

**CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

Ukraine

**UKRAINE**

AHALAR Center for Humane Technologies

NGO Strengthening

\$37,346

Furthering Ukraine's Democratic Transition

To increase civil society's influence on Ukraine's democratic transition by facilitating cooperation between the third sector and fourth estate. AHALAR will organize three, four-day training seminars for 60 representatives from the media and civil society, conduct a four-day study visit to Warsaw for 12 participants which will focus on examples and best practices of cooperation between civil society and the media in the Polish context, award 8 small grants averaging \$30,000 to local civic initiatives, and develop its online networking platform ([www.dobrodel.org.ua](http://www.dobrodel.org.ua)).

All-Ukrainian Network of the PLWH – Mykolayiv

NGO Strengthening

\$38,294

Promoting Civic Activism in Southern Ukraine

To promote civic activism in the Mykolaiv region. The PLWH will conduct four training seminars for youth and civic initiatives. Each seminar will bring together at least ten youth, community, charity, human rights and women's NGOs from the regional centers of Voznesensk and Yuzhnoukrainsk, as well as surrounding smaller towns and villages. The trainings will focus on increasing the capacity of these organizations to engage with the public and local authorities, while also providing an opportunity for networking. The PLWH will award five small grants of up to \$200 to facilitate the activities of smaller initiatives.

Apelsin Center of Progressive Young People

Political Processes

\$31,289

Promoting Electoral Transparency in Northern Ukraine

To strengthen youth activism and promote cleaner elections in Ukraine's northern Chernihiv region. Apelsin will train a network of youth activists, civic initiators and small business owners to monitor the May 2014 presidential election. Apelsin will host eight, one-day training seminars for 200 activists, monitor election-related coverage in regional media, and report electoral violations observed by a network of monitors at 100 polling stations on election day.

Association of Ukrainian Law Enforcement Monitors

Human Rights

\$41,785

Monitoring Human Rights Compliance by Law Enforcement Agencies

To promote Ukraine's adherence to international human rights standards. The Association will continue monitoring law enforcement practices in the country. In the coming year, the Association will conduct three trainings on encounters with the police for a total of 60 NGO activists from the regions. It will continue tracking and documenting human rights violations by the police, develop recommendations to prevent future abuses, and publish the results in its annual report, of which copies will be published in Ukrainian and English.

Association Spilnyi Prostir

Political Processes

\$50,000

Promoting Free and Fair Elections through Media Monitoring

To promote free and fair elections. The Association will conduct comprehensive media monitoring in 24 regions of the country ahead of the May 2014 presidential election. The monitoring will be conducted at the national and regional level and assess whether the presidential candidates have equal access to mass media, whether voters have access to the information necessary for making an informed choice. The monitoring will also determine whether key issues of concern to citizens are being addressed. The Association will organize four press conferences to present the monitoring results and produce 1,000 copies of a final monitoring report.

## Association Spilnyi Prostir

Political Processes

\$26,300

## Promoting Free and Fair Elections through Media Monitoring

To foster more objective, balanced political reporting on elections. The Association will conduct comprehensive media monitoring in 24 regions of the country ahead of the October 2014 parliamentary election. The monitoring will be conducted at the national and regional levels and assess whether the candidates have equal access to mass media and whether voters have access to the information necessary for making an informed choice. The monitoring will also determine whether key issues of concern to citizens are being addressed. The Association will organize four press conferences to present the monitoring results and produce 1,000 copies of a final monitoring report.

## Bukovyna Partnership Agency

Political Processes

Supplement: \$14,118

## Promoting Public Dialogue and Local Government Transparency in Chernivtsi

To strengthen political processes in the southwestern region of Chernivtsi. Ahead of the October 2014 parliamentary elections, the Agency will conduct nine public debates between candidates and broadcast them on the regional television and radio stations, reaching an audience of over three million. The broadcasts will focus on pressing local and national issues. The Agency will also produce and disseminate two audio and video voter mobilization clips, and produce and distribute over 1,040 non-partisan GOTV posters and billboards.

## Bukovyna Partnership Agency

Political Processes

\$45,230

## Promoting Public Dialogue and Local Government Transparency in Chernivtsi

To strengthen public dialogue and promote local government. The Agency will conduct eight public debates to be broadcast on the region's television station which reaches more than 1.5 million viewers. The broadcasts will focus on pressing local and national issues, including the May 2014 presidential and mayoral elections and EU integration. In addition, the Agency will monitor and broadcast 10 sessions of local government bodies and convene four online debates focused on east-west topics. Finally, the Agency will promote media cooperation in the region by building a partnership with the local newspaper Versions.

## Center for Civil Liberties

Accountability

\$31,400

## Promoting Public Oversight of Human Rights Legislation

To promote human rights. The Center will monitor, analyze and propose improvements and amendments to legislation relating to human rights and freedom of expression. To increase its capacity and engage new activists in human rights monitoring, the Center will convene a series of two trainings, four roundtables and twelve working group meetings for a total of 360 activists. To increase public awareness of human rights issues, the Center will hold three press conferences and organize at least five civic campaigns.

## Center for International Private Enterprise

Accountability

\$382,014

## Bolstering Chamber and Coalition-Led Advocacy

To bolster cross-regional, coalition-led advocacy aimed at improving the entrepreneurial climate; to strengthen public-private dialogue on issues identified as priorities for SME communities through cross-regional initiatives; and to strengthen the ability of Ukrainian business associations and coalitions to advocate their members' interests and to engage in the policymaking process with regional chambers of commerce and industry. This is part of a multi-year effort to increase the advocacy capacity of organizations representing entrepreneurs in Ukraine.

## Center for International Private Enterprise

Developing Market Economy

\$226,548

## Strengthening Private Sector Engagement in Democratic Reform

To expand opportunities for the business community to communicate its reform priorities, strengthen the capacity of chambers of commerce and industry across Ukraine, and equip mid-sized Ukrainian enterprises with the tools to resist corrupt practices. CIPE will build the capacity of Ukrainian regional chambers of commerce and industry and will launch an internal business integrity program for directors and chief legal officers in eastern Ukraine.

## Center for Policy Studies and Analysis

Accountability

\$22,770

## Promoting Transparency of Public Procurement

To promote accountability by increasing the transparency of public procurement. The Center will produce an online tool to facilitate the monitoring of public tenders and raise public and private awareness of and advocate for improved public procurement practices. Capitalizing on increased public interest and engagement, the Center will encourage government agencies and businesses to reduce corruption by better implementing the new Public Procurement Law.

## Center for Research on Social Perspectives in the Donbas

Freedom of Information

Supplement: \$37,493

## Supporting Independent Regional Media

To disseminate independent information about and for Ukraine's regions, with a focus on the May 2014 presidential election and the ongoing political transition. The Center will continue to operate its popular news website, OstriV ([www.ostrov.org](http://www.ostrov.org)). Initial and supplemental NED support will be used to cover the salaries of four correspondents, who will produce more than 200 analytical and 10,000 informational items for the website. Funds will also be used to cover a portion of

Center's basic operating costs.

Center for Society Research

Human Rights

\$21,740

Promoting Freedom of Assembly

To promote fundamental rights and freedoms. The Center will continue promoting a greater awareness of the freedom of assembly in Ukraine. As part of a national advocacy campaign, the Center will monitor assemblies throughout the country, including the reaction of authorities, and post the results at [www.cedos.org.ua](http://www.cedos.org.ua). As well, the results will be collected, distributed through social media, and presented at press conferences.

Cherkasy Committee Voters of Ukraine

Political Processes

Supplement: \$24,910

Promoting Civic Activism and Government Accountability in Central Ukraine

To promote government accountability and transparency, and free and fair elections, in the Cherkasy region. The Cherkasy CVU will hold five workshops for councilors and activists and conduct a monitoring campaign of local elected officials and their pre-election platforms. It will also carry out an informational campaign to inform citizens of the options available to them to hold their elected officials more accountable. Ahead of the October 2014 parliamentary election, the CVU will conduct long-term monitoring of the campaigns as well as observe on election day. The results will be disseminated through three press conferences and three monitoring bulletins.

