

## Regional Program “Right to Health” Small Grants Program 2017

Eurasian Coalition on Male Health (ECOM) opens a Call for Proposals from LGBTQI community-based organizations and initiative groups for Small Grants program under the regional program “Right to Health” with the financial support of the **Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria**.

The **Goal of the Small Grants Program** is to increase the advocacy capacity of underserved LGBT sub-groups, experiencing stigma on multiple bases related to their HIV status, gender identity and/or involvement in sex work - and namely, a) trans\* people, b) HIV-positive gay and bisexual men and trans\* people, and c) MSM and trans\* sex workers.

Within this Call for Proposals, ECOM invites community-based organizations and initiative groups from the countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Ukraine) to submit **proposals that aim** to increase the advocacy capacity of underserved LGBT sub-groups of trans\* people, HIV-positive gay and bisexual men and trans\* people, and MSM and trans\* sex workers.

### OBJECTIVES

- To strengthen the advocacy capacity of community-based organizations that represent and/or engage underserved subgroups of MSM/Trans\* communities to advocate for availability of HIV services
- To facilitate evaluation of the sexual health and HIV-related needs of these sub-groups and reduce the negative impact of the HIV epidemic on them

### TARGET AUDIENCES

- Trans\* people;
- HIV-positive gay men, other MSM and trans\* people;
- MSM and trans\* sex workers.

### ACTIVITIES

**Projects’ activities supported within this Small Grants Program can include, but are not limited to, the following:**

- Educational activities (seminars, workshops, training sessions, development of training manuals, etc.);
- Capacity building and organizational development;
- Advocacy activities including media campaigns etc.;
- Research and analysis;
- Data collection on stigma and discrimination and human rights violations in public sector.

**The following types of activities will not be covered:**

- Individual sponsorships for participation in workshops, seminars, conferences, congresses;
- Capital expenditure, e.g. land, buildings, equipment and vehicles;
- Individual scholarships for studies or training courses;
- Sub-contracting.

**Please note** that all proposed activities within the submitted project proposal have to be justified: please give justification how they will ensure the achievement of the Small Grants Program goal and objective(s).

**GRANT BUDGET**

Requested budget from 4000 to 7000 EUR.

**GRANT IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME**

Supported projects should be implemented during 6 months in the period between October 2017 and March 2018.

**PROPOSAL SET**

Applicants are requested to submit online a full proposal via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ecomsmallgrants>. The following documents are required: to be attached to the filled application form.

For NGOs

- Online filled Full Application
- Annex 1: Project Timeframe
- Annex 2: Project Budget
- Annex 3: Organization documents: registration certificate, extract from State Register, non-profit certificate, statute

For Initiative Groups

- Online filled Full Application
- Annex 1: Project Timeframe
- Annex 2: Project Budget
- Annex 3: Proof of previously accomplished activities
- Annex 4: Partner Organization's documents: registration certificate, extract from State Register, non-profit certificate, statute
- Annex 5: Letter of Support from the partner NGO

*Important for **Initiative Groups**:*

- *Only initiative groups with documented history of not less than 1 year can be supported.*
- *To submit a project proposal, an initiative group needs a registered partner organization that will assume the responsibility of fiduciary agent including financial management and reporting for this grant. Please attach a Support Letter from a registered NGO that states that it will provide a comprehensive support for your Initiative Group during the project implementation.*

**Please note:** *In the program's target countries (Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia) we encourage initiative groups and/or organizations to apply through SRs in these countries. We recommend to contact them directly. (The information about “Right to Health” regional program SRs, you can find at <http://ecom.ngo/participating-countries/>) Funding for selected initiative groups and/or organizations in other countries will go directly through ECOM's Secretariat.*

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Applications will be selected based on the following criteria:

Necessary:

- Applicant is an informal (unregistered) initiative group or legal organization established by representatives of LGBT sub-groups experiencing stigma on multiple bases and based in one of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia;
- Applicant cooperates with other LGBT-community groups and organizations working in the fields of LGBT sexual health and/or LGBT human rights;
- Applicant has a mechanism that ensures quality and transparent financial management (using their own structures and procedures, or a financial agent that will provide the necessary quality of financial management);
- Conformity of the proposed project's goal to the competition objectives;
- Proposal has a good quality of the project planning (SMART criteria);
- Proposal also includes a plan of action for community mobilization and to ensure the meaningful involvement of representatives of one of the groups, experiencing stigma on multiple levels, in the project work;
- Proposal has a realistic plan for enhanced coordination with other initiative groups and LGBT-community organizations in the country;
- Applicant has own communication tools to work with the community (Facebook and/or Vkontakte groups, listservs, regular off-line meetings, etc);
- Proposal verified by letters of support from other initiative groups and LGBT-community organizations.

Desirable:

- No less than 50% of organization's staff and/or members/board members are people who belong to program target audiences.

## STAGES OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The overall timeframe of the Call is from 25 July to 30 September 2017. The Call will be conducted in three stages.

### ***(1) Proposals Submission***

14 August 2017 - deadline for application submission.

**One organization can submit only one project proposal.**

ECOM staff will screen the applications for meeting technical requirements. Only applications with the full set of supporting documents will be accepted.

### ***(2) Proposals Review and Selection***

15 August - 13 September 2017

Applications will be reviewed by independent experts. Experts' recommendations for selecting recipients will be confirmed by ECOM's Steering Committee.

All applicants will be informed of the final decision. ECOM reserves the right not to provide the reasons for rejection of a proposal.

### ***(3) Grant Agreement Negotiations and Signing***

14 September 2017 – announcement of results

15 - 30 September 2017 – detailed negotiations on contract terms will be conducted – contract terms, work plan and budget for the grant recipients, contract signing.

## HOW TO APPLY

Fill in the application form and relevant annexes that are part of this Call for Proposals. Only complete application sets will be accepted (see the list of documents in the application form).

ECOM reserves the right to request from applicants to provide further documents and information to substantiate or to clarify the information listed on the application.

Proposals must be submitted in English or Russian via

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ecomsmallgrants>. “Project Timeframe” and “Project Budget” templates are available in annexes below.

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If you have questions related to the Call content, please contact ECOM Human Rights and Legal Issues Officer **Yuri Yoursky** at [yuri@ecom.ngo](mailto:yuri@ecom.ngo).

Technical questions regarding the filling out of the application shall be sent to ECOM Grant Manager **Olga Chemiia** at [olga@ecom.ngo](mailto:olga@ecom.ngo).

Application deadline is **14 August 2017**, 23:59 EET (Eastern European Time).