

Websites for regular updates

No	Funding Entity	Website	General Information
1	European Commission	EC Funding & Tenders	
2	Information System for Management and Monitoring of EU Funds in Bulgaria 2020	Website	European structural and investment funds (2014-2020) Ministry of Interior Funds National Recovery and Resilience Plan European shared management funds (2021-2027) Financial Mechanism of European Economic Area and Norwegian Financial Mechanism
3	Active Citizens Fund in Bulgaria	1. Website 2. Check for Bilateral Funding Calls HERE	Civil Society development The allocation to the Active Citizens Fund Bulgaria, is EUR 15 500 000, provided by the donor-states Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The Program will operate until 2024 and shall contribute to the overall objectives of the EEA and Norway Grants, to reduce economic and social disparities, and to strengthen bilateral relations between the beneficiary and donor states. Objectives: “Civil society and active citizenship strengthened and vulnerable groups empowered” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - long-term sustainability and capacity of the civil society sector, strengthening its role in promoting democratic participation, active citizenship and human rights. Areas of Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Democracy, active citizenship, good governance and transparency



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Human rights and equal treatment through combating any discrimination on the grounds of racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation or gender identity- Social justice and inclusion of vulnerable groups- Gender equality and gender-based violence- Environment and climate change <p>BILATERAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION: The Norwegian Helsinki Committee (www.nhc.no) plays a central role in providing information and promoting bilateral cooperation between civil society organizations in Norway and beneficiary countries such as Bulgaria. To help the partnerships, the NCHC runs the www.ngonorway.org website, updating it with the relevant information and database of potential partner organizations from Norway and the beneficiary countries.</p>
4	Iceland Lichtenstein Norway Grants Website https://eeagrants.org/apply-for-funding	<p>The EEA and Norway Grants are funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The Grants have two goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- to contribute to a more equal Europe, both socially and economically- to strengthen the relations between Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, and the 15 Beneficiary States in Europe

5	German Marshall Fund	Website	<p>The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) is a nonpartisan American public policy organization committed to the idea that the United States and Europe are stronger together. GMF strives to champion democratic values and the transatlantic alliance by strengthening civil society, forging bold and innovative policy ideas, and developing a new generation of leaders to tackle global challenges.</p> <p>1. Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation (LINK HERE)</p> <p>The Trust promotes regional cooperation and good governance in the wider Black Sea region; accountable, transparent, and open government; strong, effective civic sectors; and independent and professional media. The Trust supports organizations in the Black Sea region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Turkey, and Ukraine) and Central and Eastern Europe (Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, and Slovenia). In addition to accepting applications on a rolling basis through the Regional Programs and Civic Participation programs, the Trust provides support through a variety of calls for proposals with specific thematic and geographic priorities. (Some current calls may focus on support related to the war in Ukraine.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation: BlackSeaTrust@gmfus.org <p>2. Engaging Central Europe (LINK HERE)</p> <p>This initiative supports democratic resilience and revival, media pluralism, electoral integrity, rule of law, civic education, citizen participation, and regional cooperation in the easternmost member states of the European Union and NATO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strengthening CSOs' management and advocacy skills, constituency building, and financial sustainability - expanding civic activism and free media in peripheral and rural areas - bolstering democratic participation, education, and deliberation, especially among young people, women, and vulnerable groups - enhancing the resilience of civil society in shrinking spaces - protecting fundamental rights, the rule of law, and electoral integrity - fostering anti-corruption and transparency initiatives - broadening regional networking among civil society in Central Europe and beyond
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6	Bulgarian Fund for Women	https://bgfundforwomen.org/en/bids-in-bg-en/	<p>Main Goal: Gender equality; not-exclusive to women, girls, people with disabilities, LGBTIQ+</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Direct grant making</u> (violence against women, economic independence of women, active participation of women social/political life, disadvantaged women, LGBTQI, healthy living conditions)- <u>Trainings</u> – capacity-building for NGOs (all NGOs) <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Grantmaking- Fundraising- Grants, Programmes, Initiatives
7	BCause Foundation	https://www.bcause.bg/en/about-us/who.html	<p>BCause Foundation is an expert organisation, a recognized leader with more than 25 years of experience at national and international level (since 1995).</p> <p>The Foundation channels donor resources and contribute to the financial and organizational strengthening of civil society organizations and public institutions – and promotes and supports donation causes.</p> <p>Fundraising Instruments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Platformata: Online donation campaigns.• DMS: online and SMS text message donations for specific causes• Payroll giving: payroll donation allows employees to automatically donate a portion of their pay check to a chosen charity• Giving Tuesday campaign: 3 December 2024 – November will be the month of campaigning. BCause Foundation leads the campaign in Bulgaria. NGO participation – including of RRP and inter-agency partners – are welcome.

