

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	<p>European structural and investment funds (2014-2020)</p> <p>Ministry of Interior Funds</p> <p>National Recovery and Resilience Plan</p> <p>European shared management funds (2021-2027)</p> <p>Financial Mechanism of European Economic Area and Norwegian Financial Mechanism</p>
3	Active Citizens Fund in Bulgaria	<p>1. Website</p> <p>2. Check for Bilateral Funding Calls HERE</p>	<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	<p>Website</p> <p>https://eeagrants.org/apply-for-funding</p>	<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

<p>5 German Marshal Fund Website</p>	<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	<p>Informational Portal for NGOs in Bulgaria</p>	<p>https://www.ngobg.info/en/index.html</p>	<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, international organizations without registration in Bulgaria, commercial 	May 2025

		<p>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>The Minor Foundation for Major Challenges (MFMC)</p> <p>https://unifor.no/stiftelser/the-minor-foundation-for-major-challenges/ https://minor-foundation.no/how-to-apply</p>	<p>Supports projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lead to changes in policies or practises in public or private institutions in line with pathways for 1,5C - Increase knowledge and implementation of needed policies and technologies - Reduce new build out or use of fossil fuels - Increase the uptake and use of carbon-free solutions - Create positive mobilisation for the actions and policies needed to keep global warming within the pathway of 1,5C - Increase the number of voices and narratives in climate advocacy <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European-based organizations that lead communication projects related to climate change advocacy and policy reforms. <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Larger Grants: EUR 20,000 to EUR 200,000 - Small Grants: Up to EUR 10,000 for smaller-scale projects 	10 April 2025

3	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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to \$150,000 in funding is available for selected EdTech tools. 	<p>Ongoing</p>
4	Asylum, Migration and	Link is here	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prevention of irregular migration through awareness raising and information 	<p>01 April 2025 17:00h Brussels time</p>

		<p>campaigns on the risks of irregular migration in selected third countries and within Europe</p> <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"> - Budget for this project is EUR 10 000 000 <p>The European Commission reserves the right not to award all available funds or to redistribute them between the call topics, depending on the proposals received and the results of the evaluation.</p>	
5	<p>Link is here</p>	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting, advancing and implementing comprehensive policies to protect and promote the rights of the child, including the right to participate. It responds to 	<p>29 April 2025 17:00h Brussels time</p>

		<p>children’s current needs and challenges in the EU, through three priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children’s rights in the digital age ○ Children’s engagement and participation ○ Embedding a right of the child perspective in actions at national and local level <p>- This call focuses on the implementation of the actions and recommendations at EU, national and local levels of the EU Strategy on the rights of the child. It aims at responding to children’s current needs and challenges in the EU.</p> <p>- It pays attention to the rights of children with specific needs and vulnerabilities, including those who fled the Russian’s war of aggression against Ukraine.</p> <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal entities (public or private bodies) or international organizations; - Lead applicants must be non-profit making. Organizations which are profit oriented may apply only in partnership with public entities, private non-profit organizations, or international organizations; - EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)) 	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-EU countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Countries associated to the CERV Programme 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"> - Budget for this project is EUR 17 000 000. <p>The European Commission reserves the right not to award all available funds or to redistribute them between the call topics, depending on the proposals received and the results of the evaluation.</p>	
6	<p>UCF Edu-Fund Platform</p> <p>https://dfbulgaria.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/framework.pdf</p>	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <p>Programmes aimed at addressing educational poverty in favor of lower and upper secondary school students (11-19 age), with a particular focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - addressing early school drop-out - training teachers - encouraging university attainment - enhancing employability for students, through the acquisition of adequate skills to enter the job market <p>Eligible applicants:</p>	30 April 2025

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-profit organizations with a presence (e.g. headquarters, representative office, branch/branches, correspondents, etc.) in one of the countries listed: <i>Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia</i> - Public administrations, political parties and movements, trade unions, professional and representative associations of economic categories, employers' associations, and entities under the direction, coordination, or control of these bodies are not eligible - Have been established for at least two years and possess a solid financial structure <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three streams of funding opportunities, ranging from €100,000 to over €1 million, to cater to a range of program scales 	
7	<p>The Lifeline Embattled CSO Assistance Fund</p> <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>	Ongoing

