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# Grants and Fellowships Open for International Day of Democracy 2026

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Discover open grants, awards, and fellowships tailored for advocates of the rule of law in honor of International Day of Democracy 2026. This resource highlights financial support for change-makers and groups dedicated to reinforcing democratic institutions and fostering resilient governance worldwide.

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## 01. Kellogg Institute Postdoctoral Visiting Fellowships for Global Democracy Research

**DONOR:** Kellogg Institute    **GRANT SIZE:** \$10,000 to \$100,000

The Kellogg Institute is currently welcoming applications for its Postdoctoral Visiting Fellowships, designed to support newly minted PhD scholars who are actively engaged in research surrounding global democracy. This prestigious opportunity provides an academically vibrant environment in the United States where researchers can advance their independent scholarship, collaborate with distinguished faculty and practitioners, and access valuable academic resources. The initiative is open to international researchers from any country who earned their doctoral degree within a specific recent timeframe, predominantly welcoming specialists in social science disciplines though occasionally considering other fields. Selected participants benefit from comprehensive academic-year appointments, professional development resources, and relocation assistance, with possibilities for multi-year renewals based on performance and interest. Eligible candidates must possess advanced English proficiency, secure necessary travel documentation including a J-1 visa, and carefully navigate relevant US immigration and residency regulations before beginning their tenure. Graduates of the host university's own doctoral programs are ineligible to apply, ensuring the cohort brings diverse external perspectives to the institution's scholarly community.

## 02. Tech Policy Press Fellowship Program for Intersectional Research and Reporting

**DONOR:** Tech Policy Press    **GRANT SIZE:** \$1000 to \$10,000

The Tech Policy Press Fellowship Program provides a unique platform for mid-career journalists, researchers, lawyers, and public policy practitioners to examine critical questions at the nexus of technology and democracy. Running for a full year starting in January, the initiative specifically seeks out independent reporting, analysis, and projects that center communities and geographic regions historically marginalized in mainstream tech governance discussions. Selected participants receive quarterly financial support distributed over the course of the twelve-month term, alongside structured opportunities for peer collaboration and regular editorial mentorship. Fellows are expected to contribute consistent public-interest analysis, attend scheduled cohort sessions, and engage deeply with an international network of professionals dedicated to media, technology, and public policy. This opportunity is tailored for global candidates with a demonstrated professional background in digital policy or related fields who are committed to producing high-impact, public-interest content throughout the duration of their appointment.

## 03. zivik Funding Programme for Civil Society Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention

**DONOR:** Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations    **GRANT SIZE:** \$100,000 to \$500,000

The zivik Funding Programme offers vital financial backing and advisory support to civil society organizations worldwide that are working tirelessly to prevent crises, navigate complex conflicts, and strengthen peaceful governance structures. Operating as a critical bridge complementing state-led peace efforts, the programme empowers non-governmental actors to address pressing priorities in fragile regions by leveraging local perspectives and grassroots capacities. Successful applicants gain access to comprehensive project evaluation assistance, impact analysis, and valuable networking opportunities with international experts and peer organizations. Geographically, the programme prioritizes initiatives operating within designated conflict-affected territories across Sub-Saharan Africa, the SWANA region, Southeastern Europe, Ukraine, Belarus, the South Caucasus, and targeted women-led networks in Latin America and the Caribbean, though exceptional proposals from other areas may also be considered. Eligible entities include state-registered non-governmental organizations and local groups dedicated to stabilisation, democracy-building, youth peace initiatives, and long-term conflict transformation.

## **04. TFD Visiting Fellowship Program for Democracy and Human Rights Studies**

**DONOR:** Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy operates a comprehensive visiting fellowship initiative designed to welcome international scholars, doctoral candidates, and practitioners to conduct specialized research or practical projects in Taiwan. By fostering international collaboration and intensive field research, the program aims to deepen global understandings of democratic development, institutional practices, and human rights protection. The initiative accommodates multiple distinct tracks tailored to various career stages, ranging from established academics and recent PhD recipients to doctoral candidates completing dissertations and practitioners executing hands-on civic protection projects. Participants are actively encouraged to build partnerships with local Taiwanese academic institutions and civil society counterparts, thereby strengthening cross-border cooperation. Through these diverse fellowship categories, the program continually contributes to the broader advancement and theoretical refinement of democratic governance and human rights standards worldwide.

## **05. Fung Global Fellows Program at Princeton University for Early-Career Academics**

**DONOR:** Princeton University

The Fung Global Fellows Program invites early-career researchers from around the globe to participate in a residential fellowship hosted at Princeton University, centered around an annual thematic exploration of urgent global challenges. For the upcoming academic cycle, the program investigates the overarching theme of democratic resilience and vulnerability, encouraging fellows to examine topics such as institutional distrust, populist movements, polarization, disinformation, and democratic backsliding. Designed for scholars employed outside the United States who hold active faculty or professional research appointments earned after a specified recent threshold, the residency offers a rich, interdisciplinary environment for comparative scholarship. Candidates must submit a comprehensive application package in English—including detailed research proposals, writing samples, and professional references—proving their readiness to engage deeply with peers before returning to their home institutions. Current doctoral candidates and postdoctoral fellows are excluded from eligibility, ensuring the cohort consists firmly of established early-career academics ready to share their findings internationally.

## **06. GovTech AI Bootcamp for Advancing Public Administration and Governance**

**DONOR:** World Bank

The GovTech AI Bootcamp delivers a specialized, fully funded technical training experience tailored for government institutions in low- and middle-income countries seeking to operationalize artificial intelligence within public administration. Bridging the gap between high-level digital transformation strategies and practical, day-to-day public sector execution, the initiative equips bureaucratic teams with hands-on expertise in deploying scalable tech solutions. Selected government delegations travel for an intensive, multi-day technical bootcamp designed to immerse participants in advanced public sector innovation ecosystems, focusing on domains such as public financial management, civic tech, tax administration, citizen services, and anti-corruption measures. To ensure balanced institutional capacity, each applying government entity must nominate a two-person team comprising a high-level decision-making policy leader and a hands-on technical implementer fluent in English. Through site visits, peer exchanges, and expert-led workshops, participating teams return home equipped with actionable roadmaps to foster greater transparency, efficiency, and citizen engagement in their domestic public sectors.

