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**DEMOCRACY COMMISSION SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM
THEMATIC COMPETITION: DISABILITY AND REHABILITATION**

The U.S. Embassy in Kyiv will accept proposals for consideration by the Democracy Commission Small Grants Program on the following themes:

- Improving educational, training, and employment opportunities of youth and adults with mental and physical disabilities.
- Raising awareness among government agencies, employers, and the general public to ensure the rights of persons with disabilities are fully recognized and protected.
- Developing methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technologies that advance a wide range of independent living and employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.
- Engaging in disability inclusive policy and legislation.
- Promotion of disability rehabilitation including development and implementation plans for improving effective and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in the workforce.
- Supporting disability and rehabilitation movements, public education, advocacy and related follow-up activities that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society.
- Capacity building for accessibility and disability inclusive development, including initiatives that will further the development of rehabilitation.

The U.S. Embassy will fund high-quality and results-oriented projects from 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; the project duration is one year, subject to availability of funds and subject to other potential changes.

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

- Grants can only be given to Ukrainian NGOs 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.
 - Only one application per organization can be submitted and will be considered; multiple applications will not be processed.

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 “DISABILITY AND REHABILITATION” must be received no later than 11.59 pm (Ukraine time) on **July 31, 2013** at the following email address:

Electronic copy:

KyivDemgrants@state.gov

In all correspondence please refer to the “DISABILITY AND REHABILITATION” 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.