8	Informational Portal for NGOs in Bulgaria	https://www.ngobg.info/en/index.html	<p>The Information Portal for NGOs in Bulgaria was launched in January 2010. It was developed and is maintained by the Program and Analytical Center for European Law Foundation (PACEL) in partnership with the Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law (BCNL). The portal is a non-commercial project with a charitable mission.</p> <p>The mission of the NGO Portal is to facilitate and encourage the sharing of up-to-date information about the Bulgarian non-governmental sector that is useful to the organizations themselves, donors, socially responsible businesses, and anyone interested in civil society organizations, their activities, and results. Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing Bulgarian civil organizations with a platform where they can freely present themselves without censorship or limitations, helping them reach more supporters, like-minded individuals, and donors. • Offering donors and socially responsible businesses the opportunity to promote their goals and programs among active citizens and showcase the results of the people and organizations they support, helping them attract greater public support, partners, and ideas for development. • Providing Bulgarian citizens with a “showcase” of active NGOs, with a variety of materials and search capabilities, helping them find causes and organizations whose efforts they wish to support. • Offering Bulgarian media and journalists, who follow and report on the activities of civil society organizations, examples of real achievements and challenges, helping them inform the public about diverse civil initiatives in various social fields.
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Open Calls

No	Funding Entity	Website	Description	Deadline
1	Danube Region Programme – 3rd Targeted Call for Proposals for Transnational Cooperation Projects	https://interreg-danube.eu/calls-for-proposals/third-call-for-proposals https://interreg-danube.eu/how-to-apply	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Projects must address one or more of the following specific objectives (SOs) under the Danube Region Programme, prioritised in this call: SO 1.2, SO 2.1, SO 2.2, SO 2.3, SO 3.1, SO 3.2, SO 4.2.- Some of the thematic areas include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o SO 1.2 – Development of AI skills, digital transformation, entrepreneurship (including use of IoT, blockchain, digital twins).o SO 2.1 – Greening energy and transport; renewable energy solutions especially in small & medium municipalities.o SO 2.2 – Climate change adaptation & disaster management (floods, droughts, wildfires, pollution), with emphasis on transnational coordination.o SO 2.3 – Sustainable water & sediment management; harmonising policy & practice across sectors (water, agriculture, navigation,	15 December 2025



		<p>hydropower) in the Danube River Basin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ SO 3.1 – Inclusive and effective labour markets; capacity building for employment support bodies; services coordination; training.○ SO 3.2 – Quality and inclusive education, training, lifelong learning; support for Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) aligned with regional employment & innovation needs.○ SO 4.2 – Governance: improving resilience of local/regional governance systems; citizen participation models; addressing territorial imbalances; sustaining vital value chains in geopolitical context. <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Transnational partnerships with at least three partners from different countries within the programme area, with at least one partner located in an EU Member State.	
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2	<p>Improving the quality of life of</p> <p>Link is here</p>	<p>Thematic Focus:</p>	<p>Deadline model - two-stage</p>

