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## **Regional Program "Right to Health" Call for Proposals: Small Grants for Trans Initiatives 2019**

Eurasian Coalition on Male Health - ECOM opens a Call for Proposals from LGBTQ community-based organizations and unregistered initiative groups for Small Grants program under the regional program "Right to Health".

The **Goal of the Small Grants Program 2019** is to increase advocacy capacity of trans people, experiencing stigma based on their gender identity, HIV status and other characteristics.

### **WHO CAN APPLY**

Within this Call for Proposals, ECOM invites non-governmental community-based organizations and unregistered initiative groups from the following countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, North Macedonia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, and Ukraine.

The priority will be given to trans community based organizations and initiative groups working from within ECOM members, and to organizations and initiative groups that did not participate in ECOM's Small Grants Program in 2017 and 2018 as independent sub-recipients or as implementing initiative groups. In addition, other things being equal, priority will be given to new organizations and initiative groups. Applications from consortia of organizations will not be supported.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE CALL**

- To strengthen advocacy capacity of community-based organizations that represent trans people, to advocate for the right to health<sup>1</sup>;
- To raise the awareness among trans people on their right to health;
- To advocate for the right to health for trans people through engagement with national and international human rights mechanisms<sup>2</sup>.

#### Notes:

<sup>1</sup>*In the framework of this call, the right to health is defined as the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. This includes:*

- *The right to a system of health protection providing equality of opportunity for everyone to enjoy the highest attainable level of health;*
- *The right to prevention, treatment and control of diseases, in particular HIV;*
- *Right to be free from non-consensual medical treatment, such as medical experiments and research or forced sterilization, and to be free from torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;*
- *Equal and timely access to basic health services;*
- *The provision of health-related education and information;*



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- *Participation of communities in health-related decision-making at the national and local levels.*

<sup>2</sup> National and international human rights mechanisms can include but are not limited to (1) UN Treaty Bodies, (2) UPR, (3) European Human Rights Court, and (4) Ombudsman offices.

## TARGET GROUPS

- Trans people, including all cross- and sub-groups

## ACTIVITIES

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

- Advocacy activities, including media campaigns, etc.;
- Needs assessment, as a tool for advocacy activities within the proposed project;
- Data collection on stigma and discrimination and human rights violations in public sector;
- Educational activities (seminars, workshops, training sessions, development of training manuals, etc.);
- Capacity building and organizational development.

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

- Individual participation in workshops, seminars, conferences, congresses, etc.;
- Individual scholarships for studies or training courses;
- Capital expenditure, including procurement and renovation of buildings, vehicles, etc.;
- Re-publications of informational materials developed previously;
- Research projects with no practical implications within the same project;
- Sub-contracting of other organizations (except fiduciary agents for unregistered groups – see below).

**Please note** that all proposed activities within the submitted project proposal must be justified and contribute to ensuring the achievement of the Small Grants Program goal and objective(s).

## GRANT BUDGET

Up to 8,000 EUR can be requested.

## GRANT IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME

Supported projects should be implemented during 4 months between August and November 2019.



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## PROPOSAL SET

Applicants are requested to submit online a full proposal via [https://ru.surveymonkey.com/r/small\\_tgrants](https://ru.surveymonkey.com/r/small_tgrants). The following documents are required: to be attached to the filled application form.

### For NGOs

- The online application
- Annex: Project Workplan and Budget per template
- Annex/es: Organization document/s: registration certificate, extract from State Register, non-profit certificate, statute
- Annex/es: Confirmation of meaningful involvement of trans community (see criteria below)

### For Initiative Groups

- The online application
- Annex : Project Workplan and Budget
- Annex/es: Partner Organization's documents: registration certificate, extract from State Register, non-profit certificate, statute
- Annex: Letter of Support from the partner NGO
- Annex/es: Confirmation of history of trans initiative groups activities of not less than 1 year

### *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.*

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Applicant is a legal organization or an unregistered initiative group established by trans people and based in one of the following countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, North Macedonia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, and Ukraine;
- Meaningful involvement of trans people in the organization is confirmed (trans community representatives are among the organization's staff and members and Board members; Articles and strategic documents of the organization explicitly define trans people as a (one of the) target group(s); the organization's activities are aimed at trans people etc.).



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- 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).
- Objectives of the proposed project correspond to the goals of this Call for Proposals.
- Proposal has a good quality of the project planning (SMART criteria).
- Applicant demonstrates access to the target group(s) of the proposed project (Facebook and/or Vkontakte groups, mailing lists, regular off-line meetings, etc.).

## **STAGES OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

The overall timeframe of the Call is from 30 May to 24 June 2019. The Call will be conducted in three stages.

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

24 June 2019 - deadline for application submission.

**Only one project proposal per organization will be considered.**

ECOM will screen all applications for meeting technical requirements. Only applications with the full set of supporting documents will be considered further.

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

First half of July 2019 - Applications will be reviewed by independent experts. Experts' recommendations for selecting recipients will be reviewed and approved 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**

Last two weeks of 2019 – announcement of results and detailed negotiations on contract terms will be conducted: contract terms, work plan and budget for the grant recipients, contract signing.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

- 1) Proposals must be submitted in English or Russian via online application form [https://ru.surveymonkey.com/r/small\\_tgrants](https://ru.surveymonkey.com/r/small_tgrants).
- 2) Attach all relevant annexes as listed above.
- 3) Template "Project Workplan and Budget" is attached to this announcement.

Only complete application sets will be accepted.

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.



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## **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WEBINAR ON PARTICIPATION IN THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

ECOM will conduct a webinar for those who are willing to participate in the Call for Proposals and might have additional questions. During the webinar, information on the application process and the content of the small grants program will be provided.

The webinar will take place on **12 June 2019, 11:00 EET**.

If you wish to participate in the webinar, kindly inform Erika Tšerkašina, ECOM Program Officer, by **10 June 2019, 23:59 EET** at [erika@ecom.ngo](mailto:erika@ecom.ngo).

All content-related questions should also be addressed to Erika Tšerkašina at [erika@ecom.ngo](mailto:erika@ecom.ngo). Technical questions on filling out of the application form can be sent to ECOM Grant Manager Olga Chemiya at [olga@ecom.ngo](mailto:olga@ecom.ngo).

Application deadline is **24 June 2019, 23:59 EET** (Eastern European Time).

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