		<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Average awards are around USD 9,000 	
8	<p>Europe (програма "Европа") of Sofia Municipality</p> <p>https://evropa-so.bg/bg/novini/515-programa-evropa-2025-otvarja-za-kandidatstvane-ot-17-02-2025-g-do-17-03-2025-g</p>	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Priority area 1</u>: Education for sustainable development and promotion of participatory culture in urban processes - <u>Priority Area 2</u>: Supporting partnerships between civil society and municipal structures to protect and develop urban nature and promote healthy lifestyles. - <u>Priority Area 3</u>: Promoting civil society participation in the achievement of the strategic priorities of Sofia Municipality in line with European and national objectives. - <u>Priority Area 4</u>: Supporting the development of Sofia as a sustainable and attractive tourist destination through cooperation between civil society organizations, local authorities and the tourism sector. - <u>Priority Area 5</u>: Supporting the development of sustainable urban policies to prevent and address community violence, domestic violence, aggression, 	17 March 2025

		<p>hate speech and cyber violence through collaboration between local government, civil society organizations and specialist institutions.</p> <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NGOs and civil society organizations which are registered under the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act; have their registered office on the territory of the Sofia Municipality <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The total budget for grants for projects of civil society organizations is BGN 1 250 000. However, five priority areas are approved, and their funding is BGN 250 000 each. 	
9	<p>GMF (German Marshall Fund of the United States)</p> <p>https://www.gmfus.org/ukrepvane-kapaciteta-na-monitoringovite-organizacii-za-vodene-na-strategicheski-dela-0</p>	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advantage to legal assistance to marginalized communities and individuals affected by human rights violations; - Conduct strategic litigation and represent aggrieved parties and victims of systemic human rights violations before the courts; - Conduct workshops or trainings to increase the legal knowledge of CSOs, with a special focus on available national, international, and European legal options; 	17 March 2025

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build comprehensive communication and advocacy strategies around the existing judicial work of monitoring organizations; - Use freedom of information laws strategically to maintain transparency and assist citizens and CSOs in filing freedom of information requests and appealing denials; <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Civil society organizations (CSOs) with a proven track record in the field of human rights and transparency and be registered in Bulgaria, Hungary, or Poland. - Organizations that have a reach beyond major urban centers are particularly encouraged to apply. - Organizations that engage individuals or groups in peripheral areas are particularly encouraged to apply. <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Grants are USD 10 000 to USD 30 000 	
10	<p>Francophonie (OIF)</p> <p>https://appelsaprojets.francophonie.org/en/applications/fae6 https://partage.francophonie.org/public/fd1604c451fb</p>	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Improve the participation and inclusion of women in economic and social life;</i> 	30 March 2025

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Improve women's access to vocational training;</i> - <i>Support women in the development of income-generating activities and facilitate their access to economic opportunities.</i> - <i>For Central and Eastern Europe: access to vocational training towards the creation of AGR or sustainable integration into employment;</i> <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-governmental organizations, foundations, humanitarian associations, economic interest groups, cooperatives, private research institutes and social partners (Particular attention will be paid to organizations whose primary mission is the protection and promotion of effective rights and the emancipation of women and girls) - Have financial capacities equivalent to the amount of the grant, taking into account the duration of the project. Financial capacities will be assessed on the basis of the annual financial report. <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The subsidy requested must be expressed in euros and range from a minimum of €15,000 to a maximum of €100,000 	
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11	<p>The Mama Cash 2025 (The Resilience Fund)</p> <p>https://www.mamacash.org/resources/resilience-fund-announcement/ https://www.mamacash.org/funds/resilience-fund/</p>	<p>Thematic Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advancement of the rights of women, girls and trans and intersex people. <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eligible for the Resilience Fund, groups and initiatives must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Work from a feminist, women's, girls', and trans and/or intersex people's rights perspective; o Be self-led by the women, girls, trans people and/or intersex people they work with; o Have the promotion of women's, girls', trans people's and/or intersex people's human rights as their primary mission, and not just 	31 March 2025

		<p>as the focus of part of their programmes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Push for structural and fundamental change; and, ○ Focus on issues that are under-addressed and/or contested in their context. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Priority is given to smaller and emerging groups that are doing critically important work but have limited access to funding. In addition to funding registered, formal organizations, funding is open for informal or unregistered groups of activists, as well as networks or coalitions. - Priority is given to groups or initiatives that have an annual budget below 200,000 euros. Mama Cash does not prioritize providing financial support to larger groups, and very few of the grantee-partners have annual budgets over 200,000 euros. <p>Funding Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - €50,000 per year, average grant size €35,000 	
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