<p>persons with intellectual disabilities and their families (HORIZON)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Early diagnosis and prevention of intellectual disabilities - Development of medical, digital, and assistive technologies - Addressing comorbidities and transition to adult care - Empowerment of individuals with intellectual disabilities and their caregivers - Integrated care strategies and support for informal carers - Training and violence prevention guidelines for caregivers - Promotion of autonomy and inclusion in society <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any legal entity (public or private), including from non-associated third countries or international organizations - Entities must comply with Horizon Europe regulations - EU Member States (including outermost regions) - Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) linked to Member States - Horizon Europe Associated Countries (e.g. Moldova, Ukraine, Georgia, etc.) 	<p>16 September 2025 17:00h Brussels time</p> <p>16 April 2026 17:00h Brussels time</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Affiliated entities and associated partners may participate under specific conditions - Entities without legal personality may exceptionally participate under specific guarantees <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Total Available Budget: EUR 40 000 000 	
3	Global Fund for Community Foundations https://globalfundcommunityfoundations.org/what-we-do/grants/	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen the efforts of community philanthropy organizations to respond to, change mindsets around and build support for complex, sensitive or apparently intractable issues at the community level (e.g. social cohesion and other community divisions, environmental issues, women's, youth, other minority rights, marginalized and vulnerable communities etc.) - Strengthen the overall durability and effectiveness of community philanthropy organizations as trusted and rooted vehicles for people-led, people-owned development (whether around grantmaking systems, governance and management structures, fund 	Ongoing



		<p>development and sustainability, communications platforms, etc.)</p> <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Community philanthropy organizations- Community foundations- Women's funds- National public foundations- Grassroot grantmakers- Any other kind of organization that identifies with the community philanthropy <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- USD 7 000 – 20 000	
4	Bulgarian Fund for Women	<p>https://bgfundforwomen.org/en/2024/03/19/bfw-launches-new-program-open-opportunities/</p>	<p>“Open Opportunities” Program</p> <p>The aim of this call is to contribute to building an inclusive, sustainable, and pro-democracy civil society in Bulgaria that has the capacity and resources to deal with unexpected external or internal factors and crises. The program will support independent civil society organizations active at local, regional, or national level whose main mission and activities are focused on the protection, promotion and awareness-raising of fundamental rights, European Union (EU) values,</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

		<p>the rule of law, gender equality and democracy.</p> <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only organizations registered in Bulgaria under the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act (NPOA) and operating for public benefit. <p>Ineligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-profit private benefit associations, non-profit private benefit foundations, community centers, trade unions, international organizations without registration in Bulgaria, commercial companies, cooperatives, as well as unregistered collectives and individuals. <p>Up to BGN 4889.58 (EUR 2,500 equivalent) for up to 6 months per organization</p>	
5	<p>UNICEF Global Learning Innovation Hub</p> <p>https://www.unicef.org/digitaleducation/stories/seeking-next-blue-unicorn-edtech-tools-bridge-global-learning-gaps</p>	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The initiative seeks innovative EdTech solutions aimed at addressing the global learning crisis, with a focus on improving learning outcomes for children, 	Ongoing

		<p>particularly in low-resource settings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Solutions will be evaluated based on their potential to impact over 100 million children, scientific grounding in learning principles, proven positive outcomes, secure data management, adaptability to low-resource contexts, and affordability. <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eligible applicants include technology companies, academic institutions, and non-profit organizations with evidence backed EdTech tools. - Selected tools will be featured on the Learning Cabinet, a global platform for innovative EdTech solutions, and will engage with local ecosystems for market insights and collaboration. <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to \$150,000 in funding is available for selected EdTech tools. 	
6	Smurfit Westrock Foundation: https://www.smurfitwestrockfoundation.com/Guidelines	Thematic Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Smurfit Kappa Foundation's vision for the Foundation is to 	Ongoing

