



## The U.S. Embassy in Georgia Announces

### The Democracy Commission Small Grants Program Competition for 2016

*Tbilisi, Georgia* -- The U.S. Embassy in Georgia announces the opening of the Democracy Commission Small Grants Program Competition for 2016.

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; develop critical thinking and problem solving among youth; support leadership education, empowerment and the rights of women, minorities, people with disabilities and other groups; promote democratic practices and principles; etc.)
- **Electoral System Support** (non-partisan voter education; promote greater understanding and participation in electoral process; elections monitoring including training; etc.)
- **Environmental Protection** (public awareness campaigns; community-based projects to protect the environment; recycling/waste management promotion; etc.)
- **Independent Media Development for More Informed and Engaged Citizenry** (diversification of programming; professional growth; media advocacy and transparency; promote ethics in journalism; etc.)

**The deadline for submission of applications is Monday, January 25, 2016, 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 print-out copy, in English) should be 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/demcom.html>

For consultations, please register under E-mail: [TbilisiGrants@state.gov](mailto:TbilisiGrants@state.gov)