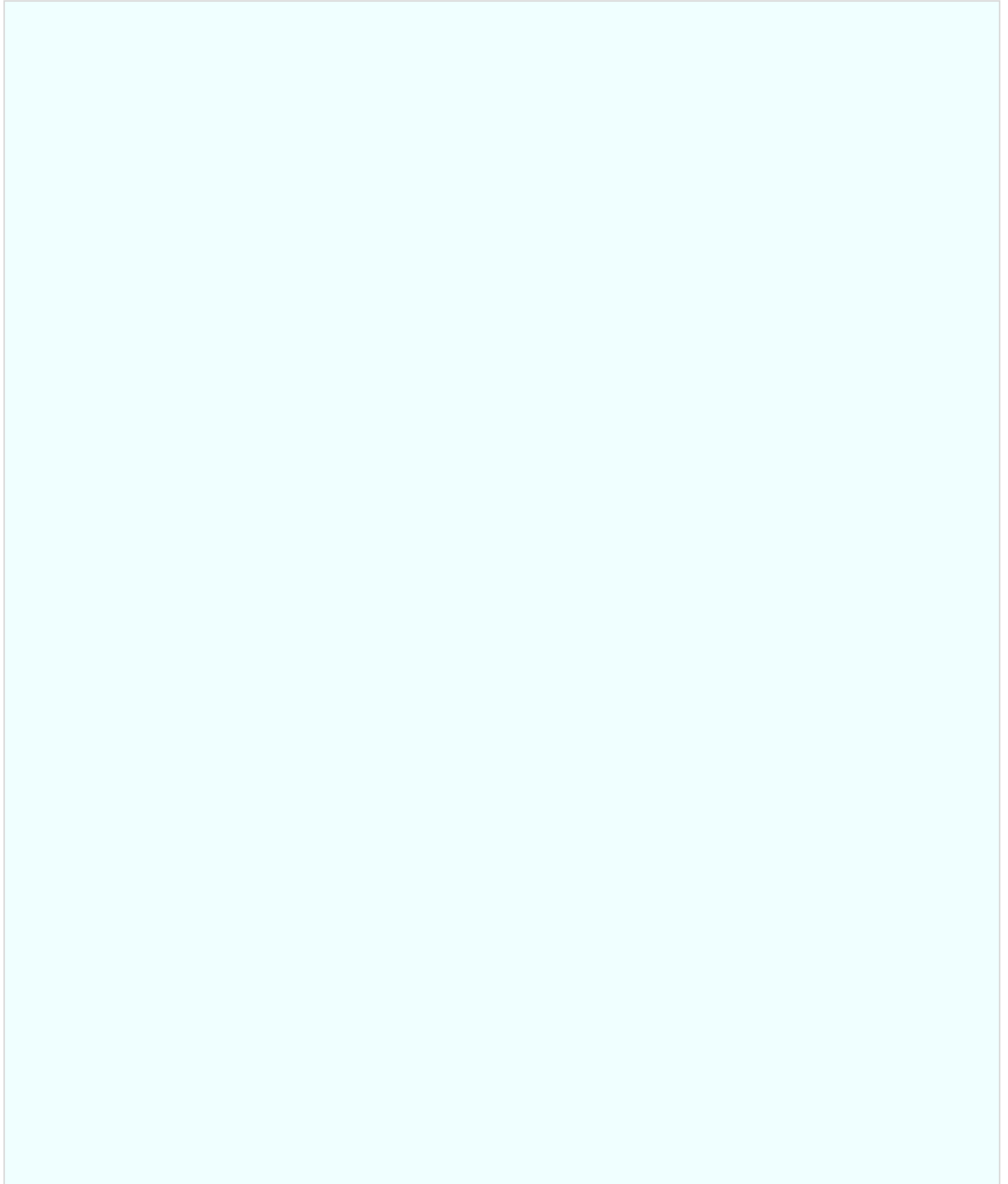
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Example 2

[Description up to 5000 characters with spaces] |

[If applicable, prepare material as a single PDF and include it in the application package under the name "Track record Example 2"]*