Cherkasy Committee Voters of Ukraine

Political Processes

\$19,050

Monitoring Elections in Cherkasy

To promote free, fair and transparent elections in Cherkasy. The Cherkasy CVU will organize a three-month vote monitoring program of the country's presidential election, as well as the local mayoral election, in May 2014. It will conduct long-term monitoring of the campaigns as well as observing on election day. The CVU will also carry out an information campaign to disseminate the results of its monitoring.

Chernivtsi Committee of Voters of Ukraine

Political Processes

Supplement: \$19,990

Promoting Accountability in Southwestern Ukraine

To promote government accountability and transparency, and free and fair elections, in southwestern Ukraine. Ahead of the October 2014 parliamentary elections, the CVU will conduct long-term monitoring of the campaigns as well as observe on election day. The results will be disseminated through three press conferences and three monitoring bulletins.

Chernivtsi Committee of Voters of Ukraine

Political Processes

\$29,500

Monitoring Early Presidential Elections in Chernivtsi and Khmelnytsky Regions

To promote free, fair and transparent elections. The Chernivtsi CVU will observe the early presidential election in May 2014. It will conduct long-term, medium term, and election-day monitoring. The CVU will also hold regular meetings with media and civil society groups to publicize its findings. Finally, the CVU will provide voters with free legal consultations.

Chernivtsi Committee of Voters of Ukraine

Accountability

\$37,920

Promoting Accountability in Southwestern Ukraine

To promote government accountability and transparency in southwestern Ukraine. The Chernivtsi CVU will monitor the activities of city council deputies in Chernivtsi and Khmelnytsky regions and publish and distribute 1,600 copies of two monitoring reports in its Krok Zakhid newspaper. The CVU will hold nine training seminars for local council deputies focusing on local self-government reforms and promoting transparency within the decision making process. It will hold four round tables, launch an information campaign to promote public participation in the reform process, and continue to update its website ([www.buktoloka.cv.ua](http://www.buktoloka.cv.ua)) with relevant news and information during an important election year.

Civic Union "Educational Human Rights House Chernihiv"

Human Rights

\$56,305

Promoting Human Rights in Southern and Eastern Ukraine

To promote human rights and support civic initiatives in southern and eastern Ukraine. The Civic Union will hold a one-week human rights training and two coordination meetings for lawyers, journalists and civil society activists, as well as a mini-grants program to assist civic activities focusing on southern and eastern Ukraine. The Civic Union's Human Rights House will also serve as a base for displaced human rights organizations from these regions and provide human rights assistance.

Data Journalism Agency

Freedom of Information

\$31,369

Promoting Government Transparency through Media

To enhance public awareness and stimulate debate on government performance and other accountability issues. For its website [www.texty.org.ua](http://www.texty.org.ua), the Agency will publish 10 monthly articles on civic activism, accountability, transparency and reform issues, and produce 16 data visualizations that will help citizens to

understand better complex political, economic and social issues regarding reforms in Ukraine.

**Democratic Initiatives Foundation (DIF)**

Political Processes

\$30,000

**Monitoring Electoral Processes**

To promote free and fair parliamentary elections. DIF will stimulate informed debate and dialogue among civil society, government and the general public on issues relating to Ukraine's transition to democracy and the October 2014 parliamentary elections. Through more than three dozen surveys, roundtables and publications, DIF will help ensure that Ukraine's leaders are informed about public opinion, while at the same time informing the public about important policy debates. DIF will also monitor the October elections by conducting a nationwide exit poll.

**Democratic Initiatives Foundation (DIF)**

Political Processes

Supplement: \$70,095

**Stimulating Dialogue on Transition Processes**

To stimulate informed debate and dialogue among civil society, government and the general public on issues related to Ukraine's transition to democracy. Through three national polls, eight expert surveys, eight roundtables, monthly bulletins and a quarterly scholarly journal, the Foundation will help ensure that Ukrainian leaders are informed about public opinion, while at the same time informing the public about important policy debates. Supplemental funding will be used to monitor the May 2014 presidential election by conducting a nationwide exit poll and producing four additional publications on political developments, democratic initiatives and reform recommendations.

**Dniprovsy Center for Social Research**

Freedom of Information

\$25,000

**Promoting Freedom of Information and Accountability in Dnipropetrovsk**

To promote access to independent news in the eastern region of Dnipropetrovsk. The Center will expand its online newspaper Novyi Format ([www.nf.dp.ua](http://www.nf.dp.ua)) which features regional news and analysis in Ukrainian and Russian. It will also convene three roundtables to strengthen the professionalism of 60 journalists and NGO representatives. Finally, the Center will monitor the performance of elected officials with a focus on protecting citizens' rights. It will produce and disseminate three monitoring reports through its website, ([www.dcsi.dp.ua](http://www.dcsi.dp.ua)), which also presents information on civil society developments in the region.

**Donetsk Committee of Voters of Ukraine**

Freedom of Information

\$55,840

**Promoting Civic Journalism in Eastern Ukraine**

To promote citizen education and voter mobilization ahead of the October 2014 parliamentary elections and strengthen civic journalism in the eastern region of Donetsk. The Donetsk CVU will operate an election hotline and create a special section devoted to election-related topics on its informational portal, ([NGO.donetsk.ua](http://NGO.donetsk.ua)). It will also produce and distribute over 15,100 pieces of nonpartisan informational materials and four mobilization video and audio clips will be broadcast via local radio stations and the Internet. On election day, the CVU will operate a press center. In addition, it will conduct a four-month school of multimedia journalism for 20 civic activists. The CVU will select 10 of the most promising participants to intern for six months at its portal. It will also hold a competition for the best reporting by local civic journalists and bloggers.

**Donetsk Committee of Voters of Ukraine**

Political Processes

\$10,000

**Promoting Voter Education, Mobilization and Monitoring in Eastern Ukraine**

To educate citizens, mobilize voters and monitor the polls for the country's May 2014 presidential election. Through a nonpartisan program, the CVU will organize 15 public meetings, produce and distribute 10,000 pieces of informational materials and three mobilization videos that will be aired on local television stations and over the Internet. The CVU will also train and deploy 50 short-term election observers and maintain a press center on election day.

**Education for Democracy Foundation (FED)**

Human Rights

\$15,010

**Providing Humanitarian Aid to Victims of Repression in Ukraine**

To facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid to victims of repression in Ukraine. In cooperation with other Polish NGOs, the Warsaw-based FED has been collecting public donations to cover the costs of medical and other urgently needed materials to assist those who suffered from the violence in Ukraine. NEI support will cover the FED administration costs facilitating the provision of this assistance throughout Ukraine. In partnership with Ukrainian organizations, FED will also support relief initiatives by helping to build cross border networks to support victims of repression and their families.

**Foundation for Promotion of Civil Activity**

NGO Strengthening

\$33,790

**Supporting Local Civic Activism**

To foster civic engagement at the local level. In cooperation with a network of youth activists in southern Ukraine, the Foundation will conduct two series of trainings, provide support to 10 local initiatives through a small grants competition, and create a detailed action plan to boost youth participation in local communities. In addition, it will engage and mobilize youth ahead of the May 2014 presidential election by organizing at least 10 public meetings, conducting election-related public debates on the radio, and distributing 13,000 pieces of nonpartisan informational materials, including flyers, posters and stickers. The Foundation will also train 50 youth activists to serve as election observers and organize a final network forum.

**Foundation for the Development of the City of Mykolaiv**

NGO Strengthening

**NGO Strengthening**

\$15,803

**Strengthening Civil Society**

To increase the capacity of civil society organizations in the southern region of Mykolaiv. The Foundation will train 21 civic activists in Mykolaiv on budget monitoring. The Foundation will publicize the project through press conferences, an enhanced website ([www.frgn.mk.ua](http://www.frgn.mk.ua)), and articles in the regional media. Foundation will award four small grants to support the development of nascent NGOs in Mykolaiv's regions.

**Garage Gang Collective****Accountability**

\$49,300

**Promoting Civic Engagement and Transparency**

To increase government transparency and accountability. Focusing on three cities in different parts of Ukraine, Kyiv (central), Dnipropetrovsk (east) and Iva Frankivsk (west), the Garage Gang will continue increasing the capacity of civil society to interact constructively with administrative and business structure Building on last year's program, the Garage Gang GG will select and support three to six projects proposing resolutions to local problems in the three cities, facilitate working meetings with the local administrations and businesses, and help develop and implement fundraising strategies using the successful Spilnokotsht mechanism on ([Bigggidea.com](http://Bigggidea.com)).