## **07. Empowering Civil Society with Rapid Digital Defense Support**

**DONOR:** CIVICUS    **GRANT SIZE:** \$10,000 to \$100,000

Navigating the complexities of the digital age presents unprecedented hurdles for grassroots defenders of civic space, making swift operational resilience more crucial than ever. This ongoing initiative provides urgent, flexible support designed to help local social movements and grassroots organizations weather sudden technological threats and emergency digital pressures. Eligible groups operating in eligible regions can request vital assistance either independently or through collaborative multi-organizational partnerships to sustain their critical advocacy work. The program prioritizes rapid interventions that can be executed efficiently over a short timeframe, helping frontline defenders maintain continuity despite severe operational disruptions. To qualify, applicants must demonstrate a verifiable, imminent risk to their civic environment and possess an active organizational bank account capable of tracking resource utilization. Editorial and administrative teams review submissions continuously on a rolling basis, provided applicants have not received comparable emergency backing from this source within the preceding two years.

## **08. Advancing Cross-Border Youth Cooperation and Solidarity Across Europe**

**DONOR:** European Youth Foundation    **GRANT SIZE:** \$10,000 to \$100,000

Fostering long-term international collaboration among younger generations is essential for reinforcing democratic values, human rights, and social cohesion throughout the continent. This funding opportunity invites established youth networks and international non-governmental youth structures to spearhead ambitious, multi-phase cooperation initiatives. Projects must actively engage participants from a wide array of Council of Europe member states, ensuring that a significant majority of those involved are under the age of thirty while embedding robust principles of inclusion, accessibility, and gender equality. Successful proposals will combine multinational gatherings with complementary activities such as structured advocacy campaigns, educational resource production, and capacity-building workshops rooted in non-formal learning methodologies. Organizations are expected to secure complementary co-financing through their own institutional channels or external sources to supplement the awarded investment. Selected initiatives will run for up to eighteen months, beginning early in the implementation year, with disbursements structured across initial installments and final reporting approvals.

## **09. Supporting One-Off International Youth Encounters and Democratic Participation**

**DONOR:** Council of Europe    **GRANT SIZE:** \$10,000 to \$100,000

Creating dynamic spaces for intercultural dialogue and youth-led civic engagement helps vitalize pluralistic democracy and strengthen regional solidarity. This targeted call seeks to empower international and national youth organizations to execute impactful, standalone transnational gatherings such as educational seminars, thematic youth camps, structured training courses, and cooperative study visits. Proposals must be conceptualized and driven by multicultural leadership teams that utilize human rights education, intercultural learning, and participatory non-formal methodologies. Eligible initiatives are required to bring together participants from at least seven Council of Europe member states, maintaining a strong demographic focus on individuals under thirty years old. Supported actions must take place within member territories and span a minimum duration of programmatic engagement, aligning closely with established regional priorities such as youth work and access to rights. Commercial ventures, sporting competitions, tourism-focused itineraries, and standard academic exchanges are strictly excluded from consideration under this framework.

## 10. Capturing the Intersection of Arts and Artificial Intelligence in Cultural Journalism

**DONOR:** Asia-Europe Foundation **GRANT SIZE:** Less than \$1000

The rapid integration of artificial intelligence into the creative economy demands thoughtful critical reflection, capturing how cultural practitioners adapt to shifting technological landscapes. This specialized publishing initiative invites experienced cultural writers and media creators from partner countries to produce insightful journalistic pieces, audio podcasts, or video interviews examining these transformations. Submissions must be deeply rooted in tangible real-world case studies, exploring nuanced topics such as cultural diversity, equity, ethical governance, working conditions, and environmental sustainability within the arts sector. Contributors are expected to deliver polished content in English that meets professional publishing standards, whether through comprehensive written articles accompanied by credited visuals or dedicated audio-visual formats. Eligible participants must demonstrate prior editorial experience and a strong familiarity with the contemporary Asian and European cultural ecosystems, with preference given to those who possess established channels for broad audience dissemination. Purely academic research papers and topics unrelated to the creative industries fall outside the scope of this call.

## 11. Driving Democratic Transformation Through Visegrad Plus Partnerships

**DONOR:** International Visegrad Fund **GRANT SIZE:** \$10,000 to \$100,000

Strengthening democratic institutions and fostering regional cooperation in the Western Balkans and Eastern Partnership territories remains a cornerstone of cross-border solidarity. This established program encourages dynamic multilateral partnerships that bridge Visegrad Group nations with eligible stakeholders in target transformation regions. Collaborative projects must address key developmental priorities ranging from civic education, media freedom, and public policy to environmental stewardship, innovation, and cultural heritage. Successful applications must demonstrate robust cross-border cooperation by involving active partners from multiple participating countries according to specific regional structuring guidelines. Teams can apply for substantial financial support covering the entirety of project expenses through an intuitive online portal, with clear caps on administrative overhead expenditures. Implementation timelines span up to eighteen months, during which applicants benefit from advisory consultations with program managers to refine their strategic frameworks prior to final submission.

## 12. Strengthening Democratic Resilience Through Media and Digital Literacy

**DONOR:** European Commission (EC) **GRANT SIZE:** More than \$1 million

Equipping citizens with advanced critical thinking and digital literacy skills is vital for countering widespread disinformation and safeguarding democratic integrity across modern societies. This comprehensive research and innovation initiative fosters multi-actor collaboration among academic institutions, public bodies, civil society groups, educational entities, and grassroots community networks. Special emphasis is placed on protecting vulnerable populations—including children, seniors, individuals with disabilities, minorities, and those facing socioeconomic exclusion—who frequently bear the brunt of digital and societal crises. Consortia participating in this framework gain access to substantial collaborative research backing designed to develop actionable insights and innovative resilience strategies. Interested entities worldwide, including international organizations and non-associated third-party participants, are welcome to join eligible consortia provided they fulfill core regulatory standards. All participating beneficiaries and affiliated structures must complete formal registration within the designated institutional portal and secure a unique identification code prior to finalizing formal agreements.

