

## **U.S. Embassy Democracy Commission Small Grant Program**

### **Competition: Combatting Trafficking in Persons**

The U.S. Embassy's Democracy Commission invites Ukrainian non-governmental organizations to submit proposals aimed at the prevention and combatting of trafficking in persons in Ukraine, prosecution and punishment of traffickers, and protection of trafficking victims. The goal of the grant competition is to impede and eliminate trafficking in persons, for whatever purpose of exploitation: sexual, labor, or any other reason.

Through this competition, the Democracy Commission seeks innovative approaches to supporting anti-trafficking initiatives, raise awareness of the problem, create and sustain the political will and resources to combat trafficking in persons, and strengthen the legal and institutional capacity needed to stop trafficking.

Proposal components may include:

- Advocacy and capacity-building through the continuous support of the necessary legislative change as well as training governmental and non-governmental service providers to combat trafficking in persons in Ukraine effectively and sustainably;
- Prevention of trafficking, including targeted prevention actions and comprehensive awareness raising of various types of trafficking in persons;
- Protection, rehabilitation and reintegration assistance to victims to ensure their sustainable reinsertion into society along with the legal support, access to justice and compensation;
- Protection of children and youth;
- Overcoming stigma towards victims of TIP among general population;
- Mobilization of initiative groups and civil society within Ukraine and on the international level;
- Economic empowerment to increase the economic potential of victims of trafficking and selected at-risk groups;

- Encouragement of cooperation between civil society and police departments;
- Education campaigns aimed at current victims;
- Training for first responders to victims, including social service workers, police, prosecutors, and judges;
- Increasing attention given to the rural population or “highly vulnerable” segments of society;
- Generating intensive media coverage of the latest threats and challenges of TIP;
- Addressing the problem of trafficking inside and outside the country.

***The application deadline for this competition is February 4 at 12:00 p.m.***

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

- ✓ **TO THE DEMOCRACY SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM**

Send project proposals marked “ANTI-TRAFFICKING” electronically to the address:

[KyivDemGrants@state.gov](mailto:KyivDemGrants@state.gov)

In all correspondence, please refer to the “**Anti-Trafficking Competition.**”

***Please use .ZIP in case you need to archive your documents. Otherwise send them as separate attachments.***

**Application forms with instructions are available at:** <http://ukraine.usembassy.gov/programs-grants.html>

**Please note that late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

*Applications received before January 30 will receive priority consideration.*

*Applicants are encouraged strongly to review the information on the U.S. Embassy Media Development Fund Grants Program, prior to submitting their proposals.*