**Independent Association of Broadcasters****Human Rights**

\$74,496

**Promoting Youth Human Rights Awareness**

To raise awareness of human rights, protect freedom of speech, educate youth about the role of media in a democratic society, and increase voter awareness ahead of the October 2014 parliamentary elections. The Association will produce 15 nonpartisan video clips analyzing political parties' platforms and distri them to at least 12 regional TV companies. It will also assist 14 independent broadcasters in holding east-west telebridge conferences. The Association will organize its fifth annual Kinomedia Festival, which will include film screenings, seminars, and public lectures at universities in seven Ukrainian cities. Finally, convene media-related debates for 20 students from five regions, and conduct a short film contest focusing on media freedom, democracy and human right: students and young professionals.

**Independent Association of Broadcasters****Political Processes**

\$54,753

**Promoting Voter Education and Media Professionalism**

To professionalize media coverage ahead of the May 2014 presidential election. The Association will use NED funding to improve the standards of media an election committees in providing fair and balanced information about party candidates and election processes. The Association will create 15 nonpartisan n clips about presidential candidates' platforms, assist 12 regional broadcasters to produce programs highlighting voter priorities, and conduct 10 seminars o electoral practices for media and election commissions in 10 cities throughout Ukraine.

**Information and Analytical Center "Civic Space"****Political Processes**

\$42,120

**Promoting Information Exchange in the Third Sector**

To improve communications and networking among civil society organizations and provide objective news and information ahead of the May 2014 presider election. Civic Space will improve its web portal, ([www.civicua.org](http://www.civicua.org)), facilitating the creation of an online community for NGOs, and create a separate section dedicated to the election. To improve the outreach and communications strategies of NGOs and newly formed civic initiatives from the Euromaidan movem the portal will provide a venue for organizations and initiatives to post events, news and announcements, and monitor proposed laws during the transition process, ensuring that civil society is informed and can take part in shaping legislation. Civic Space will also work with other NGOs and initiatives to conduct coordinated election monitoring campaign.

**Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR)****Freedom of Information**

\$115,809

**Increasing the Safety and Reporting Skills of Journalists**

To increase the skills and safety of Ukrainian journalists working in conflict environments. The United Kingdom-based IWPR will select 20 journalists, with a on those working in eastern conflict regions, to receive specialized training on working in hostile environments, digital security and war and ethical reportin training will last from three to five days. Journalists who attend and complete all of the courses will receive protective gear and medical kits.

**Institute of Mass Information****Freedom of Information**

\$46,290

**Monitoring Freedom of the Media**

To analyze current and pending legislation on the media, and monitor violations of press freedom in Ukraine. The Institute will conduct independent field investigations in cases of extreme pressure or intimidation against journalists, spotlight the cases, publish an annual report on its monitoring, and convene fi press conferences to disseminate the findings to government representatives, media outlets and the public.

**Institute of Political Education****Accountability**

\$64,500

**Strengthening Local Democracy**

To continue fostering reforms in local and regional government. The Institute will conduct seven, three-day training seminars in Lviv, Ternopil, Ivano-Frankiv Chornivtsi and Dnipro for 175 local and regional councilors mostly drawn from the country's southeastern regions. The trainings will focus on preparing local

Chernivtsi and Rivne for 175 local and regional councilors, mostly drawn from the country's southeastern regions. The trainings will focus on preparing local governments for the increased autonomy that would result from planned administrative reforms.

Institute of Political Information

Democratic Ideas and Values

\$13,400

Fostering Tolerance and Dialogue in Odesa

To foster dialogue among civic actors in the southern region of Odesa. To promote tolerance and reconciliation, the Institute will convene eight meetings in 11 and seven regional towns that will bring together local journalists, politicians and civic activists. Up to 600 participants will engage in moderated discussions to be exposed to new ways to communicate on divisive topics. The Institute will also produce and distribute 600 copies of a brochure on the program.

Institute of the Republic

Human Rights

\$37,000

Promoting Freedom of Assembly

To promote freedom of assembly. As part of a larger, national advocacy campaign to defend and advance this important value, the Institute will conduct five two-day training sessions for 24 campaign activists, organize five roundtables on proposed legislation regulating freedom of assembly in Ukraine and the country's international commitments, and print and distribute 200 booklets and 500 flyers publicizing campaign events.

International Republican Institute

Strengthening Political Institutions

\$476,630

Reaching Out to Voters

To enhance the capacity of campaign teams to conduct effective voter outreach in the pre-election period and during the election season by developing the necessary campaign skills, and to enhance the capacity of political party poll watchers to monitor the transparency and legitimacy of the May 2014 presidential election by equipping them with the skills to detect and publicize violations

Internews Ukraine

Accountability

\$40,000

Promoting Transparency and Accountability Through Investigative Journalism

To promote the transparency and accountability of local governments. Internews Ukraine will assist a network of ten regional journalists to conduct at least in-depth investigations of cases of corruption at the regional level. The journalists will also produce blogs and short pieces on corruption-related stories for Corruptua.org. Internews will help citizens to take advantage of new access to information laws by developing a downloadable information request form with detailed instructions. It will also continue providing legal assistance to journalists and maintain its interactive corruption map.

Kharkiv Committee of Voters of Ukraine

Political Processes

\$26,150

Monitoring Early Presidential Elections in Kharkiv

To promote free, fair and transparent elections. The Kharkiv CVU will organize a three-month monitoring program for the country's early presidential election in May 2014. It will conduct long-term monitoring of the campaign as well as observing on election day. The CVU will also carry out an information campaign to disseminate the results of its monitoring.

Kharkiv Committee of Voters of Ukraine

Political Processes

\$20,759

Monitoring Early Parliamentary Elections in Kharkiv

To promote free, fair and transparent elections. The Kharkiv CVU will carry out a monitoring program for the October 2014 parliamentary elections. It will conduct long-term monitoring of the campaign as well as observe on election day. The CVU will also carry out an information campaign and final press conference for leading media outlets to disseminate the results of its monitoring.

Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group (KHPG)

Human Rights

Supplement: \$14,479

Providing Information and Analysis on Human Rights in Ukraine

To promote and safeguard human rights in Ukraine. The KHPG will produce a series of publications on human rights in Ukrainian, Russian, and English; main virtual human rights library on its website [www.khpg.org](http://www.khpg.org); and operate a separate website documenting and assisting human rights abuse victims. It will also continue monitoring draft legislation and providing recommendations to lawmakers. The KHPG will organize a School for Human Rights Leaders, enabling 40 activists from human rights organizations to develop management and financial skills. The KHPG will use supplemental funding to continue supporting its legal program and website, which provides information about human rights violations and political prisoners. For protesters who participated in the Maidan revolution, the KHPG will provide legal and medical assistance to those who were beaten or tortured.

Kherson Committee of Voters of Ukraine

Political Processes

\$35,730

Promoting Free and Fair Presidential Elections

To promote free, fair and transparent elections. Together with a local coalition of NGOs, the Kherson CVU will monitor the early presidential election in May 2014. It will conduct long-term monitoring of the campaign, as well as observing on election day. The CVU will also hold regular meetings with media and civil society groups to publicize its findings. Finally, the CVU will produce a final brochure and provide voters with free legal consultations.

**Kherson Committee of Voters of Ukraine**

Political Processes

\$23,730

**Promoting Free and Fair Parliamentary Elections**

To promote free, fair and transparent elections in the Kherson region. Together with a local coalition of NGOs, the Kherson CVU will monitor the October 2 parliamentary elections. It will conduct long-term monitoring of the campaigns as well as observe on election day. The CVU will also hold regular meetings with media and civil society groups to publicize its findings. Finally, the CVU will provide voters with free legal consultations.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

Accountability

\$253,396

**Supporting Advocacy on Reforms**

To promote political processes and support the Reanimation Reform Package coalition in cooperating with the government to pursue political and economic reforms in post-Euromaidan Ukraine. NDI will assist coalition leaders to build their skills and knowledge related to political reform processes by facilitating trips for consultations with peers in Eastern and Western Europe. NDI also would field a high-level pre-election delegation in advance of the October 2014 parliamentary elections to contribute to public confidence in the electoral process.

