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**DEMOCRACY COMMISSION SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM
THEMATIC COMPETITION: YOUTH AND VOLUNTEERISM**

The U.S. Embassy in Kyiv is pleased to announce a new thematic grants competition on “Youth and Volunteerism.” The Democracy Commission Small Grants Program will accept proposals on the following themes:

- Promotion of volunteerism and civic duty, including environmental programs and democratization to promote civic society development.
- Education and awareness campaigns through tolerance, inclusion and diversity, safe and vital communities and economic empowerment;
- Promoting youth engagement and youth inter-regional networking;
- Engaging youth through extracurricular activities ;
- Encouraging commitment to the improvement of local communities;
- Supporting volunteer movements, public education, advocacy and related follow-up activities;
- Advocating for civic society development: initiatives that will further the development of volunteerism, effectiveness and sustainability of the activities.

The U.S. Embassy will fund high-quality and results-oriented projects from media and registered 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. Although the maximum funding available for a single grant is \$24,000, the average amount of awarded grants is between \$5,000 and \$15,000.

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

- Grants can only be given to Ukrainian NGOs and media outlets registered in accordance with Ukrainian law. NGOs may 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 “Youth and Volunteerism,” must be received no later than 11.59 pm (Ukraine time) on **March 31, 2012** at the following email address:

Electronic copy:

KyivDemgrants@state.gov

In all correspondence please refer to the Youth and Volunteerism 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) 521-5625, 521-5565 or by writing to KyivDemgrants@state.gov.

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