### **13. Empowering Post-Conflict Recovery and Democratic Reconstruction Through Interdisciplinary Research**

**DONOR:** European Commission (EC)   **GRANT SIZE:** More than \$1 million

Our editorial team is tracking an important European Commission funding opportunity designed to advance interdisciplinary studies focused on democratic reconstruction, peacebuilding, and long-term sustainable recovery in post-conflict regions. This initiative specifically targets complex challenges such as institutional rebuilding, governance reform, social cohesion, human rights, security, inclusivity, anti-corruption, and accountability. Applicants are encouraged to incorporate evidence-based policymaking, international cooperation, and participatory governance models that address historical narratives, ethnic tensions, and structural inequalities. Eligible proposals should draw upon diverse academic disciplines—including sociology, psychology, political science, legal studies, cultural studies, and historiography—while fostering active collaboration among governments, civil society organizations, media, and community actors with special attention to gender-inclusive peacebuilding. The program prioritizes comprehensive reintegration support for conflict-affected populations, including veterans and other vulnerable groups, alongside innovative community-driven reconstruction strategies. A broad spectrum of legal entities established under national, EU, or international law, as well as international organizations and entities from non-associated third countries, are eligible to apply for this vital sector support.

### **14. Advancing Local Governance and Participatory Democracy Research in Developing Nations**

**DONOR:** European Commission (EC)   **GRANT SIZE:** More than \$1 million

We are closely following a targeted research initiative from the European Commission aimed at deepening the understanding of local democratic systems and bolstering science-based policymaking within low-income and lower-middle-income countries. This program focuses heavily on democratic governance, decentralization, human rights protection, inequality reduction, public service delivery, civic participation, and transparency to rebuild trust in democratic institutions. Researchers and practitioners are invited to develop actionable science-based tools, training models, monitoring frameworks, and policy recommendations tailored to fragile contexts and local governance realities. By doing so, the initiative seeks to counteract global democratic backsliding and equip policymakers with robust evidence to support inclusive participation, particularly for women and marginalized groups. The resulting insights and tools will empower EU institutions, Member States, and local actors alike to foster enduring democratic resilience and stability in vulnerable regions. Any legal entity established under national, EU, or international law, along with international organizations and applicants from non-associated third countries, may submit proposals under this call.

## 15. Nordic Youth Cooperation Grants for Cultural, Social, and Political Engagement

**DONOR:** Nordic Cultural Contact **GRANT SIZE:** \$10,000 to \$100,000

Nonprofit and public sector leaders working with youth will find valuable support through the Nordic 0–30 cooperation program, established by the Nordic Committee on Children and Youth to amplify the voices of young people up to age 30. The initiative encourages regional cooperation by funding projects where children and youth actively participate in every stage—from initial planning to final evaluation—across cultural, social, and political domains. Supported activities can range from networking events, camps, and workshops to digital campaigns, research reports, and artistic endeavors that educate young people about their rights and societal influence. Eligible applicants include registered organizations, municipalities, associations, institutions, and networks operating within the Nordic region that possess a formal business registration number and demonstrated experience in youth engagement. Projects must foster genuine collaboration between at least two or three Nordic countries, with specific provisions accommodating Greenland, Iceland, the Faroe Islands, and Åland; partners from the Baltic region and beyond may also participate, though their direct costs are excluded from the grant. This funding structure allows organizations to secure targeted financial support depending on the scale and geographic breadth of their cross-border youth partnerships.

## 16. Franco-German Maghreb Special Fund for Youth-Led Social and Environmental Projects

**DONOR:** Franco-German Youth Office (FGYO) **GRANT SIZE:** \$10,000 to \$100,000

Organizers dedicated to youth empowerment can explore cross-border collaboration opportunities through the Maghreb Special Fund, an initiative administered by the Franco-German Youth Office to foster engagement among young people in Germany and France. The program seeks to connect youth through inclusive, accessible mobility experiences focused on pressing priorities such as democratic participation, diversity promotion, anti-racism, memory debates, environmental protection, climate action, and vocational training or social entrepreneurship. To qualify, proposed projects must span a duration of one to three years and incorporate a mandatory three-phase interaction cycle where the exact same cohort of participants travels to meet in each country. Each meeting phase lasts between four and 21 nights, and applications must be submitted separately for each phase occurring within the designated fiscal year. The target audience encompasses students, apprentices, young workers, job seekers, and youth-work organizations, all united by a strong commitment to accessibility, inclusion, and civic engagement across borders.

## 17. Province of Cagayan Digital Innovation Challenge for Student Tech Solutions

**DONOR:** Cagayan Provincial Information Office **GRANT SIZE:** \$1000 to \$10,000

Higher education students and recent graduates in the Philippines now have a platform to showcase tech-driven civic solutions through the Province of Cagayan Digital Innovation Challenge. This competition invites teams to develop practical digital applications that address real-world community and local government needs across thematic areas such as information systems, web and mobile apps, IoT solutions, artificial intelligence, data analytics dashboards, and smart automation devices. Priority challenge areas include enhancing educational delivery, optimizing local governance, advancing agricultural productivity, supporting youth and elderly populations, and building robust provincial data systems. To participate, eligible teams must consist of three officially enrolled college students or recent graduates from recognized academic institutions within the Province of Cagayan, supported by a designated faculty adviser. Successful finalists compete for significant cash awards and trophies, with specific top-tier prizes designated for the Grand Champion, runners-up, and honorable mentions.

