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**DEMOCRACY COMMISSION SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM
THEMATIC COMPETITION: SPECIAL PEACE CORPS DEMOCRACY GRANT PROGRAM**

The U.S. Embassy in Ukraine calls for proposals from Ukrainian NGOs and media outlets who are currently working with at least one U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer.

The project activities must fall into the following areas to be considered for funding in this thematic competition:

- Human Rights Education: Proposals should describe follow-up activities and what segment(s) of society will be targeted.
- Rule of Law and Legal Reforms: Legal support services, public education and advocacy, judicial support, lobbying efforts and related follow-up activities.
- Economic Reforms: Promoting market economy initiatives, improving the business environment for small and medium size enterprises. Supporting better working relationships between the public and private sectors. Lobbying for taxation reform and for other issues of concern to private enterprises and entrepreneurs.
- Civil Society Development: Initiatives that will further the development, effectiveness and sustainability of the third sector.
- Transparency in Government: Education and awareness campaigns.
- Anti-Trafficking: Projects to promote awareness, prevention and legal remedies.
- Ethnic, Minority and Women's Equality: Advocacy, legal consulting and association building projects and related issues.
- Youth Development: Promotion of youth participation in civic society, including environmental programs, democratization, and using sports and athletics to promote targeted civil society objectives from the above categories.

The U.S. Embassy will fund high-quality and results-oriented projects from media and NGOs throughout Ukraine. The duration of programs may vary depending on the proposals, but the length of the project should be no longer than six months. The average project budget will be \$1,000–\$5,000, subject to availability of funds and subject to potential changes.

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

- Grants can only be given to Ukrainian NGOs and media outlets registered in accordance with Ukrainian law. NGOs include civic organization, associations, charitable foundations and think tanks.
- Eligible organizations and their members may not represent any political party, or serve as appointed or elected public officials at the time of application or for the duration of the grant.
- Eligible organizations may not make any expenditures with their own funds on behalf of political parties, party coalitions, or their representatives.
- Grant money may not be used to contribute to any political campaigns, nor may it be used to offset the expense of contributing to any political campaign.
- Eligible organizations may not publish or communicate anything that explicitly or implicitly favors or opposes any political candidate, political party, or party coalition.
- Application to, or receipt of funds from this thematic competition, does not disqualify any organization from competing for other U.S. government funds.

TO APPLY:

Only electronic applications will be accepted. No paper application will be accepted. You must submit your application in PDF format. Applications must be completed in both English and Ukrainian.

Project proposals, marked “Peace Corps Partnership,” must be received no later than 11.59pm (Ukraine time) on **June 15, 2012** at the following email address:

Electronic copy:

KyivDemgrants@state.gov

In all correspondence please refer to the Peace Corps Partnership competition.

You must use the standard Democracy Grants Program application forms and follow the instructions provided at:

<http://ukraine.usembassy.gov/democracy-grants.html>

Applicants may also request information by calling (044) 521-5044 or by writing to KyivDemgrants@state.gov.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered for the thematic competition.