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## Rapid Response Grants – Act Now

USAID Civil Society Engagement Program announces the Act Now / Rapid Response Grants program to support community organizing and activism by Georgian civil society organizations (CSOs), civic movements, and citizen groups in response to the war on Ukraine and its implications for Georgia. This grant program is designed to rapidly deploy flexible resources to organizations and civic activists to **take civic action** and:

- Engage in community organizing to **support Ukrainians in Georgia** by identifying unmet needs, tailoring the response to the needs, coordinating the ongoing assistance efforts, and/or consolidating the information about the available support in one place to make it more accessible.
- Engage in community organizing to **raise funds for relief services in Ukraine** by publicizing the existing instruments and opportunities, creating new opportunities, and/or providing other types of essential support.
- Facilitate **intra-sectoral and inter-sectoral cooperation** to help strengthen and scale up the ongoing support and community mobilization efforts and/or develop new ones.

Act Now / Rapid Response Grants can also be used to address other issues requiring a timely and targeted response. This could include:

- Public awareness and advocacy initiatives to **expose and limit the current malign influence activities** by far-right and/or Russia-funded groups in Georgia in the midst of the war on Ukraine.
- Policy analysis and public awareness initiatives to **bring deeper insight into the most widely debated issues** at the moment e.g., joining of sanctions, the closing of the airspace, threats for Georgia, etc.
- Policy analysis and public advocacy initiatives to **identify and address the most urgent needs** and priorities in Georgia created by the war on Ukraine.
- Public awareness and advocacy initiatives to support **communication on the war on Ukraine** and the bilateral and multilateral support efforts.
- Civic initiatives addressing **other significant aspects** of the war on Ukrainian and its immediate implications for Georgia.

Act Now / Rapid Response Grants can be requested at any time. Applicants must demonstrate that the proposed intervention is critical and that it must happen quickly to be effective. Considering the urgency of the issue, the USAID Civil Society Engagement Program will process the grant applications quickly – within 3 to 5 days. If approved, grants will be processed within one week from the approval.

<b>Amount of Act Now Grant:</b>	<b>Min. \$500 – Max. \$10,000</b>
<b>Duration of Projects:</b>	<b>Min. 2 Weeks – Max. 2 months</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>

Grants are available and awarded on a rolling basis until funding is exhausted.

There are two different funding arrangements for registered CSOs and for unregistered movements and civic activists:

- **Registered CSOs** must submit standard grant budgets detailing their expenses
- **Unregistered movements and citizen groups** must submit a list of goods/services needed to implement their initiatives, costs by goods/services, and a list of vendors who can provide those goods/services.

Smaller and new civic groups, as well as individual civic activists, are strongly encouraged to apply.

Act Now / Rapid Response Grants program **will not fund:**

- Direct service provision, including humanitarian assistance services
- Regular office running costs (e.g., rent, utility bills, salaries)
- Construction costs
- Retrospective expenses (i.e., costs that were incurred before the start of the project)

Grant recipients will be required to submit a short written report, and include copies of all original receipts, on completion of their initiatives.

**Applications must be submitted electronically** in English or Georgian to [anikabadze@ewmi.org](mailto:anikabadze@ewmi.org). Emails must have ACT NOW GRANT in the subject line. Below please find the link to the application form. There is no specific budget form for this grant program. Please, feel free to use your own template.

Requests for clarifications should be sent to Ani Nikabadze, EWMI Citizen Engagement Coordinator, at [anikabadze@ewmi.org](mailto:anikabadze@ewmi.org).