## 18. Indonesian Civil Society Action Grants for Green Transitions and Gender Empowerment

**DONOR:** European Commission (EC) **GRANT SIZE:** More than \$1 million

Civil society organizations operating in Indonesia have a significant opportunity to secure action grants through an initiative launched by the European Commission under the wider NDICI–Global Europe framework. This program underscores the vital role of local civil society in championing human rights, the rule of law, and sustainable development while tackling systemic challenges like climate change and inequality. The call is structured around two distinct operational lots: the first lot concentrates on strengthening civil society capacity to drive an inclusive and just green transition across forestry, renewable energy, circular economy, and sustainable agriculture sectors with vulnerable communities in mind. The second lot focuses on preventing and eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls by improving survivor-centric services, bolstering protection mechanisms, and encouraging female participation in public and economic life. Eligible applicants include non-profit civil society organizations established in Indonesia or an EU Member State, with international organizations excluded and non-Indonesian leads required to partner with local Indonesian co-applicants. Funded actions must run between 36 and 48 months and primarily take place within Indonesia, offering substantial financial backing to help independent civil society contribute meaningfully to the Sustainable Development Goals.

## 19. Supporting Museum Acquisitions of Contemporary Art by Women Across the UK

**DONOR:** Art Fund **GRANT SIZE:** \$10,000 to \$100,000

Our editorial team is pleased to highlight a dedicated funding opportunity aimed at enriching public collections across the United Kingdom with contemporary works by women artists. This initiative specifically prioritizes pieces that deeply engage with pressing social and political issues, historical narratives, and cultural differences shaping modern society. Eligible applicants include a wide array of public museums, galleries, historic houses, libraries, and archives that meet specific operational schedules and hold full accreditation status through recognized cultural frameworks. Organizations can utilize the support to secure existing individual or multiple pieces, including joint acquisitions within the defined budgetary limits. Commercial entities, profit-driven bodies, hospitals, places of worship, and educational institutions are generally excluded unless they join forces as a formal partner with an eligible organization. By encouraging broader public engagement and expanding representation in permanent collections, this program offers a vital pathway for cultural institutions to reflect diverse societal perspectives.

## 20. Empowering Democratic Research and Civic Initiatives in Taiwan

**DONOR:** Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

Our editorial team draws attention to an established domestic funding stream designed to bolster democratic values, human rights scholarship, and civic initiatives across Taiwan. Aimed primarily at academic institutions, specialized think tanks, and registered non-governmental organizations, the program seeks to elevate the quality of local democracy and deepen connections with the international democratic community. Participating organizations can pursue a diverse array of eligible efforts, ranging from public seminars and human rights education projects to comprehensive research publications and global exchange activities. Applicants must navigate a structured submission process that involves formal documentation, detailed activity proposals, and administrative assurances, with strict annual limitations per institution to ensure wide distribution. Reviewers carefully evaluate submissions based on strategic alignment, project scale, budgetary feasibility, and past organizational performance. Successful grantees are expected to execute their approved initiatives efficiently, culminating in thorough closure reports and comprehensive supporting records within a designated timeframe.

## 21. Strengthening Moldovan Civil Society and EU Integration Efforts

**DONOR:** Promo-LEX Association **GRANT SIZE:** \$10,000 to \$100,000

Our editorial team highlights a timely open call designed to empower local and community-level civil society groups in Moldova as they actively contribute to the nation's ongoing European Union accession path. Through targeted financial support, the initiative seeks to enhance organizational resilience, foster democratic participation, and encourage rigorous oversight of EU integration reforms. Eligible entities can develop localized interventions encompassing civic education on human rights, public awareness campaigns on European values, reform monitoring, and policy dialogues that elevate the needs of underrepresented populations. To qualify, organizations must be legally registered public associations within the country, possess demonstrable prior experience in relevant democratic sectors, and maintain complete political independence. Projects must be carried out regionally over a defined operational span, requiring applicants to have successfully managed initiatives of comparable scale and complexity in the past. This funding stream ultimately serves as a crucial catalyst for grassroots organizations striving to bridge community priorities with broader European standards.

## 22. Building Long-Term Capability and Governance in New Zealand Charities

**DONOR:** Central Lakes Trust **GRANT SIZE:** \$1000 to \$10,000

Our editorial team presents an essential capacity-building resource tailored specifically for smaller charitable organizations operating within New Zealand's dynamic non-profit sector. Established to combat persistent industry challenges—such as fluctuating funding climates, volunteer shortages, and limited strategic bandwidth—this opportunity helps groups strengthen their internal foundations and long-term sustainability. Eligible organizations can direct resources toward targeted staff and volunteer professional development, governance enhancement, bicultural competency training, impact measurement, and systems reviews. To be considered, applicants must be properly registered with official charity authorities, maintain an annual operating budget beneath a specific threshold, and utilize designated grant portals. While routine operational expenses and capital purchases are excluded, the funding provides crucial breathing room for grassroots entities to upgrade their operational readiness. By investing in foundational skills and strategic planning, the initiative directly empowers community-focused teams to serve their constituents with greater resilience and effectiveness.

## 23. Advancing Doctoral Research on Afghanistan's Development Priorities

**DONOR:** University of Central Asia **GRANT SIZE:** \$1000 to \$10,000

Our editorial team shares a targeted fellowship opportunity created to support Afghan doctoral candidates as they complete advanced academic research aligned with vital national development themes. The initiative welcomes comprehensive proposals addressing critical areas such as economic progress, sustainable trade, environmental management, governance, public policy, and cultural heritage. Designed for scholars in their final or penultimate year of doctoral study, the program enables rigorous academic inquiry while integrating participants into a wider international research network and supporting knowledge sharing. Eligible candidates must be Afghan nationals enrolled at recognized universities worldwide, able to demonstrate strong academic momentum and English proficiency, with active encouragement extended to women and underrepresented researchers. Successful scholars receive structured financial backing over a multi-month period tied to concrete milestones, culminating in a completed thesis, policy briefs, and active participation in public dissemination efforts. This support structure ensures that emerging Afghan experts can meaningfully contribute evidence-based insights to the country's future trajectory.