**New Generation Youth Organization**

NGO Strengthening

\$41,619

**Strengthening Local Civil Society in Rural Communities**

To increase the capacity of NGOs and local initiatives in rural regions of southern Ukraine. New Generation will hold three, two-day trainings, one in each of neighboring Mykolaiv and Kherson regions, for 60 representatives of local NGOs. New Generation will also work with 30 participants from nine regions to carry out regional exchanges to strengthen local organizations in rural towns in the Lviv and Kherson regions. To assist civil society in solving problems in their communities, the organization will also award eight small grants for up to \$700 each to local groups.

**NGO "On Time"**

NGO Strengthening

\$15,000

**Promoting Youth Activism**

To strengthen youth activism in Ukraine. The NGO On Time will expand its diya-ua.com (Action-Ukraine) online platform that promotes cooperation and networking between youth activists and more experienced project managers and coaches. Together, they will carry out at least 15 social, environmental or educational projects aiming at mobilizing youth and promoting cross-sectoral cooperation. In addition, On Time will organize three networking seminars in Kharkiv, and Dnipropetrovsk, a conference in Lviv, and 15 online workshops for approximately 1,000 activists.

**NGO "The Krytyka Community"**

Democratic Ideas and Values

\$25,000

**Fostering Democratic and Civil Society Solidarity**

To provide support and solidarity to Ukrainian democratic activists and the country's democratic transition by highlighting and publicizing the democratic aspects of the Maidan Revolution. In partnership with the Vienna-based Institute for Human Sciences, the Kyiv-based Krytyka Community will convene the first major international conference to take place in Ukraine since the Maidan Revolution. Krytyka and the Institute will convene the Ukraine Solidarity Initiative, featuring a conference and related events, on May 16-19, 2014. The Initiative will bring together more than 100 Western and Ukrainian civil society leaders and intellectuals to discuss, better understand and highlight the democratic aspects of the Maidan Revolution one week prior to the country's crucial presidential election. It will include more than 20 panels, lectures, briefings, informal discussions, exhibitions and other public events.

**NGO "South"**

Human Rights

\$71,495

**Promoting Human Rights through a Documentary Film Festival**

To raise awareness of human rights by organizing the 11th annual human rights film festival, Docudays UA. Endowment support will be used to cover a portion of the festival's seven-day inauguration in Kyiv, which will be held in March 2014, as well as the traveling film festival, which will cover 24 regions of Ukraine. The theme of this year's anniversary event is 'Ideoruptsiya', the corrosive entrenchment of corruption in Ukrainian society. The festival will again feature domestic and international human rights documentary films and will include public discussions, seminars, performances and debates led by human rights activists, NGO representatives and experts.

**Odesa Committee of Voters of Ukraine**

Political Processes

\$43,680

**Monitoring Local Government in Southern Ukraine**

To monitor elected officials in southern Ukraine. The Odesa CVU will conduct two training seminars on monitoring for seven persons, three roundtable discussions and three presentations on the monitoring results. It will also continue to monitor regional and local councils in Odesa, Kotovsk, Rozdilnya, Bilhorod-Dnistrovskyi, Izmail, and Reni, produce and distribute over 21,000 copies of the preliminary and final monitoring results in the bulletin Izbirkom, while regularly publishing articles on them in local Internet media, print media and on its website [www.izbirkom.od.ua](http://www.izbirkom.od.ua).

**Odesa Committee of Voters of Ukraine**

Political Processes

Supplement: \$16,728

**Monitoring Local Government in Southern Ukraine**

To promote free, fair and transparent elections in the Odesa region. Ahead of the October 2014 parliamentary elections, the Odesa CVU will conduct a long monitoring of the campaigns as well as observe on election day. The results will be disseminated through three press conferences and three monitoring bulletins.

**Odesa Committee of Voters of Ukraine****Political Processes**

Supplement: \$18,660

**Monitoring Local Government in Southern Ukraine**

To monitor elected officials in southern Ukraine. The Odesa CVU will conduct two training seminars on monitoring for seven persons, two roundtable discussions and two presentations of monitoring results. It will also continue to monitor regional and local councils, produce and distribute three editions of preliminary monitoring results, at 8,000 copies each, and 13,000 copies of the final monitoring results in the bulletin IzbirKom, while regularly publishing articles through Internet and print media, and its website ([www.izbirkom.od.ua](http://www.izbirkom.od.ua)). Ahead of the May 2014 early presidential election, the CVU will conduct long-term monitoring of the campaign as well as observing on election day. The results will be disseminated through seven press conferences.

**Open Society Foundation (OSF) – Ukraine****Accountability**

\$32,280

**Promoting Legislative Accountability**

To continue monitoring and spotlighting the activities of deputies and political parties represented in the Ukrainian parliament. The OSF will publish quarterly monitoring reports, prepare two versions of its annual monitoring report, and produce a series of regionally-focused quarterly reports, all of which focus on performance of elected MPs. All the reports will be available online at the OSF's website, [www.osf.org.ua](http://www.osf.org.ua), and distributed electronically to parliamentarians and NGOs and the media.

**Policy Association for an Open Society (PASOS)****NGO Strengthening**

\$35,240

**Strengthening Pro-Democratic Think Tanks**

To strengthen the capacity of democracy and human rights think tanks in Ukraine. The Prague-based PASOS will continue a fellowship program that is enhancing the capacity of pro-democracy think tanks from Ukraine. In its third year, the Ilko Kucheriv Democracy Fellowship Program will allow four activists from Ukraine to spend a year, including at least two months in residence, working, studying and learning with PASOS member think tanks in Central Europe, while working on joint projects designed to promote democracy and human rights in their home country. Fellows will also travel to Chisinau to attend PASOS's annual public conference and think-tank networking and capacity-building meeting.

**Polish-Czech-Slovak Solidarity Foundation****Freedom of Information**

\$46,850

**Developing Independent Media Skills in Conflict-Prone Regions**

To foster freedom of information in Ukraine's conflict-prone regions. The Foundation will organize media-related study visits for 20 media practitioners from Ukraine. Participants will spend two weeks in Poland, visiting and interning at selected radio and television stations and newspapers, and receiving practical training in accordance with their specialties and the work they are currently performing. A series of media-related seminars and meetings will also introduce participants to important Polish and EU democracy building and media organizations, activists and events.

**Polissya Foundation of International and Regional Research****Accountability**

\$39,000

**Promoting Reforms and Accountability in Ukraine's Regions**

To increase the capacity of regional think tanks to impact and influence reforms in Ukraine. Together with the Association of Regional Think Tanks, the Foundation will organize 14 regional roundtables, a working meeting and a national roundtable, bringing together representatives from 14 regional think tanks, to analyze proposed reforms from a regional perspective and propose appropriate and relevant amendments. The program will produce and distribute 500 copies of the recommendations. The analytical centers will also propose a communications strategy to strengthen support for reforms in the regions as well as establish a public consultation mechanism with Kyiv-based institutions. Finally, Polissya will disseminate the program's materials on its website at [www.pfirs.org](http://www.pfirs.org).

**Public Advocate Center****Human Rights**

\$50,975

**Supporting Journalists and Civic Activists**

To provide technical and legal assistance to journalists and civic activists in Ukraine. Working with the Fund for Regional Initiatives and the Dniproderzhyna Human Rights Protection Union, the Center will establish five offices and organize five training seminars to help participants better understand their rights and the means to defend them. Through the offices, lawyers will offer free legal assistance. The Center will also monitor the media and human rights situation in the run up to the May 2014 presidential election and analyze proposed legislation being discussed by the new government.

**Public Organization Telekritika****Freedom of Information**

\$71,861

**Promoting a Pluralistic and Balanced Media Environment in Ukraine**

To continue fostering transparency and promoting the professionalism of the media sector. While serving as an independent resource to assist journalists, Telekritika will monitor Ukraine's media outlets for censorship, restrictions on freedom of the press, and harassment and physical attacks against journalists. The country prepares for important elections in May 2014. Results will be published on Telekritika's website ([www.telekritika.kiev.ua](http://www.telekritika.kiev.ua)) and in its print journal, Telekritika.