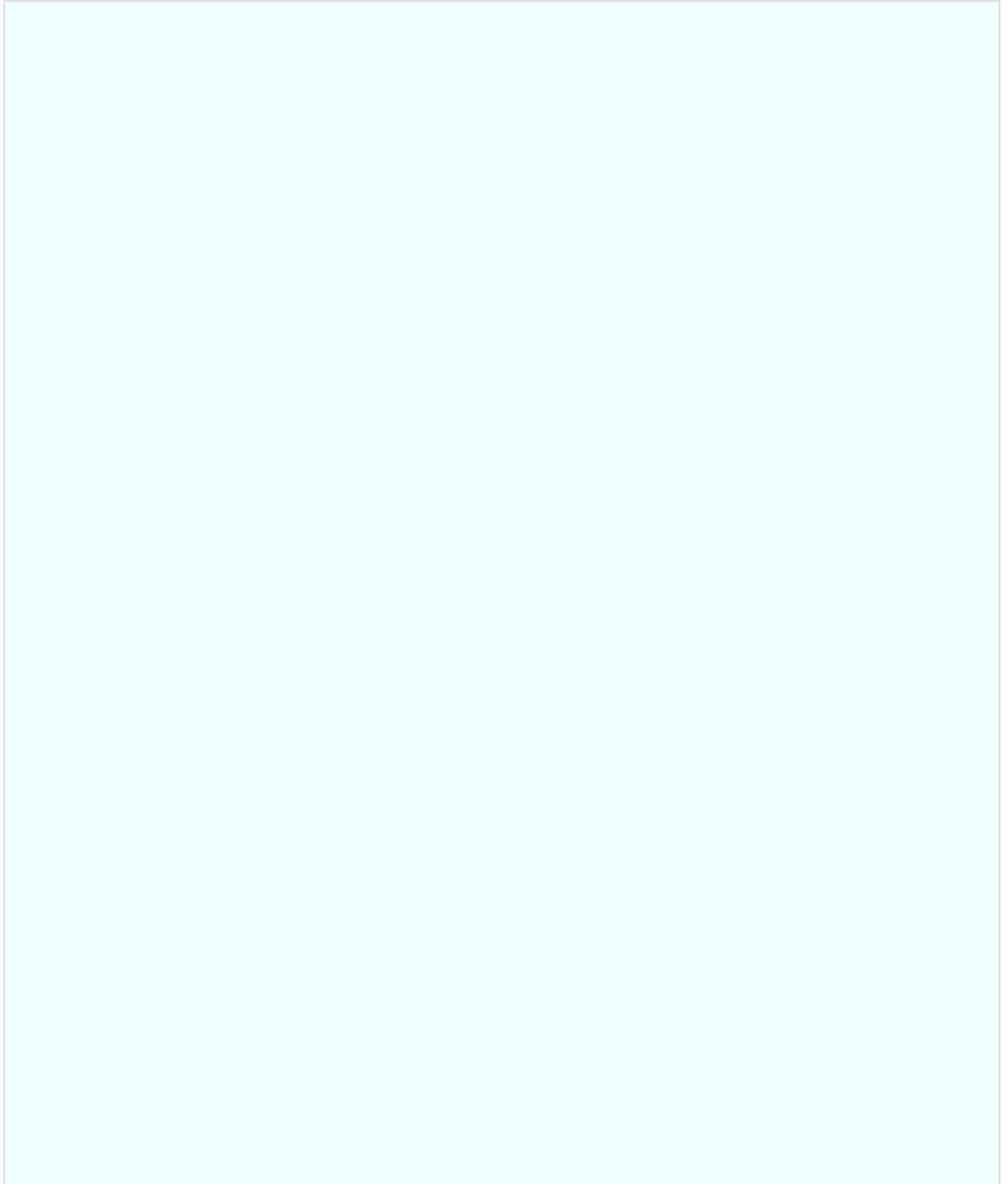
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Example 3

[Description up to 5000 characters with spaces] |

[If applicable, prepare material as a single PDF and include it in the application package under the name "Track record Example 3"]*





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Strategic fit with EFB/CGP |

Summarize how the requested support would contribute to your work, and elaborate on what specific contributions you plan to make.
*(max. up to 5000 characters with spaces.)**

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Dialogue and bridge-building practices and methods |

1. In which field do you predominantly work? Choose up to three options.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Activism | <input type="checkbox"/> Interfaith Cooperation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Justice and Legal Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Feminism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender Equality and Inclusion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Education and Democratic Engagement | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Engagement | <input type="checkbox"/> Media and Information Integrity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dialogue Facilitation and Mediation Practices | <input type="checkbox"/> Memory and Remembrance Initiatives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education and Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Minority Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment and Local Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Network and Partnership Building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intercommunity Cooperation | <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional Justice |

Other [write in]

2. What methods used in your work would best describe your contribution to empowering dialogue between actors that transcends ethnic, political, and social divides?*(*max. up to 5000 characters with spaces*).

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Key risks and mitigations |

Identify key risks that could impact your planned work, relationships, or community reputation and trust—and briefly explain how you will prevent or respond to them. The risks can range from disruptive challenges that could arise in your work during the grant support, to factors that could negatively affect your organization’s reputation and credibility to any external or political dynamics that could impact your work, and similar.