## 24. Promoting Democratic Values Through Civic Education Across Croatia

**DONOR:** EEA Civil Society Fund    **GRANT SIZE:** \$100,000 to \$500,000

Our editorial team draws focus to a comprehensive funding call dedicated to advancing high-quality civic education initiatives throughout Croatia. By treating civic learning as a continuous lifelong journey, the program aims to reinforce the rule of law, active citizenship, critical thinking, and social inclusion through practical community engagement. Supported interventions typically explore themes like human rights, media literacy, intercultural dialogue, and European democratic values, moving far beyond simple awareness-raising to foster genuine civic action. The initiative welcomes participation from independent, non-commercial civil society organizations and places special emphasis on projects reaching youth, underserved populations, and groups facing structural barriers. Operating through distinct funding streams, the program accommodates both the scaling of proven educational models and the testing of innovative, community-based learning methodologies. Successful projects benefit from substantial operational timeframes, enabling civil society groups to build lasting partnerships with educational institutions and deliver profound, measurable impact within local communities.

## 25. Unlocking Bilateral Cooperation: Fostering Strategic Civil Society Partnerships in Croatia

**DONOR:** EEA Civil Society Fund Croatia    **GRANT SIZE:** \$1000 to \$10,000

This dedicated partnership opportunity empowers civil society groups in Croatia to forge robust, long-term alliances with counterparts across Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway. Designed to cultivate a resilient and vibrant civic sector, the program prioritizes initiatives that champion democracy, the rule of law, fundamental human rights, inclusion, and social justice. Specifically, the initiative under this call facilitates essential preparatory visits and structured partnership-building activities that enable direct contact, trust-building, and practical cooperation between organizations. Successful participants can direct their efforts toward pressing thematic areas, including civic and human rights education, women's empowerment, LGBTIQ+ advocacy, climate justice, accessible public services, youth mobilization, and community-based care. By supporting mobility and collaborative workshops, the scheme aims to drive valuable knowledge transfer and establish high-quality bilateral partnerships capable of generating sustained, long-term sector impact. Eligible applicants include registered non-governmental entities established in Croatia as well as legal persons operating within the designated donor states, provided all participating bodies strictly adhere to core democratic values and minority rights. Projects must be structured to run smoothly within a defined timeframe of one to six months, ensuring focused and actionable results from every supported collaboration.

## 26. Empowering Grassroots Impact: The Civil Society Fund Small Programme for Danish-Global South Partnerships

**DONOR:** CISU – Civil Society in Development **GRANT SIZE:** \$500,000 to \$1 million

Civil society actors collaborating across Denmark and the Global South are invited to seek dedicated support for capacity strengthening and inclusive community development. The overarching initiative is structured to bolster diverse formal and informal organizations, movements, and initiatives, thereby expanding citizen participation in governance, amplifying marginalized voices, and driving government accountability on critical social challenges like poverty, inequality, and discrimination. A core tenet of this funding stream is local leadership, requiring Global South partners to spearhead intervention design and execution so that solutions remain deeply rooted in and accountable to local populations. Meanwhile, Danish partners contribute technical expertise, vital advocacy networks, and resource mobilization capacity from Europe. Participating organizations must ensure that interventions feature meaningful financial or non-financial contributions from local communities to secure long-term sustainability. Applicants must meet established historical funding thresholds under the broader fund framework and demonstrate proven cooperative experience with their chosen partners. Designed for multi-year engagement spanning several years, the initiative limits organizations to a strict maximum number of small programme submissions annually, encouraging thoughtful, strategic growth within established organizational ceilings.

## 27. Scaling Collaborative Change: Civil Society Fund Medium Programme for Joint Danish and Global South Initiatives

**DONOR:** CISU – Civil Society in Development **GRANT SIZE:** More than \$1 million

Danish organizations joining forces with multiple Global South partners can now apply for substantial multi-year backing to drive locally led civil society strengthening and inclusive development. This funding mechanism seeks to build a pluralistic and robust civic sector by fostering active citizen engagement in governance, giving voice to marginalized populations, and promoting institutional accountability. Program strategies must place Global South partners—who possess intimate knowledge of local community needs—in the leadership role for planning and implementation, while Danish collaborators provide critical technical inputs, advocacy support, and European networking capabilities. To ensure strong community ownership and shared responsibility, all supported interventions must integrate meaningful local contributions that reflect grassroots priorities. Prospective applicants must possess a proven track record of cooperation with at least two Global South partners in relevant operational contexts and meet historical engagement thresholds within the broader fund. The resulting strategies must demonstrate high internal coherence, leveraging the distinct strengths of every partner involved to generate sustainable, transformative change that endures well beyond the conclusion of the funding lifecycle.

## **28. Driving Large-Scale Transformation: Comprehensive Multi-Year Partnerships Under the Danish Civil Society Fund**

**DONOR:** CISU – Civil Society in Development    **GRANT SIZE:** More than \$1 million

Ambitious partnerships between Danish and Global South organizations have a unique pathway to secure major multi-year investments designed to champion inclusive development and robust civil society capacity. This comprehensive framework is dedicated to enhancing citizen participation, elevating marginalized communities, and advancing social justice through pluralistic, well-supported civic movements. Large-scale programs must be governed under the leadership of Global South entities that remain directly accountable to their local constituencies, guaranteeing that all interventions are culturally relevant, locally anchored, and sustainable. Danish participants complement this leadership through specialized technical support, advocacy coordination, and resource mobilization, maintaining genuine shared decision-making throughout the partnership cycle. To reinforce local ownership, initiatives must incorporate mandatory community contributions—either financial or in-kind—amounting to a specified share of the total activities budget, fulfilled by the close of the program period. Eligibility is reserved for experienced applicants who have successfully managed prior cooperative projects and met specific intermediate milestones within the broader fund over the preceding decade. All proposals remain subject to final ministerial review, and successful organizations must coordinate their ongoing portfolio obligations according to established administrative guidelines.