**Rivne Committee of Voters of Ukraine**

Political Processes

\$19,396

**Monitoring Early Parliamentary Elections in Rivne**

To promote free, fair and transparent elections in the Rivne region. For the October 2014 parliamentary elections, the Rivne CVU will operate a hotline, conduct long-term monitoring of the campaign, and observe on election day. The CVU will also carry out a nonpartisan information campaign and hold a series of pre-conferences for leading media outlets to disseminate the results of its monitoring.

**School for Policy Analysis of the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy**

Democratic Ideas and Values

\$40,200

**Promoting Constitutional Reform**

To promote constitutional reform. Building on previous projects supported by the Endowment, which developed a series of proposals for constitutional changes, the School will deepen public engagement and broaden public debate on constitutional reform and decentralization by conducting a nation-wide poll, publish a set of online informational resources, producing 1,500 copies of a brochure and a series of monthly articles, and convening a public roundtable with 30 experts from government officials and NGO representatives.

**Sumy Regional Committee of Youth Organizations**

Political Processes

Supplement: \$44,890

**Promoting Civic Activism in Northeastern Ukraine**

To foster free, fair and transparent elections. The Committee will train 125 election monitors and conduct a nonpartisan public information campaign in seven eastern regions of the country ahead of the October 2014 parliamentary elections.

**Sumy Regional Committee of Youth Organizations**

Political Processes

Supplement: \$75,855

**Promoting Free and Fair Elections**

To foster the development of civil society in rural areas of northeastern Ukraine. The Committee will work with its network of over 30 NGOs to increase civil society initiatives. It will hold three trainings for 60 NGO activists, maintain its website at [www.molod.sumy.ua](http://www.molod.sumy.ua), publish seven issues of its bulletin Spalakh, support five local initiatives through a mini-grants competition, and convene a regional conference for 30 activists. Additionally, the Committee will train election monitors and conduct a nonpartisan public information campaign in seven eastern regions of the country ahead of the May 2014 presidential election.

**Sumy Regional Committee of Youth Organizations**

NGO Strengthening

\$59,966

**Promoting Civic Activism in Northern and Eastern Ukraine**

To continue developing the NGO sector in rural areas of northeastern Ukraine. The Committee will work with its network of over 30 NGOs to expand local civil society initiatives in the Sumy and Kharkiv regions. It will hold three training seminars for 60 NGO activists, maintain its website ([www.molod.sumy.ua](http://www.molod.sumy.ua)), publish five issues of its bulletin Spalakh, support seven local initiatives through a mini-grant competition and convene a regional conference.

**Sumy Regional Organization "Bureau of Political Analysis"**

Accountability

\$32,327

**Strengthening Transparency over Procurement Procedures in Northeastern Ukraine**

To promote transparency and accountability in the use of public funds at the local government level in the Sumy, Poltava, Donetsk, Chernihiv, Luhansk and Kirovohrad regions of northeastern Ukraine. The Bureau will conduct six seminars for 45 civic activists to familiarize them with procurement procedures. The activists will monitor 80 procurement cases in the education and health care fields. The Bureau will release the results of the monitoring through online and print articles, three press club events and a final report with a print run of 150 copies.

**The Institute of Public Affairs (IPA)**

Political Processes

\$57,305

**Promoting the Transition from Civic to Political Activism**

To increase the political skills of civic activists. In partnership with the Ukrainian Civic Initiatives Network, the Warsaw-based IPA will organize three, 2-day training sessions in Sumy, Vinnitsya, and Odesa for a total of 36 participants. Subsequently, IPA will select ten of the most promising activists to participate in a week-long study visit to Poland to gain a greater understanding of practical politics. Participants will work individually with tutors to develop local reform action plans, with the three best receiving support for further development in the targeted regions.

**Ukrainian Catholic University**

Human Rights

Supplement: \$34,905

**Promoting Religious Freedom in Ukraine**

To promote freedom of conscience through an informed analysis of religious rights and obstacles to religious freedom. The UCU will continue to operate its Religious Information Service of Ukraine (RISU), an online news agency ([www.risu.org.ua](http://www.risu.org.ua)) that covers issues of church-state relations, religious rights, and conflict between Ukraine's various faith-based communities. NED support will cover the costs of staff salaries, website development and maintenance, news correspondents, and four roundtables. The unique website will publish more than 2,000 articles and analyses in the coming year. Supplemental funds will be used to acquire additional office equipment, hire a Russian editor for RISU's online news, and continue publishing daily news.

## Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (UCIPR)

Political Processes

\$75,000

## Promoting Transparency in Political Processes

To promote greater transparency in the Ukrainian political and electoral system and increase access to unbiased information on the activities and decisions Ukraine's government and political actors. UCIPR will continue promoting public discussion on democracy-related topics. It will publish 25 issues of its e-bu Research Update, conduct two polls on political risks facing the country and organize four focus groups bringing together representatives of civil society an authorities. This year, UCIPR will focus on informing voters and analyzing the state of Ukraine's democracy ahead of the May 2014 presidential election.

## Ukrainian Coalition for Legal Aid (ULAC)

Human Rights

\$81,050

## Protecting Civil and Human Rights

To protect legal and civil rights. ULAC will provide legal aid through 10 of its 16 regional offices to Ukrainians dislocated due to the conflict in the country's e will also produce 40 informational radio and television talk shows and 10 newspaper columns to raise public awareness regarding the plight of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). To inform IDPs and vulnerable activists about access to legal aid, ULAC will produce three public service announcements and five leaflets with a total distribution of 100,000 copies. It will also organize two trainings and a national conference to inform 90 NGO activists, journalists and la about legal aid and to support IDPs from the Donbas and Crimea regions.

## Ukrainian Coalition for Legal Aid (ULAC)

Human Rights

\$98,714

## Protecting Civil Rights and Promoting Voter Education

To encourage and protect legal and civil rights. Through its 14 regional offices, ULAC will provide legal aid to citizens whose rights have been violated, espec those resulting from the Maidan protests. It will also produce 10 informational radio and television talk shows to raise the legal literacy of Ukrainians aroun country. To promote a freer, fairer and more inclusive presidential election in May 2014, ULAC will raise awareness of the process for participating in electric will produce and air two nonpartisan public service announcements to educate and turn out voters in the regions. ULAC will also hold informational meeting voter registration in 10 villages in 11 of Ukraine's regions and produce and disseminate three nonpartisan GOTV leaflets with print runs of 11,000 copies ea

## Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA)

Political Processes

\$14,655

## Promoting Voter Education in Eastern and Southern Ukraine

To conduct nonpartisan town hall meetings, in which candidates and representatives of political parties and coalitions will answer questions put to them by press and the public ahead of the country's May 2014 presidential election. The meetings will be convened and broadcast over radio stations in seven distri centers. The UCCA will produce a series advertising materials to promote interest in the events. It will also stream the town meetings live over the Internet reach a broader audience.

## Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union

Human Rights

\$46,058

## Promoting Human Rights

To promote awareness about human rights in Ukraine. The Union will increase the capacity of and support for the activities of seven local human rights cent provide seven small grants to the centers for local human rights projects, conduct a summer school training program to increase the skills of 55 activists fro centers, and publish a series of methodological training materials on defending human rights.

## Ukrainian People's House in Chernivtsi

NGO Strengthening

\$34,390

## Enhancing Civic Journalism and NGO Cooperation

To develop the communications skills of youth activists and enhance cross regional NGO cooperation. The Society will organize 10 training seminars on civic journalism, which will incorporate leading examples of civic journalism produced during the Euromaidan protests, for 110 activists. The Society will also org three web conferences to foster civil society in the three regions and produce three issues of its Toloka (Community) newspaper. Finally, the Society will als convene a two-day conference in Chernivtsi for 32 participants from the three regions, as well as two press conferences.

