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Grant Opportunity for Emergency Response Projects

Call for Proposals - 1st stage
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STRIVE for a better future: communities and civil society resilience in Armenia (STRIVE) is a project co-funded by the European Union and implemented by NEF Belgium (NEF) and its four partner civil society organisations (CSOs):

- “AGATE” Rights Defense Center for Women with Disabilities NGO;
- “Blejan” Ecological, Social, Business Support NGO;
- “WDRCF” Goris Women’s Development Resource Center Foundation;
- “YCCD” Youth Cooperation Center of Dilijan NGO;

The STRIVE project aims to improve the resilience, sustainability, accountability, and capacity for innovation of Armenian CSOs, enabling them to play a pivotal role in raising awareness, deepening democracy, and serving constituencies in Armenia, especially vulnerable populations.

NEF and partners are pleased to announce a grant competition for **emergency response projects to address the pressing needs of communities and individuals across Armenia to alleviate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2020-armed conflict, and their humanitarian, social and economic aftershocks.**

All CSOs registered in Armenia will be eligible to apply for a grant and are invited to participate in this competition. For equitable geographical coverage, at least 70% of the overall funding will go towards actions implemented outside of Yerevan.

Each application must apply a **do-no-harm** approach in each project stage – from identification of the needs of beneficiaries, through design, implementation, cost effectiveness and sustainability.

NOTE: Each CSO can submit only one proposal and in case the consortium applies, the CSO can be involved in only one consortium.

The following types of actions will be eligible:

1. Education support for displacement-affected students and students from highly vulnerable households;
2. Minimal upgrades of housing conditions to meet minimum and safe decent living condition standards, particularly among displacement-affected households (excludes heavy renovations/construction);
3. Regular social and educational activities for vulnerable children, youth, and women;
4. Training for livelihoods and self-reliance e.g., agribusiness, agri-food, artisanry, small trade and services;
5. Solidarity initiatives for raising the food security of particularly vulnerable communities or people, such as community gardening, a community food pantry, or refrigerators in key locations, etc;
6. Support to restart small businesses or agricultural activities in support of highly vulnerable households and individuals, particularly in support of those negatively impacted by the COVID-19 impact;
7. Other innovative initiatives for raising social protection, well-being, and resilience of highly vulnerable community members, particularly among people with disabilities.

Note: this grant can be used as co-funding that complements an active project with related activities. Needs must be clearly justified and agreed upon with your project's existing donor(s) and all funding sources must be clearly identified in the application.

All applications in PDF format in Armenian or English language should be sent to the following email address: grants.armenia@neareast.org

The deadline for applications is May 22, 2022, 17.00 (Yerevan time).
Late applications will not be accepted.

The Proposal form is available at the following link
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sGIadwvulkw6RYSeXMxB0ozt_YKMczH?usp=sharing

As a result of the competition, up to **25 grants** will be awarded. Each grant must be between **2 500 000 (two and a half million) and 10 000 000 (ten million) Armenian drams**. Preferred duration for projects is up to **6 months**; maximum duration is **12 months**.

Due to the nature of this fund, budget lines allocated for Admin costs including salaries, office rent, utilities and transportation will be capped at 10% of the overall requested grant sum.

All questions related to technical aspects can be sent to grants.armenia@neareast.org until May 13, 2022, 17.00 (Yerevan time).

On May 17, 2022 at 14:30
questions/answers session will be organized online.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86885526876?pwd=ZUwvV0lvVlYzeXR0ZkZ2L05LTmhKZz09>

Note:

- The expected start date of the programs is July 15, 2022
- Only programs that have passed the first stage will be contacted.