## **29. Advancing Participatory Governance: Youth-Led Action Research Initiatives in Nepal**

**DONOR:** United Nations Development Programme(UNDP)

Youth researchers and student investigators in Nepal are invited to spearhead action-oriented research that tackles critical barriers to inclusive democracy and accountable governance. This strategic capacity-building assignment empowers young leaders to investigate governance challenges impeding youth civic participation, conduct rigorous field studies, and execute stakeholder consultations. Participants will design, pilot, and evaluate practical local solutions, actively engaging with municipal and provincial government bodies to champion the uptake of their research insights and policy recommendations. Throughout the implementation period, researchers will produce comprehensive documentation, including detailed analytical reports, actionable policy briefs, and step-by-step records of piloted community interventions. Designed to unfold over a dedicated ten-month schedule, the initiative requires applicant organizations to be legally registered non-governmental service providers possessing extensive prior experience in managing civic engagement, good governance, and policy advocacy programs. Ideal candidates will showcase a demonstrated capability to guide the complete research lifecycle while exhibiting profound familiarity with Nepal's evolving political and policy landscape.

## 30. Bridging Generations for Justice: Empowering Conflict-Affected Women and Peacebuilding in Nepal

**DONOR:** UN Women **GRANT SIZE:** \$100,000 to \$500,000

National civil society organizations in Nepal have a targeted opportunity to amplify the leadership, collective voice, and advocacy capacity of conflict-affected women within the nation's transitional justice framework. This collaborative initiative centers on fostering vibrant intergenerational dialogues and mutual learning exchanges connecting women, youth, and diverse civic actors to broaden public understanding of accountability, peace, and democratic participation. By aligning survivor leadership with broader public outreach, the project aims to reinforce guarantees of non-recurrence, nurture sustainable peace, and bolster social cohesion at both sub-national and national levels. Key programmatic activities include strengthening the organizational capacities of victim-led groups, delivering practical training sessions on advocacy, legal protection, and institutional management, and providing essential rights-awareness orientations for affected women. Implemented across a multi-month timeframe, the project requires applicants to form formal consortia with a national conflict victim women's organization. Eligible non-profit entities must bring proven, multi-year experience working alongside conflict survivors and demonstrate an unwavering institutional commitment to rigorous safeguarding policies and results-based management.

## 31. Empowering Communities Through Music: Exploring the Adolf Busch Award for Civil Society Initiatives

**DONOR:** Adolf Busch Award **GRANT SIZE:** \$1000 to \$10,000

Our editorial team is excited to highlight a unique funding opportunity designed for nonprofit organizations that harness the transformative power of music to courageously champion a more just, equitable, and civil society. This initiative traces its philosophical roots to the enduring legacy of a legendary violinist who bravely resisted the Nazi regime, embedding a profound dedication to social justice into the very fabric of the musical arts. Today, the program seeks to celebrate and support grassroots entities that nurture musical and leadership competencies specifically within systemically disenfranchised populations. To qualify for consideration, prospective applicants must be established nonprofit entities—such as US-based tax-exempt organizations or international groups operating alongside a US fiscal sponsor—that boast a minimum operating history of three years and an operating budget remaining beneath a modest threshold. Successful candidates can direct the support toward broad organizational upkeep or focused programmatic efforts. However, activities centered on music therapy, standalone performances, exclusive state-backed agendas, partisan politics, religious programming, or endowment building are explicitly excluded from consideration.

## **32. Resourcing Community Safety and Justice: Spotlight on the Borealis Philanthropy Just Futures Initiative**

**DONOR:** Borealis Philanthropy    **GRANT SIZE:** \$100,000 to \$500,000

As civil rights face mounting pressures and criminalization expands across regions, frontline organizations urgently require flexible, reliable backing to build safety outside of traditional state systems. Our team is tracking a prominent initiative that channels vital resources directly toward grassroots groups, emerging formations, and coalitions working tirelessly to protect democracy, defend protesters, and foster deep community belonging. Grounded in the conviction that communities nearest to harm possess the clearest vision for alternative solutions, this funding stream empowers those confronting policing, incarceration, detention, surveillance, and state violence. Eligible participants must be tax-exempt entities or fiscally sponsored projects based in the US or its territories, generally maintaining an annual operating budget under a defined ceiling based on recent financial reports. The program provides twelve-month general operating support, allowing groups the operational latitude needed to deploy rapid response systems, protest defense strategies, and community-defined safety architectures. Most participants receive standard support levels, while strategically aligned collaboratives demonstrating exceptional justification may secure elevated tiers of investment.

## **33. Advancing Human Rights and Democratic Resilience: The Mongolia Programme Call for Proposals**

**DONOR:** European Commission (EC)    **GRANT SIZE:** \$100,000 to \$500,000

Our editorial desk is reviewing a comprehensive thematic call designed to safeguard fundamental freedoms, bolster the rule of law, and strengthen civil society engagement across Mongolia. This program prioritizes human rights-based approaches aimed at protecting vulnerable individuals, nurturing open societies, and addressing both the opportunities and systemic challenges introduced by emerging technologies. Civil society actors are encouraged to propose long-term interventions spanning multiple years that focus on strategic litigation, public awareness campaigns, independent media protection, and the active enhancement of justice system accountability. Eligible participants encompass non-profit civil society organizations, public sector entities, local authorities, and international bodies capable of managing complex developmental interventions, often in partnership with local co-applicants and affiliates. Projects must incorporate robust components addressing gender equality, youth participation, stakeholder networking, and digital transformation while integrating sex-disaggregated data wherever feasible. Successful proposals will secure substantial financial backing covering a significant proportion of eligible project costs, thereby equipping local change-makers to build lasting institutional resilience and reinforce democratic values.

### 34. Strengthening Public Trust in Governance: The National Lottery Fund for Democracy in Belgium

**DONOR:** King Baudouin Foundation **GRANT SIZE:** \$10,000 to \$100,000

Our editorial researchers are drawing attention to a targeted Belgian funding stream that invites non-commercial initiatives dedicated to restoring public confidence in democratic institutions and societal frameworks. The program centers its priorities on innovative digital rights technologies, critical journalistic coverage addressing Belgium's socio-political landscape, and public interest projects exploring the complex balance between chance and merit. Eligible entities operating within Belgium, alongside individual journalists pursuing investigative media endeavors, can access moderate-scale financial backing to advance public interest work. It is important to note that any financial surplus generated by a supported project must be meticulously reinvested into the initiative or channeled toward a comparable societal mission. While local authorities are welcome to participate, their proposals require substantial co-financing commitments to qualify, and all media-focused submissions must establish confirmed partnerships with recognized media outlets prior to application. Unincorporated associations remain ineligible, ensuring that public resources are directed exclusively toward accountable, established entities capable of executing transparent public-interest projects.