## Ukrainian Youth Association of Ukraine (SUM)

NGO Strengthening

\$38,185

## Strengthening Civil Society in Central and Eastern Ukraine

To strengthen civil society organizations in the Chernihiv and Donetsk regions of Ukraine. SUM will conduct four trainings for up to 30 civic and NGO leade the Donetsk and Chernihiv regions, organize four working meetings for 35 NGO leaders and a two-day conference for 40 participants, and hold a mini-gran competition that will provide funding for six local civic initiatives.

## Vinnitsa Regional Youth Organization "Nashe Podillya"

NGO Strengthening

\$48,448

## Developing and Supporting Local Civic Initiatives in Ukraine's Regions

To strengthen youth organizations and informal civic movements in 16 of the country's regions. Nashe Podillya will develop its Network of Civic Initiatives k conducting five two-day trainings, holding two strategic planning meetings for representatives of 18 NGOs, awarding 8 mini-grants to local initiatives, over

an internship program in which 30 local NGO leaders will gain experience by working with more advanced organizations, and convening a national forum or initiatives in Chernihiv.

Vinnitsa Regional Youth Organization "Nashe Podillya"

Political Processes

Supplement: \$42,596

Development and Support Civic Initiatives in Ukraine's Regions

To strengthen youth organizations and informal social movements in 16 regions, particularly in eastern Ukraine. Supplemental funding will be used to inform mobilize voters in the 16 regions ahead the May 2014 presidential election, including the production and distribution of more than 400,000 nonpartisan banners, flyers, and other GOTV materials.

Vinnitsa Regional Youth Organization "Nashe Podillya"

Political Processes

Supplement: \$35,362

Development and Support Civic Initiatives in Ukraine's Regions

To build the capacity of civic organizations and initiatives, and support civic activism, including voter education and mobilization programs, in 16 regions. Th will use supplemental funding to inform, educate and mobilize voters in 12 regions ahead the October 2014 parliamentary election, including the productio distribution of more than 400,000 nonpartisan banners, flyers, and other GOTV materials.

Youth Alternative

Democratic Ideas and Values

\$151,940

Preparing the Future Leaders in Ukraine

To build the skills of the country's future leaders through government internship and regional exchange programs.

The organization will select 30 students from leading Kyiv universities to participate in eight-month fellowships in Ukraine's parliament. In addition, it will se 126 students to serve five-month fellowships at local councils in 18 regions. The interns will participate in 46 events, including orientations, training semina roundtables. An additional 180 students from 12 regions will participate in 8 cross-regional exchanges, trainings and presentations designed to produce gre east-west understanding and reconciliation.

Youth Organization STAN

Human Rights

\$17,240

Promoting Human Rights Awareness

To increase the awareness of human rights among youth.

The organization will organize screenings of human rights documentaries, public debates and lectures devoted to the freedoms of speech, assembly and movement. In addition, it will convene a human rights training for young activists and organize its seventh annual Spring Festival.

Democratic Ideas and Values

\$26,381

Analyzing Regional Security

To stimulate public discussion on challenges to democracy.

The organization will identify and foster debate on key political and social issues while developing and advocating for effective policy responses. It will orga roundtables, print and distribute its bulletin, publish articles in regional newspapers, and maintain its website.

Freedom of Information

\$34,360

Promoting Access to Independent Information

To inform and educate citizens about regional issues.

The organization will report on pressing social, political and economic developments in the country's regions. Approximately 3,000 news pieces and 120 lon analytical articles will be published.

\$28,960

Supporting Journalists in Ukraine's regions

To increase the skills and safety of journalists.

The organization will organize a five-day workshop in Prague for 10 Ukrainian journalists. The workshop will include skills training and the sharing of practi field experiences designed to maximize the reporters' use of social media and outreach to younger news readers, as well as instruction in operating in a host media environment.

Human Rights

\$29,620

Protecting Against Police Abuse

To raise awareness of human rights and counteract abuse by law enforcement bodies.

The organization will conduct workshops and seminars to train journalists, civic activists, youth and the broader population to better defend their civic right will also publish a booklet on legal defense.

NGO Strengthening

\$29,990

Promoting Civic Activism

To support local civic initiatives and stimulate networking and cooperation.

The organization will select local activists from communities to participate in a series of trainings and support projects addressing pressing local problems

The organization will select local activists from communities to participate in a series of trainings, and support projects addressing pressing local problems. The program will conclude with an evaluation meeting to facilitate further cooperation among the initiatives. The organization will also convene a coordination meeting for civic initiatives from around Ukraine and a meeting that will activists to present their work and build partnerships.

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## UKRAINE 2015

**Democratic Transition and Political Processes**

Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (UCIPR)

\$74,500

To promote public awareness about key reforms. UCIPR will organize a series of activities to support Ukraine's reform efforts and analyze the state of its democratic transformation. It will organize 15 meetings, focus groups, discussions and press conferences in six regions to facilitate dialogue on reforms and national unity. UCIPR will produce nine reports on topics including identity, transition to a Western model of democracy, and the balance of political power in Ukraine's parliament. Finally, the think tank will also produce 25 issues of its e-bulletin "Research Update."

**Developing and Supporting Local Civic Initiatives in Ukraine's Regions**

Vinnitsa Regional Youth Public Organization "Nashe Podillya"

\$55,760

To build the capacity of civic organizations and initiatives, and support civic activism in 18 regions. The organization will develop its Network of Civic Initiatives conducting five, two-day trainings for representatives of 18 NGOs, awarding 8 mini-grants to local initiatives, organizing a bar camp for active community leaders publishing and disseminating a collection of best practices regarding civic activism, and convening a national forum on local initiatives.

**Developing New Media Skills of Investigative Journalists**

Transitions Online

\$70,542

To build the new media skills of young investigative journalists in Ukraine. The Prague-based organization will organize six webinars and four, two-day work for 26 investigative journalists on data mining, visualization and programming. It will also assist 10 experienced journalists in developing and implementing new visualization projects, which will be published on its website [www.tol.cz](http://www.tol.cz).

**Enhancing Civic Journalism and NGO Cooperation**

Ukrainian People's House in Chernivtsi

\$32,755

To develop the advocacy skills of youth activists and enhance cross regional NGO cooperation. The Society will organize six trainings on advocacy for 150 activists from the Chernivtsi, Kherson, and Kirovohrad regions. It will organize three web conferences to foster civil society in the three regions and produce three issues of its Toloka (Community) newspaper. Finally, the Society will also convene a two-day conference in Chernivtsi for 32 participants from the three regions.

**Fostering Civic Journalism in Ukraine's Regions**

Kherson Regional Charitable Foundation Union

\$25,282

To foster the development of local **media** in the country's regions. The grantee will organize two trainings and four webinars for 20 bloggers, journalists and activists. It will assist the most promising participants to launch at least four local **media** initiatives in their hometowns, as well as improve their development strategies. The organization will conclude the project by convening a conference for all participants and graduates of its previous projects.

**Fostering Freedom and Transparency in the Media**

Telekritika

\$56,130

To foster freedom of the **media**. Telekritika will monitor **media** outlets for censorship, restrictions on freedom of the press, and harassment and physical attacks against journalists. The results will be published quarterly on its website, [www.telekritika.ua](http://www.telekritika.ua). In 2015, Telekritika will produce and distribute more than 40 articles, infographics, video reports, and interviews with experts on two key issues: violations of the rights and security of journalists working in conflict zones and television digitalization.

**Fostering Greater Political and Civic Activism in Chernihiv**

Apelsin Center of Progressive Young People

\$28,909

To increase the skills of new political leaders, address pressing local problems, and promote free and fair elections in Chernihiv. Apelsin will train 50 local leaders who might stand as candidates in municipal elections slated for 2015. It will also carry out an awareness raising campaign reaching out to 50,000 residents in city districts. Finally, Apelsin will monitor and conduct a Quick Count and Parallel Vote Tabulation for the elections to the Chernihiv city council.

**Fostering Local Reforms in Ukraine's Regions**

Education for Democracy Foundation

\$41,650

To foster reforms in Ukraine. The Poland-based foundation will conduct two, two-day trainings for 18 Ukrainian activists from eight regions on working with authorities to foster reforms. Following the trainings, the foundation will assist project participants in analyzing the needs of their communities, organizing roundtable discussions, and developing 8 project ideas. The project will be implemented together with two local NGO partners, including Nashe Podillya and Lion Society.

