

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	<p>Civil Society development</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Objectives: “Civil society and active citizenship strengthened and vulnerable groups empowered”</p> <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. <p>Areas of Support:</p> <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 Marshal 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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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improving analytical, policy, and advocacy work on civil society and democracy in Central Europe <p>Engaging Central Europe: EngagingCE@gmfus.org</p> <p>Supporting the Social Involvement of Children and Young People through Democracy Education and Participation-based Model Projects (LINK HERE)</p> <p>Types of Eligible Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offering age-specific, participation-based democracy education projects for children (aged 14+) or young adults (18+) - Fostering grassroots democratic processes for the representation of student interests within schools and beyond - Creating networks of democratic youth groups for coordination, joint activities, and development of a shared democratic agenda - Amplifying the voice of democratic youths through online and offline campaigns - Amplify the voice of students in the process of education-related decision-making at school, local, regional or national level - Enhancing the democratic and civic skills of children (aged 14+) and young adults through community-development-oriented volunteering and internship programs. <p>3. Ukraine: Relief, Resilience, Recovery Programme (LINK HERE)</p> <p>This emergency program in response to Russia's war against Ukraine supports Ukrainian citizens, civic activists and civil society organizations, and journalists and independent media. Support is provided to civic initiatives, civil society organizations, and independent media outlets as well as targeted capacity-building measures, Ukrainian civil society networking and cooperation, and policy initiatives by Ukrainian experts and think tanks.</p> <p>Ukraine: Relief, Resilience, Recovery: Ukraine3R@gmfus.org</p>
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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, LGBTIQ, 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	Bulgarian Fund for Women	https://bgfundforwomen.org/en/2024/03/19/bfw-launches-new-program-open-opportunities/	<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, 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, 	May 2025

		<p>international organizations without registration in Bulgaria, commercial companies, cooperatives, as well as unregistered collectives and individuals.</p> <p>Up to BGN 4889.58 (EUR 2,500 equivalent) for up to 6 months per organization</p>	
2	<p>Full Scale Exercises Program 2025</p> <p>Link is here</p>	<p>Thematic Focus: Support projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve civil protection preparedness and response to disasters - Provide a full-scale testing environment for emergency response actors - Develop coordination mechanisms and EU Civil Protection Team (EUCP) procedures - Address cross-cutting issues, including gender, age, disability inclusion, human rights, environmental sustainability, and civil-military cooperation <p>Eligible Applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal entities (public or private bodies) 	<p>15 May 2025 17:00h Brussels time</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be established in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o EU Member States (including overseas territories) o UCPM Participating States: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Türkiye, and Ukraine o European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) countries and IPA Beneficiaries may participate in field exercises but are not eligible as consortium members <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Total Budget Available: EUR 14,000,000 - Full-Scale Field Exercises Topic: EUR 4,000,000 (for projects targeting EU Member States and UCPM Participating States) 	
3	Bulgarian Fund for Women https://bgfundforwomen.org/2025/04/10/novo-izdanie-na-programa-misia-vuzmozjna/	“Mission Possible” Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting initiatives that contribute to systemic change and empowerment of vulnerable groups through sustainable 	10 June 2025

		<p>organizational development. Support is directed toward civil society organizations working on key issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o feminist knowledge and analysis; o gender mainstreaming; o rights of women, LGBTI+ people, migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers; o gender-based violence and domestic violence; o media freedom and combating disinformation; o democratic participation and fair elections; o climate justice, social equality, labor rights, and access to justice; o empowerment of communities in isolated and marginalized areas. <p>The program places a special focus on organizations whose work covers vulnerable groups, including: girls and women; people with disabilities or addictions; LGBTI+ people; refugees and migrants; women in feminized and low-paid professions; human rights</p>	
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		<p>defenders, journalists, and media representatives.</p> <p>Financial support can be used for a wide range of activities related to the administrative, strategic, and programmatic strengthening of organizations, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o strategic planning and development; o team building and human resources; o sustainable financial management; o monitoring, learning, and evaluation; o advocacy and participation in policy-making; o risk management and crisis preparedness. <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>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organizations can apply for funding from a minimum of BGN 39 116.60 (EUR 20 000) to a 	
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		maximum of BGN 117 349.80 (EUR 60 000) for a period of between 12 and 34 months, regardless of whether they are established or newly created.	
4	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 and integration with other health services. <p>Eligible Applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) 	30 June 2025