### 35. Unlocking Deep-Sea Knowledge: The PEPR “Deep Sea: Knowledge, Uses, Commons” Research Grant in France

**DONOR:** French National Research Agency (ANR) **GRANT SIZE:** More than \$1 million

Our team is closely following an ambitious interdisciplinary research call designed to deepen collective understanding of the deep seabed and provide robust scientific foundations for its sustainable management and governance. Aligned with broader national strategic plans, this initiative invites expansive research consortia to explore marine biodiversity, solid Earth and biosphere interactions, Indigenous and scientific knowledge systems, and multi-scale environmental ethics. Projects must bridge natural sciences with human and social sciences, incorporating non-academic stakeholders where appropriate to address complex ecological and political economies of the deep ocean. Consortia can submit extensive multi-year proposals spanning several years, requesting substantial financial support that reflects the scale of the partnership and the depth of its scientific ambitions. Applicants must navigate a rigorous submission process via official channels, ensuring that all partner institutions supply proper administrative documentation and adhere strictly to formatting guidelines. The overarching objective is to bolster long-term data preservation, enhance open scientific infrastructures, and generate actionable insights for global marine governance.

### 36. Fostering Transatlantic Dialogue: The Berlin Prize Fellowship for Scholars, Writers, and Policy Experts

**DONOR:** American Academy in Berlin **GRANT SIZE:** \$1000 to \$10,000

Our editorial staff highlights a prestigious residential fellowship opportunity designed to deepen intellectual and cultural bonds between the United States and Germany across diverse professional disciplines. The program invites scholars, researchers, journalists, public policy practitioners, and creative writers to pursue independent projects in the humanities, social sciences, law, and contemporary global challenges, including climate policy and technological governance. Selected fellows reside at a dedicated center in Germany, where they receive comprehensive logistical and financial support—including a monthly stipend, roundtrip travel, housing, and library access—to conduct their investigations. During their residency, participants actively share their findings through public lectures, readings, and media engagements while connecting with relevant European institutions and professional networks. Eligibility is restricted to US citizens and permanent residents who demonstrate notable professional achievement, such as holding an advanced academic degree with a solid publication record or having established significant portfolios in journalism, public policy, or published literature.

### 37. Empowering Polish Civil Society to Tackle Digital Disinformation

**DONOR:** EEA Civil Society Fund    **GRANT SIZE:** More than \$1 million

Our editorial team is closely following this vital funding opportunity designed to help Polish civil society organisations tackle the rising tide of digital disinformation and manipulation. By championing initiatives that safeguard access to reliable information and encourage critical thinking, the programme empowers local groups to fortify social resilience against misleading narratives spread through modern digital tools. Eligible non-profit entities—ranging from established associations and foundations to social cooperatives, local housewives’ associations, and faith-based groups—can tap into substantial support earmarked for both direct counter-disinformation programming and internal capacity-building. Selected implementers will play a crucial role in maintaining healthy public discourse and protecting democratic values from the destabilising effects of coordinated misinformation campaigns. Prospective applicants must ensure their structural arrangements meet specific national registration criteria before submitting their proposals ahead of the autumn deadline.

### 38. Long-Term Organisational Strengthening Grants for Bulgarian Non-Profits

**DONOR:** Open Society Institute Sofia Foundation (OSIF)    **GRANT SIZE:** \$100,000 to \$500,000

For Bulgarian civil society groups seeking deep, multi-year institutional reinforcement, our research highlights a comprehensive organisational support initiative targeting the bedrock of democracy and human rights. Rather than funding isolated projects, this call provides substantial lump-sum awards designed to help independent non-profit entities—including traditional chitalishta—execute their strategic work plans and enhance long-term institutional resilience over a multi-year timeframe. A dedicated priority is placed on empowering organisations championing the inclusion of Roma people, ensuring that marginalised communities remain central to the country’s civic fabric. Applicants must demonstrate a solid track record of financial stability, operational independence from public authorities and political bodies, and a multi-year strategic vision. Submissions are processed through a dedicated online portal, where successful participants will embark on a multi-year journey to solidify their administrative and programmatic capacities.

### 39. Advancing Civic Participation and Democratic Resilience in Portugal

**DONOR:** Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (FCG)    **GRANT SIZE:** \$10,000 to \$100,000

Our editorial desk has reviewed a targeted funding mechanism managed by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, inviting Portuguese civil society organisations to spearhead projects that reinforce democratic culture and civic engagement. The initiative aims to empower citizens and non-profit entities to actively shape more resilient, inclusive communities by championing information integrity and participatory governance. Voluntary, private, and non-commercial organisations operating independently of state bodies and political parties are encouraged to put forward creative proposals that foster the common good. To qualify, applicant groups must demonstrate a proven operational history reflecting a baseline level of annual financial turnover over recent years. This opportunity provides a meaningful channel for local advocates to deepen public participation and strengthen the foundational pillars of democratic society across the country.

## 40. Strategic Civil Society Partnerships and Resilience Building in Estonia

**DONOR:** Open Estonia Foundation **GRANT SIZE:** \$100,000 to \$500,000

Our team's review of the Estonian funding landscape reveals a robust strategic grants programme empowering civil society to defend the rule of law, human rights, and democratic accountability. The initiative addresses multifaceted contemporary challenges, ranging from media literacy and disinformation defense to supporting Ukrainian refugees, reducing discrimination, and fostering cross-border cooperation with Nordic partners. Estonia-registered non-profit associations and foundations can apply for either medium or large funding tiers depending on their project scope, with special provisions available for initiatives incorporating international donor partnerships. Successful coalitions will implement comprehensive, community-focused strategies that enhance social cohesion and amplify watchdog advocacy. The programme covers the entirety of eligible project expenditures, offering structured payment instalments to ensure smooth execution as selected initiatives roll out.

