

## GUIDELINES

# Call for Proposals Education Grassroots Activism in Hungary

## Education Support Program

### Program description

The Education Support Program of the Open Society Foundations is pleased to invite applications for its Education Grassroots Activism in Hungary call. The program seeks to support grassroots-level Hungarian civil society active in the field of education and social inclusion in:

- building open, equitable and cohesive societies;
- fighting discrimination in education and promoting equal opportunities for all;
- promoting the role of education in increasing wellbeing and civic participation;
- playing a mediating role between vulnerable groups and the mainstream society;
- mobilizing and uniting their communities around issues of education and social inclusion;
- articulating and getting across key messages to the wider public and policy makers.

This sixth call for proposals seeks to provide support to projects and actions initiated by grassroots civil society organizations in Hungary, which aim to work towards community cohesion and a strengthened, more vocal grassroots civil society through the involvement of a wide range of education stakeholders.

This call focuses on deepening and further **encouraging the cooperation between grassroots organizations** with the aim of pooling their resources to jointly develop viable models of collaboration for the benefit of marginalized children and their communities.

### Eligibility Criteria

Organizations registered in Hungary must cumulatively meet the following criteria:

- be formally registered grassroots organizations with a non-for-profit character and established legal status;
- carry out work related to formal or non-formal education or youth work with a social inclusion dimension;

- work at the community level and make use of volunteer support.

### **Project requirements**

Projects should:

- address education equity challenges of vulnerable pupils, students and youth, involving stakeholders responsible for shaping education policy and practice wherever possible;
- span no more than 12 months, starting no earlier than September 1, 2017;
- envision activities that build on the grassroots activism of local stakeholders and follow a clear implementation plan;
- partnerships with other organizations are strongly encouraged, but not compulsory.

### **Budget**

The budget under this call is USD 145,000. Individual applications can be up to USD 15,000. One organization can present only one application. Co-funding from other sources is not required. The grant amount will be received in pre-financing, in one installment.

### **Evaluation criteria**

The selection committee will consider the extent to which:

- activities in the proposal effectively address well-defined educational equity challenges faced by hard-to-reach vulnerable pupils/students/youth in underserved communities (20%);
- the proposal clearly defines key target group(s) in terms of profile, geography and numbers (10%);
- the proposal identifies education stakeholders that are relevant for achieving the project's goals (local administration, teachers, principals, students, parents, policy makers etc.) and includes a vision for cooperation with them (15%);
- the initiative has engaged in preliminary dialogue with education stakeholders identified as key for achieving the goals of the project (10%);
- the proposal envisages inclusive and effective networking activities, bringing together education stakeholders and/or other grassroots organizations across geographic locations or target groups with the aim of furthering the impact of the project (optional<sup>1</sup>) (15%);
- partnerships with other civil society organizations bring added value to the project through providing complementary experiences, skills or expertise (optional) (15%);
- the planned activities are realistic and described in a clear and comprehensive way (10%);

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<sup>1</sup> Note: projects with a strong networking component or clearly outlined partnerships with other organizations will receive additional points from the selection committee, but those without will not be penalized (a neutral (mid-point) score will be accorded for each criterion).

- the budget is justified, balanced, and reflects the activities planned (5%).

**The deadline for application** is 5:00 pm CET, June 16, 2017, incomplete or late applications will not be given consideration. Project proposals should be submitted in English using the provided application form and budget template.

For application please use the following link: [here](#)

The link leads you to “Open Society Foundations Grant Portal”. Once you register, you will have access to THIS SPECIFIC CALL FOR PROPOSAL and you can upload your grant proposal and annexes. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU NEED TO COMPLETE APPLICATION, INCLUDING ATTACHMENTS, IN ONE GO—PROGRESS CANNOT BE SAVED!