

Before applying to the New Democracy Fund, please read the following guidelines:

PURPOSE OF THE NEW DEMOCRACY FUND

The New Democracy Fund was established in 2020 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark in response to democratic challenges in the Eastern Neighbourhood Countries. Since then, it has worked to strengthen democratic development in the region by providing civil society actors with tools, methodologies, support, and knowledge to build resilience and respond to rapidly changing and diverse local contexts.

Thus, **the New Democracy Fund (NDF) supports an independent, diverse, resilient, and responsive civil society in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine - the Eastern Neighbourhood Countries (ENC).** The NDF promotes a culture of democracy and human rights by engaging in regional networking and peer-to-peer exchange of experiences amongst civil society actors in the ENC and in Denmark working with youth, media, culture, labour market, green and just transition.

HOW TO APPLY?

Apply via this link: [New Democracy Fund / GrantOne](#). The application requirements within the online platform provides guiding questions regarding the details to be included in the application. **In addition to the application an activity-based budget and a workplan should be uploaded.**

The application must be filled out in **English**. All applicants can receive technical advice in English in the writing process by contacting the administration by e-mail: support@newdemocracyfund.org. Costs for translating the application can be included in the budget.

Submit the application form and annexes for NDF here: [New Democracy Fund / GrantOne](#).

Follow up: The NDF Grant Management Team will check if the application is eligible and if all information and annexes have been submitted and filled out according to the requirements. The NDF Grant Management Team can ask your organisation to send in additional information if needed to be able to verify your organisation. If the NDF Grant Management Team finds the application non-eligible and not aligned with the guidelines the application can be rejected.

- **If the application has been approved**, you will receive a summary of the approval and relevant recommendations for improvements to the project. Afterwards, you will be invited to a meeting with the NDF Grant Management Team to discuss the finalisation of the contract and if relevant the recommendations for improvements to the project.
- **If the NDF Selection Committee rejects an application**, the applicant for grants above 13,400 EURO (DKK 100,000) will receive an explanation based on the criteria, scoring and statement from the Selection Committee.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Civil Society Actors from Moldova working with Youth, Culture, Labor Market and Media, Green and Just Transition with an interest in Green and Just Transition. Civil society actors are broadly defined as democratically organised CSOs, social movements, media, academia, labour market organisations as well as community-based groups and organisations, including cultural, educational, and knowledge institutions.

The call is open for both Civil Society Actors with a high degree of experience in Green and Just Transition and Civil Society Actors with no or limited experience. To learn more about the transparency of application process, including applicant eligibility and assessment process, see **the Annex on NDF Transparency**.

WHAT CAN YOU APPLY FOR?

Funding is available for new and/or innovative initiatives focused on:

- ★ Informing or seeking to impact in the discussion about solutions to Moldova's urgent energy supply crisis.
- ★ Informing or promoting civil society's involvement in Moldova's NDC's (National Determined Contributions) to reduce CO2 emissions.
- ★ Informing or seeking to impact the discussion about Green and Just Transition in relation to the parliamentary election in July 2025.

The call will prioritize projects that:

- ★ Demonstrate new ways to reach involvement and impact for working with Green and Just Transition, for example by reaching new target groups or trying out new partnerships.
- ★ Demonstrate a cross-sectoral approach to working with Green and Just Transition.

Budget alignment

Applicants can apply for grants of maximum 53.000 EURO. For grants between 13.4000 EURO and 53.000 EURO it is a requirement that applications are submitted by a minimum of two different Civil Society Actors.

We encourage Civil Society Actors with lesser experience to apply for between 6.705 EURO and 13.400 EURO.

The experience of your organisation / team determines the budget range you can apply for. This means that established applicants with long-term experience handling international grants can apply within all budget ranges, while newly established applicants are urged to reflect their experience and capacity accordingly.

Please note that if the EUR/DKK exchange rate fluctuates, NDF will use DKK 400.000 as the maximum applicable amount, and the budget will need to be adjusted accordingly.

Grants must have a project period of maximum one year.

Application Cycle

All needed material to each call is published on the NDF website including guidelines, application form, budget template, etc.

Following the submission, your application will undergo an eligibility check. You will receive a rejection if your application is not eligible.

During the evaluation process, your application is assessed by a team of assessors, consisting of experts from the ENC and Denmark including the NDF consortium partners.

If your application scores under 60 points, it will be rejected. Scoreboard will be published for each call for applications. See Annex NDF Example Scoreboard.

Following the assessment, an independent Selection Committee makes the final selection and prioritisation of the applications.

After the selection process, you will be notified if your application has been approved or rejected together with the reason for the final decision. If your application is above EURO 13.400 you will also receive a summary of the assessment.

Grantees will then enter the contracting phase. Through dialogue with the NDF Grant Management Team an assessment of the capacity and experience of your organisation / team will be made in accordance with the budget level. Capacity sharing between partners are welcomed and should in that case be contracted within the partnership.

Complaints can be made if you believe that a technical or factual error has been made during the selection process or if the assessment of the application otherwise has been inconsistent with the guidelines. If you then want to submit a complaint, please see the Annex on NDF Complaints Procedure for more information.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU RECEIVE THE NDF GRANT?

Implementation. When the contract has been signed by you and the NDF Grant Management Team, you can start implementing the project and carrying out the activities according to your approved budget and work plan.

Reporting. Depending on the length of the project, you can be required to submit an interim narrative report and financial status. At the end of the project, you must submit a final narrative report, learning brief and financial report.

If your budget exceeds EURO 26.000 (DKK 200.000) the financial report must be audited by an external auditor,

All reporting should be submitted in English. If needed, translation costs can be included in the budget.



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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NDF Grant Management Team can advise you regarding the application process and answer any questions that might occur during the application period. If you have any questions, please contact NDF Grant Management Team at support@newdemocracyfund.org.