## 41. Advancing Public Accountability and Systemic Democratic Reform in Romania

**DONOR:** Civil Society Development Foundation **GRANT SIZE:** \$100,000 to \$500,000

Our editorial team has examined an ambitious call for proposals aimed at fostering systemic democratic reform and institutional accountability across Romania through robust civil society engagement. The initiative encourages non-governmental organisations to deploy comprehensive, long-term strategies that improve public policy, safeguard fundamental rights, and expand civic participation via evidence-based advocacy and watchdog mechanisms. Successful applicants can secure substantial resources to support multi-year projects, incorporating dedicated funding windows for internal institutional strengthening and rapid-response activities. To maximise impact, the programme strongly encourages collaborative partnerships between larger civil society actors and smaller grassroots groups, informal civic networks, or public authorities. This overarching framework provides a vital pathway for Romanian advocates to build sustainable models of participatory governance and transparency.

## 42. Small Grants for Civil Society Action and Inclusion in Slovakia

**DONOR:** EEA Civil Society Fund **GRANT SIZE:** \$10,000 to \$100,000

Our resource desk is highlighting a flexible small-grants opportunity in Slovakia that empowers independent civil society organisations to address pressing social challenges and uphold democratic standards. The programme tackles issues such as declining institutional trust, societal polarisation, refugee integration, and discrimination affecting vulnerable groups including Roma communities, women, and individuals with disabilities. Eligible non-profit entities can apply for compact funding to support advocacy, legal aid, independent journalism, fact-checking, and community initiatives that foster social cohesion and critical media literacy. Applicants must operate entirely independently of commercial and political interests while committing strictly to the protection of children and vulnerable persons. This initiative offers a vital lifeline for grassroots actors striving to foster a fairer, more transparent, and inclusive society.

### 43. Empowering Bulgarian Civil Society Through Flexible Small-Scale Funding

**DONOR:** EEA Civil Society Fund    **GRANT SIZE:** \$10,000 to \$100,000

This continuous funding opportunity is designed to fortify the Bulgarian non-profit sector by channeling resources directly into targeted, scalable initiatives that champion democratic values and fundamental rights. Eligible participants include independent non-profit entities and community cultural hubs properly registered under local laws, while political parties, religious bodies, and commercial cooperatives are excluded from applying. Successful applicants receive substantial multi-month financial support with zero co-financing prerequisites, allowing teams to focus entirely on project execution and community impact. The scope of eligible activities encompasses civic engagement campaigns, media literacy enhancements, anti-discrimination work, gender equality programs, and environmental protection. Furthermore, organizations can address emerging local needs, including support systems tied to the displacement challenges stemming from the conflict in Ukraine. By fostering grassroots resilience and civic participation, the initiative seeks to bridge societal gaps and promote an inclusive, informed public sphere. Ultimately, this framework empowers local actors to tackle complex social dynamics through innovative, community-driven interventions.

### 44. Strategic Capacity Building Support for Established Slovenian NGOs

**DONOR:** CNVOS    **GRANT SIZE:** \$100,000 to \$500,000

This dedicated organizational funding stream is tailored to bolster the long-term institutional resilience and strategic capacity of established non-governmental organizations operating across Slovenia. To qualify, applicant groups must possess a proven operational history spanning multiple years and align fully with relevant national non-profit legislation and regional framework agreements. The initiative is divided into specific tracks based on historical organizational revenue, requiring participants to present a comprehensive multi-year strategic plan. These institutional roadmaps must clearly articulate how internal capacities—such as human resources management, fundraising practices, communication strategies, and public transparency—will be systematically developed over time. Successful candidates gain access to substantial financial awards intended to underpin overarching organizational missions rather than just single-event programming. Through this institutional backing, the program aims to cultivate a robust and self-sustaining civil society capable of addressing pressing societal priorities like the rule of law, environmental sustainability, and human rights. Participating groups benefit from targeted investments designed to secure their operational future and amplify their public engagement efforts.

### 45. Advancing Collaborative Basic Research Across International Borders in Poland

**DONOR:** EEA and Norway Grants    **GRANT SIZE:** More than \$1 million

This comprehensive research initiative fosters high-level international partnerships by uniting Polish scientific institutions with counterpart organizations from designated partner nations in the European Economic Area. The scheme is dedicated to advancing curiosity-driven basic research across diverse academic disciplines, generating novel scientific knowledge without immediate commercial constraints. Eligible applicants must be legally established research entities in Poland partnering with at least one approved scientific institution from the designated donor states, while third-country entities may participate without drawing directly on grant resources. Supported projects align with broader regional priorities, including the European green transition, democratic governance, social inclusion, open science principles, and FAIR data management. The initiative places a strong emphasis on fostering early-stage investigators and female researchers, integrating them into dynamic, interdisciplinary teams. Projects can span multi-year implementation periods and are expected to yield high-impact international publications alongside evidence-based insights for policymaking. Through sustained bilateral cooperation, the program enhances the global competitiveness of domestic research institutions while addressing critical contemporary societal challenges.

## 46. Revitalizing Cultural Heritage and Promoting Inclusive Communities in the Slovak Republic

**DONOR:** Ministry of Investment, Regional Development and Informatisation of the

This major revitalization initiative invites public and private entities, commercial enterprises, and non-profit organizations to spearhead projects centered on the sustainable renewal and adaptive reuse of cultural monuments. Aimed at bridging socio-economic divides, the program supports interventions that weave cultural heritage back into the fabric of local community life through participatory planning and creative placemaking. Eligible organizations encompass a broad spectrum of legal entities established within participating countries, though individual applicants are strictly excluded from direct submissions. Special funding tracks accommodate large-scale heritage restorations in designated historic urban centers, alongside broader cultural initiatives across the nation. The program embeds core European values into its mandate, emphasizing human rights, minority inclusion, and broad cultural access for vulnerable populations such as youth, the elderly, and women at risk of exclusion. Projects must also incorporate responsible environmental practices and foster international cooperation among cultural stakeholders, local actors, and administrative partners. By safeguarding historical assets and encouraging artistic mobility, the initiative seeks to reinforce local identity and drive inclusive economic and social development.



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