<p>Grants programme</p>		<p>positively impact the lives of underprivileged people in the communities where Smurfit Kappa Group operates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financially supports sustainable projects that positively impact the lives of underprivileged people through health and nutrition, education and basic care. <p>Eligible Applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Registered nonprofit organization or charity. - Must be for the benefit of underprivileged people. - Must be in the areas of health and nutrition, education or basic care. - Must be a sustainable project i.e. the project should have a clear plan for continued financial income generation, ensuring long-term viability, and creating lasting positive impact. - Must be for a public benefit - the project must serve a public benefit rather than a private or commercial interest. - Must be supportive of a least one of the below United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals set as a priority: 1, 2, 3,4, 5 or 10. 	
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7	The Lifeline Embattled CSO Assistance Fund	https://www.csolifeline.org/emergency-assistance Thematic Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lifeline grants can address security, medical expenses, legal representation, prison visits, trial monitoring, temporary relocation, equipment replacement, and other urgently needed expenses. Eligible applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- NGOs, journalist associations, network organizations, community-based organizations, student groups, labor unions, think tanks, and other associations. Funding Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Average awards are around USD 9,000	Ongoing
8	Urgent Action: Fund for Women's Human Rights	https://urgentactionfund.org/our-grants/ Thematic Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Urgent Action Fund for Feminist Activism partners with frontline feminist movements to support women, trans, and non-binary activists striving to create a more just and equitable world. Eligible Applicants:	Ongoing

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Primarily Women/Trans/Non-binary Led: Women, trans, or non-binary people must be the primary decision makers - Focus on women, trans, and non-binary rights: Actions proposed must benefit women, trans, and non-binary people - Urgent and Unanticipated: The specific situation must be unanticipated and time urgent. Actions must be implemented within 3 months of approval of the grant - Networked: The group must have support from local or international feminist activists or networks <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Security Grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Grant amount: up to \$8,000 o Grant period: 3 months - Opportunity Grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Grant amount: up to \$8,000 o Grant period: 6 months 	
9	Oak Foundation https://oakfnd.org/grant-making/	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Foundation provides grants to organizations that work in the programme areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Environment o Housing and Homelessness 	Ongoing

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ International Human Rights ○ Issues Affecting Women ○ Learning Differences ○ Prevent Child Sexual Abuse ○ Special Interest <p>Eligible Applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NGOs - Grant applications are initiated in three ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Direct invitation ○ Letter of inquiry ○ Request for proposals <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants range between 25 000 USD to 10 000 000 USD - 	
10	Travel Grants for Civil Society Organizations (German Marshall Fund) https://www.gmfus.org/enhancing-resilience-civil-society-eastern-partnership-erics-eap#	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitate participation in regional networking activities - Support exchange of ideas and best practices among civil society actors - Increase the visibility of civil society initiatives in the Eastern Partnership region <p>Eligible Applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CSO representatives, including leaders, staff, volunteers 	Ongoing

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Civic activists and leaders, informal groups' representatives - Must be based/active in one of the six Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries (exiled CSOs are also eligible) <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Award Amount: Up to EUR 1,500 per travel grant 	
11	RADIAN 2.0: Innovation Challenge Fund Program 2025 Link is here	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HIV Service Innovations: Novel approaches to outreach, service demand, linkage to care, retention, and service delivery for key populations (KPs) and people living with HIV (PLHIV). - Enabling Environment Innovations: Addressing structural barriers such as stigma, discrimination, low community engagement, and sustainability of civil society organizations (CSOs). - Digital Innovations: Use of AI, blockchain, and telemedicine for improving HIV services and CSO sustainability. - Non-Digital Innovations: Biomedical, social, and behavioral interventions to enhance HIV care 	30 June 2027

		<p>and integration with other health services.</p> <p>Eligible Applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) - Academic and research organizations - Commercial entities (if justified and without profit in the project budget) - Consortia of multiple organizations with a designated lead applicant - Ineligible Entities: Individuals and government entities <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Award Range: Up to \$300,000 per project 	
12	<p>Global Impact Cash Grant Program</p> <p>https://www.cisco.com/site/us/en/about/purpose/social-impact/investments/global-impact-cash-grants.html</p>	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global Impact Cash Grants go to non-profit organizations and non-governmental organizations that address a significant social program. Cisco is looking for programs that fit within their investment sectors, focus on the underserved, and use technology to improve the 	Ongoing



		<p>reach and efficiency of services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Organizations and programs must focus on at least one of Cisco's social investment sectors: crisis response, education, economic empowerment, and/or climate impact and regeneration. <p>Eligible Applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Non-profit organizations- Non-governmental organizations <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Maximum grant: USD 75 000	
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