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 	
5	<p>Programme “Science and Education for Smart Growth” 2014-2020 and Programme “Education” 2021 – 2027</p> <p>https://sf.mon.bg/?go=news&p=detail&newsId=1461</p>	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reintegration into the education system of persons aged 16 and over who have dropped out of school and/or have no basic education. - Organization and implementation of adult literacy courses and courses for the acquisition of learning content for the various educational stages and levels for persons - Validating the results of non-formal and informal learning by assessing and recognizing 	30 June 2025

		<p>the equivalence of competences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group/individual activities to familiarize participants with professions <p>Eligible Applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Municipalities, state, municipal, and private schools, non-profit legal entities with proven experience and expertise in the field of education and/or work with vulnerable groups, Personal Development Support Centers, Regional Education Administrations, National representative organizations of employers and employees in Bulgaria, as well as their branches in accordance with Art. 36, para. 8 of the Labor Code. <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The total amount of grant funding available under this procedure is BGN 62,691,105 (financed by the ESF+ and the national budget). The minimum amount of grant funding for a project proposal is BGN 250,000, and the maximum amount is BGN 750,000. 	
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6	Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)	Link is here	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop targeted support measures to include migrant women in the labour market, and society more broadly, that reflect their specific needs due to, inter alia, educational background, migration and family status. - Promote whole-of-family approaches to civic integration and labor market inclusion programmes with measures considering the perspective of the entire family, not just the individual beneficiary, recognizing that families vary in structure. - Empower groups of migrant women with particular vulnerabilities or distance to the labor market to become self-reliant (e.g. women having experienced trauma or with a low level of education); - Strengthen cooperation among relevant actors at the local, regional and national levels; - Develop good practices on the integration of migrant women, with a view to upscaling and embedding them in more long-term funding structures. 	<p>16 September 2025 17:00h Brussels time</p>
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		<p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Public or private bodies;- EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)), excluding Denmark;- Non-EU countries;- Countries associated to the AMIF (associated countries) or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Topic 1 - Support measures for migrant women's integration - EUR 9 000 000- Topic 2 - Access to healthcare - EUR 9 000 000- Topic 3 - Improving digital skills among migrants - EUR 5 000 000- Topic 4 - Complementary pathways linked to education - EUR 5 000 000- Measures to support Member States in the field of protection of children in migration - EUR 6 000 000	
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7	UNICEF Global Learning Innovation Hub	https://www.unicef.org/digitaleducation/stories/seeking-next-blue-unicorn-edtech-tools-bridge-global-learning-gaps	<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, particularly in low-resource settings. - 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>	Ongoing
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to \$150,000 in funding is available for selected EdTech tools. 	
8	Smurfit Westrock Foundation: Grants programme https://www.smurfitwestrockfoundation.com/Guidelines	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Smurfit Kappa Foundation's vision for the Foundation is to positively impact the lives of underprivileged people in the communities where Smurfit Kappa Group operates. - 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. 	Ongoing



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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. <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Minimum grant amount of €10,000	
9	The Lifeline Embattled CSO Assistance Fund	<p>https://www.csolifeline.org/emergency-assistance</p> <p>Thematic Focus:</p> <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. <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- NGOs, journalist associations, network organizations, community-based organizations, student groups, labor unions, think tanks, and other associations. <p>Funding Details:</p>	Ongoing

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Average awards are around USD 9,000 	
10	Urgent Action: Fund for Women's Human Rights https://urgentactionfund.org/our-grants/	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <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. <p>Eligible Applicants:</p> <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>	Ongoing



		<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 	
11	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 o International Human Rights o Issues Affecting Women o Learning Differences o Prevent Child Sexual Abuse o 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"> o Direct invitation o Letter of inquiry o Request for proposals <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants range between - 25 000 USD to 10 000 000 USD 	Ongoing