

THE FUND FOR LOCAL COOPERATION (FLC) IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA 2015

Objective of the Fund for Local Cooperation

We are announcing a call for project proposals in the Republic of Moldova under the Fund for Local Cooperation (FLC) of the Embassy of Finland in Bucharest.

The objective of the FLC is to complement other Finnish development efforts in the fields of poverty reduction and environmentally, economically and socially sustainable development, human rights, democracy and good governance and civil society strengthening. The FLC supports the overall aim set for the Finnish Development Policy (read more about Finnish Development Policy on <http://formin.finland.fi/Public/default.aspx?contentlan=2&culture=en-US&nodeid=15316>), i.e. eradication of poverty and guaranteeing a dignified life for all.

Cross-cutting objectives of the Finnish development policy, including gender equality, reduction of social inequalities and climate sustainability are required to be integrated to all Finnish funded projects, emphasizing those aspects that benefit most in the local context.

The FLC is geared towards local civil society actors to carry out well-targeted projects with a clear goal and sustainable outcome. The Embassy's FLC has been operating in the Republic of Moldova since 2008.

Award amounts will range from 25,000€ - 50,000€. Project duration is limited up to one year.

The Fund in the Republic of Moldova has two priority areas in 2015, with focused thematic orientations:

1. Support to the strengthening of democratic, inclusive and accountable society that promotes human rights
 - Promotion of the rights of the most vulnerable groups.
 - Strengthening of democratic principles and safeguarding human rights.
2. Support to the freedom of expression and media diversity
 - Promotion of transparency, access to information, accountability and public participation.
 - Emphasis on free, critical and quality journalism.

Eligibility and Procedure for Application

Legally registered non-governmental organizations, whose objectives and activities are in line with the thematic priority areas and who have relevant and solid experience in implementing similar projects, are eligible to apply. Organizations that are currently being supported by the Embassy of Finland are not eligible to participate the call.

Projects can be carried out only by local civil society organizations in the Republic of Moldova. The Fund cannot be used for supporting activities of the government, ministries, municipalities or political parties, projects in which the beneficiary is a single person or private business, projects serving purely religious or charity purposes, microfinance, or for Finnish organisations.

Prospective applicants must provide detailed information on their organization. Only shortlisted organizations are required to present past year's annual accounts and financial statement which is audited by a public accountant (external auditor) or by the organisation (internal auditor).

Activities proposed should reach a large audience (direct and indirect) and have potential for a broad impact and replicability. The proposed programme should not be fully financed by the donor; the fund is not intended for core-funding and the organisation must show its capability to run day-by-day activities. A detailed budget should be attached to the application.

Detailed information regarding the proposed project should be provided by filling the Embassy's application form. Please find the application form as well as additional information on the call on the Embassy's website:

<http://www.finland.ro/public/default.aspx?nodeid=42785&contentlan=2&culture=en-US>

The incoming applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Past experiences of projects with similar focus
- Specific, measurable, achievable and relevant objectives of the project
- Clarity on the main beneficiaries
- Effective and efficient use of the funds – the organization needs to demonstrate in the proposed budget that the funds will be used efficiently and effectively to reach the specified objectives
- Innovative approaches to solve problems in the community
- Sustainability of the results – the organization needs to indicate clearly how the impact of the project will be sustainable after the funding from the Embassy of Finland has finished

Additional Information

The Embassy of Finland reserves the right to accept or reject project proposals.

Only complete applications will be considered. Embassy may ask further clarifications from the shortlisted organisations/proposals; shortlisted organizations will be asked to provide past year's annual accounts and financial statement and other relevant information to the Embassy.

Applications and possible further inquiries can be sent via email to sanomat.buk@formin.fi. The project proposal should be submitted in English. All applicants will be contacted.

Please note that the e-mail with full application and its entire annex shouldn't exceed 2 MB in size.

Deadline for submitting applications: **Monday 23rd of March 2015 by 16:00**. Project proposals submitted after the deadline will not be considered.