



The U.S. Embassy in Georgia Announces
The Democracy Commission Small Grants Program
Competition for 2013



Tbilisi, Georgia -- The U.S. Embassy in Georgia announces the opening of the Democracy Commission Small Grants Program Competition for 2013.

The Commission, co-chaired by the Deputy Chief of Mission and the Public Affairs Officer, will award grants of up to 24,000 U.S. Dollars to indigenous Georgian non-profit, non-governmental, media and educational organizations that support the following initiatives:

- **Civic Engagement:** increase involvement of civil society in decision-making processes; support public education and advocacy; support leadership education, empowerment and the rights of women, minorities, people with disabilities and other groups; promote democratic practices and principles.
- **Electoral System Support:** non-partisan voter education; promote greater understanding and participation in electoral process; elections monitoring including training.
- **Independent Media Development:** business development; diversification of programming; professional growth; media advocacy and transparency; promote ethics in journalism.
- **Youth Engagement:** develop critical thinking and problem solving amongst youth (13-30 age range); promote health life-style in youth.

The deadline for submission of applications is Monday, January 21, 2013, at 1800hrs. While final approval of grants is carried out in Washington D.C., the technical review process may last three to six months. Completed applications (one copy, in English) should be mailed by post or hand delivered by the deadline to the Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy, 11 George Balanchine Street, Tbilisi 0131, Georgia.

To participate in the competition, a complete application package in English-Georgian and English-Russian can be downloaded from the following address:

<http://georgia.usembassy.gov/resources/programs/grant-programs/democracy-commission-grant-program.html>

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