Risk (max. 50 words)*	Likelihood (Low Medium High)*	Mitigation (max. 50 words)*

Budget |

The following template helps applicants prepare budgets that reflect their core organizational, programmatic, and strategic support needs.

Whether the applicant is an individual organization or an organization representing a coalition, the purpose of the requested budget must be to strengthen existing work, not to start new standalone projects—requested funds should be allocated to maintaining key functions across your organization’s core operational areas.*

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Instructions | All entries in the budget template below must be in Euros (€). Provide clear justifications for each cost, showing how each supports the organization's core programmatic or strategic goals.

If there is a coalition, the lead organization must complete the template below containing its own requested budget and in addition, copy the template for every partner organization, complete it, add it to the application form as an annex. Save all added budgets as a single PDF and add it to this one. Feel free to adjust the budget lines (except the headers 01 Staff, 02 Administration, 03 Activities, and 04 Contingency) according to your needs.

Budget Code	Budget Line Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit (€)	Total (€)	Justification
01 STAFF						
0100						
0101						
0102						
0103						
0104						
TOTAL 01 STAFF						
02 ADMINISTRATION						
0200						
0201						
0202						
TOTAL 02 ADMINISTRATION						
03 ACTIVITIES						
0300						
0301						
0302						
0303						
0304						
TOTAL 03 ACTIVITIES						
04 CONTINGENCY						
0400						
TOTAL 04 CONTINGENCY						
TOTAL REQUESTED						

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Financial due diligence |

1. Prepare a summary of your organization's sustainability over the next two financial years: a financial forecast reflecting confirmed and forecasted income as well as any planned funding effort for this period. You can also provide a description of any other non-financial resources that support your organization's stability (e.g., owned infrastructure, a team of volunteers, etc.).

[Prepare material as a single PDF and include it in the application package under the file name "Financial Forecast"]*

2. Prepare financial documents showing that the organization's debt does not exceed 1.5 times the amount of cash it holds (e.g., balance sheet, tax authorities confirmation).*

[Prepare material as a single PDF and include it in the application package under the file name "Debt-free evidence"]*

3. Prepare your organization's final financial reports for the past two years.* |

[Prepare material as a single PDF and include it in the application package under the file name "Financial Reports"]*

Organizational due diligence |

1. Registration and statute*

[Prepare material as a single PDF and include it in the application package under the file name "Registration and Statute"]*

2. Board (if applicable) and key staff list*

[Prepare material as a single PDF and include it in the application package under the file name "Board and Staff"]*

Coalition details (if applicable) |

1. Signed MoU(s) defining roles, responsibilities, and financial flows*

[Prepare material as a single PDF and include it in the application package under the file name "Coalition Details"]*

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Application checklist |

- You answered all the questions in this Application Form in English and saved it as a single PDF under the name "CGPCore_2026_Name of Your Organization".
- You have prepared material as single PDFs under the file names: "Track record Example 1", "Track record Example 2", "Track record Example 3".
- You have filled and saved all entries in the provided budget template. The amounts are in Euros.
- You have prepared material as a single PDF under the file name "Financial Forecast".
- You have prepared material as a single PDF under the file name "Debt-free evidence".
- You have prepared material as a single PDF under the file name "Financial Reports".
- You have prepared material as a single PDF under the file name "Registration and Statute".
- You have prepared material as a single PDF under the file name "Board and Staff".
- If coalition: You have prepared all material for your organisation and the organizations in your coalition (Signed MoUs, financial flows, responsibilities, roles) as a single PDF under the file name "Coalition Details".
- You have packaged all the above into a single folder named "CGP Application for Core Grant 2026 - Name of your organization", thus making it ready to be sent to cgp@balkanfund.org before December 19, 2025, at 5:00 PM (CET).

Note: If you are unable to send the folder as an email attachment (it is more than 25MB) use the free online service like [WeTransfer](#) to upload your folder and send us this completed Application Form and the link for download the folder instead of the attachment.

Declarations |

- We are a registered, non-profit CSO headquartered and operating in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, or Serbia.*
- If coalition: We confirm that we are the lead organization representing a coalition as an applicant for the CGP Core Programmatic Support Grant 2026.
- The information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of our knowledge.*
- We consent to the European Fund for the Balkans using the information from this application for assessment and due diligence purposes, sharing it on a need-to-know basis.*

Submitting your application |

If you checked all the boxes under "Application Checklist" and "Declarations", **save this application form as a single PDF file** and send it along with all the required materials in a .zip folder under the name "CGP Application for Core Grant 2026 - Name of your organization" to cgp@balkanfund.org with the subject line: "CGP Application for Core Grant 2026 - Name of your organization".

Application submissions close on **December 19, 2025, at 5:00 PM (CET)**. Incomplete and/or late applications **will not** be considered.