**Fostering Political Activism and Free and Fair Elections in Northwestern Ukraine**

Volyn Resource Center

\$15,145

To promote free and fair elections in the Rivne region. The group will hold 10 trainings for at least 1,000 people from nine districts who will serve as short-term observers for the municipal elections in October 2015. It will also provide legal support to observers, candidates, and the public during the campaign to improve their knowledge of legislation and tools for preventing electoral fraud.

**Fostering Reforms and Promoting Government Accountability**

Kyiv School of Economics

\$37,870

To facilitate informed public debate on domestic reforms and promote the accountability and transparency of the Ukrainian government. The KSE will improve and further develop its website VoxUkraine (<http://voxukraine.org>) as an independent platform for promoting reforms. The KSE will increase the site's audience, conduct 10 public events, develop a tool for measuring the progress of reforms, and continue publishing reports on the activities of Members of Parliament.

**Fostering Regional Reconciliation**

### Furthering Regional Reconciliation

Center for Cultural Management

\$23,000

To promote cross-regional dialogue and reconciliation. The grantee will facilitate the participation of 50 activists in weeklong fellowships at opposite ends of country. During their stay, the fellows will participate in local activities and implement projects fostering reconciliation and expanding cooperation between different communities. The program will contribute to building mutual understanding and overcoming stereotypes dividing Ukraine.

### **Furthering Ukraine's Democratic Transition**

AHALAR Center for Humane Technologies

\$40,944

To increase civil society's influence on Ukraine's democratic transition by facilitating cross-sectional cooperation and improving skills of local activists. The organization will organize two, three-day training workshops for at least 40 representatives of the civil society, conduct a four-day study visit to Warsaw for 10 participants, award 8 small grants averaging \$300 for local civic initiatives and further develop its online networking platform ([www.dobrodel.org.ua](http://www.dobrodel.org.ua)).

### **Identifying Opportunities and Threats to Democratization**

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

\$102,382

To increase the quality of survey data and improve the understanding of public attitudes related to reforms before and after the October 2015 local elections. The organization will conduct a nationwide public opinion survey and, in three cities, implicit association tests (IATs), which measure underlying and often unstated attitudes. These activities will provide important information about the Ukrainian context and add specificity and credibility to consultations with political partners regarding citizen engagement in the reform process, voter outreach, message development, and other topics.

### **Improving IDP-related Coverage in Three Regions**

Association of Regional Media

\$16,156

To improve the media coverage of IDP-related issues in the Chernihiv, Sumy and Kharkiv regions. The association will monitor over 200 local media and social networks, conduct trainings for 90 journalists on covering IDP-related stories, assist media in producing at least 90 media materials, and air two public advertisements about IDPs on regional media.

### **Increasing the Capacity of New Political Leaders in Ukraine**

European Institute for Democracy

\$50,000

To increase the skills of new political leaders. The Warsaw-based EID will conduct a training and study visit program in Poland for emerging regional political activists from Ukraine. EID will hold two, five-day trainings for 12 party activists from five Ukrainian political organizations on election campaigning, party building, and organizational security, and produce four video training materials. Each of the activists will in turn conduct a training for at least 20 other activists in Ukraine.

### **Increasing the Capacity of Regional Media in Ukraine**

Media Development Foundation

\$15,150

To increase the capacity of regional media. The Media Development Foundation (MDF), a nonprofit organization founded by the Kyiv Post, will organize a five-day training in Kyiv for 10 regional journalists on new media, international journalism standards, video news, and editorial writing. Following the training, the MDF will arrange two-week internships for the participants with leading Kyiv media outlets, and participants will produce follow-up training plans for their regional newsrooms. To increase the capacity of regional media. The Media Development Foundation (MDF), a nonprofit organization founded by the Kyiv Post, will organize a five-day training in Kyiv for 10 regional journalists on new media, international journalism standards, video news, and editorial writing. Following the training, the MDF will arrange two-week internships for the participants with leading Kyiv media outlets, and participants will produce follow-up training plans for their regional newsrooms.

**Increasing the Capacity of Regional Media Reporting from Conflict Zones**

Media Development Foundation

*Supplement:* \$24,000

To increase the capacity of regional **media**. The grantee will organize a five-day training in Kyiv for 10 regional journalists on new **media**, international journalism standards, video news, and editorial writing, followed by two-week internships with leading Kyiv **media** outlets. Participants will produce follow-up training for their regional newsrooms. The group will also organize a series of specialized technology and security trainings for journalists reporting from the country zones.

**Increasing the Safety and Reporting Skills of Journalists**

Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR)

\$117,041

To increase the safety and reporting skills of Ukrainian journalists working in conflict environments. The IWPR will select and train 20 journalists on topics including operating in hostile environments, emergency first aid, digital security, and war and ethical reporting. Participants who successfully complete the training will also receive full safety gear and medical kits.

**Informing Voters in Chernivtsi**

Bukovyna Partnership Agency

\$12,380

To stimulate public dialogue and inform voters ahead of the October 2015 local elections in Chernivtsi. The agency will conduct eight public debates with candidates and broadcast them on regional television and radio stations reaching an audience of over one million citizens. The debates will focus on pressing issues. The agency will also produce and disseminate nonpartisan GOTV materials, including one audio and one video voter mobilization clip, 1,000 posters, 40 billboards.

**Monitoring Freedom of the Media**

Institute of Mass Information

\$45,646

To analyze current and pending legislation on the **media**, and monitor violations of press freedom. The organization will conduct independent field investigations in cases of extreme pressure or intimidation against journalists, spotlight the cases, publish an annual report on its monitoring, and convene press conferences to disseminate the findings to government representatives, **media** outlets and the public.

**Monitoring Local Elections in Northeastern Ukraine**

Kharkiv Committee of Voters of Ukraine (CVU)

\$22,400

To promote free, fair and transparent elections. The group will carry out a monitoring program for the October 2015 local elections. It will conduct a long-term monitoring of the campaign as well as observe the polls on election day. The group will also produce a handbook and train at least 200 local leaders on monitoring and preventing electoral fraud.

**Monitoring Local Government in Southern Ukraine**

Odesa Committee of Voters of Ukraine

\$39,150

To monitor elected officials in southern Ukraine. The CVU will conduct two training seminars on monitoring for activists and continue to monitor regional and local councils in Odesa, Kотовск, Rozdilnya, Bilhorod-Dnistrovsk, Izmail, and Reni. It will present the monitoring results and recommendations for greater accountability at four roundtable discussions, in two special issues of its bulletin, IzbirKom, and through regularly published articles on its website, [www.izbirkom.od.ua](http://www.izbirkom.od.ua).

**Monitoring Local Government in Southern Ukraine**

Odesa Committee of Voters of Ukraine

*Supplement:* \$19,932

To promote free, fair and transparent elections. The group will carry out a monitoring program for the municipal elections slated for October 2015. It will conduct a long-term monitoring of the campaign as well as observe the polls on election day. The group will also conduct a public awareness campaign on preventing electoral fraud in the region and distribute the monitoring results through a special edition of its bulletin.

**Preparing Future Leaders**

Youth Alternative

\$78,000

To build the skills of Ukraine's future leaders. The organization will select 130 students to participate in internship programs in Parliament and municipal government. It will also train and organize other educational and networking activities for the interns. An additional 300 students will participate in 10 cross-regional exchanges designed to produce greater east-west understanding and reconciliation.

**Promoting Access to Independent Information in Eastern Ukraine**

Center for the Study of Social Processes and Humanitarian Issues

\$24,260

To increase independent news on regional issues. The organization will support a team of journalists reporting on regional news in the eastern city of Luhansk and surrounding region. It will continue to cover social, political and economic developments in this key area and publish them on its website. As conflict in the region continues, the organization will produce and disseminate approximately 3,120 analytical and daily news pieces focusing on the Luhansk region.

**Promoting Accountability and Increasing Transparency in Southern Ukraine**

MediaVision

\$14,250

To promote accountability and improve government transparency in southern Ukraine. As a branch of the national anti-corruption civic initiative Nashi Grosh (Our Money), the organization will investigate corruption practices in the Zaporizhia region. It will publish the results weekly on its website zp.nashigroshi.org and report them to law enforcement agencies, and advocate for launching formal investigations.

**Promoting Accountability and Transparency in Southern Ukraine**

Kherson Regional Charity and Health Foundation

\$26,450

To increase the accountability of the authorities in the southern region of Kherson. The Foundation, which publishes the regional newspaper Vgoru (Upward), will increase citizens' access to information about the activities of local and regional governments by producing 146 articles analyzing the activities and performance of officials, as well as seven investigative journalism pieces on pressing issues in the region. The Foundation will also maintain the newspaper's online editor www.vgoru.org, where all materials will also be posted.

**Promoting Accountability in Southwestern Ukraine**

Chernivtsi Committee of Voters of Ukraine

\$41,315

To promote government accountability and transparency in southwestern Ukraine. The organization will hold two training seminars for municipal council delegations and local leaders promoting transparency within the decision making process. It will hold 9 round tables to promote public participation in the reform process and continue to update its website www.buktoloka.cv.ua. It will also conduct a long-term monitoring of the local elections.

**Promoting Administrative Reform in Northeastern and Central Ukraine**

Ukrainian Institute for International Politics

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To promote administrative reform in northeastern and central Ukraine. The UIIP will conduct an informational campaign addressing misconceptions about decentralization in the cities of Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Poltava, Kirovograd, Cherkasy, and Zhytomir, as well as in the Kyiv region. It will organize eight sessions for 350 participants, conduct eight press conferences for local media, and distribute a series of informational materials. The UIIP will utilize participant feedback to prepare a series of recommendations on efficiently implementing this key reform.

#### Promoting Awareness of Human Rights Violations in Crimea

Human Rights

\$47,890

To promote awareness of the human rights situation in Crimea. The human rights situation on the peninsula will be monitored, and spotlight news and video reports regarding violations will be published on a website.

#### Promoting Awareness of the Rights of National and Ethnic Minorities in Crimea

Human Rights

*Supplement:* \$9,320

To promote awareness of the human rights situation in Crimea. In order to inform the public about the poor human rights situation of Ukraine's Crimean Tatars, a documentary film will be produced on Mustafa Djemilev, the leader of the Crimean Tatars and a universally recognized human rights activist. The documentary will provide information on the current situation in Crimea and challenge Russian propaganda concerning the peninsula's annexation. In addition, the initiative will organize a summer school for civic activists and journalists from Crimea.

#### Promoting Awareness of the Rights of National and Ethnic Minorities in Crimea

Human Rights

\$50,000

To promote awareness of the human rights situation in Crimea. The organization will produce a documentary film on Mustafa Djemilev, the leader of the Crimean Tatars and a universally recognized human rights activist. The documentary will provide information on the current situation in Crimea and challenge Russian propaganda pieces concerning the peninsula's annexation.

#### Promoting Civic Activism in Northern and Eastern Ukraine

Sumy Regional Committee of Youth Organizations

\$61,006

To develop the NGO sector in rural areas of northeastern Ukraine. The grantee will work with its network of over 30 NGOs to expand civil society initiatives in Sumy, Poltava, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Luhansk, Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizha regions. It will hold training seminars for NGO activists, maintain its website Molod.sumy.ua, publish its bulletin Spalakh, support local initiatives through a mini-grant competition, and convene a regional conference.

#### Promoting Civic Awareness through Media

Data Journalism Agency

\$31,425

To enhance public awareness and stimulate debate on government performance and other accountability issues. The organization will produce 10 articles per month on civic activism, accountability, transparency and reform and publish them on its website www.texty.org.ua. To provide quantitative analysis on political, economic and social reforms, the Agency will also produce 16 data visualizations.

#### Promoting Civic Engagement and Transparency

Garage Gang Collective

\$44,000

To increase government transparency and accountability. Focusing on five cities – Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Ivano-Frankivsk, Odesa and Lviv – and six smaller towns throughout the country, the organization will increase the capacity of civil society to interact constructively with administrative and business structures. The

grantee will support up to six projects seeking to resolve local problems, and help them to implement fundraising strategies using its successful crowdfunding tools.

#### Promoting Dialogue and Reconciliation in Ukraine's Regions

Youth Organization STAN

\$17,615

To build cooperation among organizations from the Donbas and promote regional understanding. STAN will facilitate East-West dialogue in Ukraine by producing an analytical report that debunks myths and tackles common stereotypes about east Ukrainians and disseminating it through 10 public events in eight cities with large IDP populations, including Kyiv, Vinnitsya, Kremenchug, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lutsk, Odesa and Kharkiv. STAN will also convene a training for 20 displaced Donbas activists to foster closer cooperation and develop new civic initiatives.

#### Promoting Factual Reporting on Ukraine

The Media Reforms Center

\$38,000

To promote factual reporting on Ukraine. The Center will maintain and expand the fact checking website Stopfake.org, transforming it into an information hub for journalists, bloggers and the general public. In addition to improving the quality and increasing the quantity of original materials in English and Russian, the Center will improve the site's security, increase its outreach on social media, and produce video content for traditional and online TV audiences.

#### Promoting Freedom of Assembly

Center for Social and Labor Research

\$22,980

To promote an awareness of fundamental rights and freedoms. The Center will continue fostering a greater awareness of the freedom of assembly in Ukraine. As part of a larger national advocacy campaign, the Center will monitor protest activity throughout the country, share the data with campaign activists, distribute it through social media, and produce 12 reports.

#### Promoting Freedom of Assembly

Institute of the Republic

\$35,849

To promote freedom of assembly. As part of a larger national advocacy campaign to defend and advance this human right, the Institute will conduct five, two-day training sessions for active citizens, and print and distribute 2,000 posters and 40,000 flyers publicizing campaign events. Two regional coordinators will facilitate grass roots initiatives and provide necessary organizational and information support to address local issues.

#### Promoting Government Accountability and Citizen Engagement

Platform Civil Control

\$31,000

To promote accountability and transparency in the Dnipropetrovsk region. Through monitoring, anti-corruption investigations, advocacy campaigns, and training activists on effective methods of public oversight, the organization will increase the efficiency and responsiveness of local authorities. Based on its monitoring results, the group will prepare recommendations to local authorities and advocate for the adoption of necessary changes to reduce the risks of corruption.

#### Promoting Government Accountability and Transparency

NGO Centre UA

\$22,000

To promote government accountability regarding access to information. The organization will maintain its interactive website, [www.dostup.pravda.com.ua](http://www.dostup.pravda.com.ua), which facilitates public requests for information. The grantee will conduct a nationwide, multimedia training and advocacy campaign on Ukraine's law on public information to increase the effectiveness of public, civil society, and media monitoring of government accountability and transparency.

**Promoting Government Accountability and Transparency**

Ukrainian League of Lawyers for Combating Corruption

\$35,400

To promote accountability and transparency. The program will establish a coalition of leading national anti-corruption NGOs, launch an information campaign, hold six roundtables to foster discussion on concepts for whistleblower protection among experts and policy makers. The organization will draft a bill on whistleblower protection, present it to the public and advocate for its passing by the Parliament.

**Promoting Government Accountability in Southern Ukraine**

Kherson Committee of Voters of Ukraine (CVU)

\$31,490

To increase the transparency and accountability of local and regional governments in southern Ukraine. The CVU will continue to monitor the implementation of local election promises and programs in six districts of the Kherson region, and carry out an information outreach campaign to disseminate the results that will include a public opinion survey, an analytical report and two bulletins, two press conferences, and a roundtable.

**Promoting Human Rights in Eastern Ukraine**

NGO Euroleader

\$25,678

To promote civil society and human rights in eastern Ukraine. Euroleader will expand its office in Sloviansk to serve as a regional human rights center that will offer legal consultations, maintain a human rights library and hotline, and provide meeting space and shelter for activists. To raise awareness of human rights, Euroleader will prepare and air three radio PSAs, and publish and distribute 1,000 booklets and 10,000 pamphlets. To strengthen networking and cooperation, Euroleader will organize two trainings and a roundtable for 50 local activists, journalists and officials.

**Promoting Human Rights through a Documentary Film Festival**

NGO South

\$81,640

To raise public awareness of human rights. The NGO “South” will convene the 12th edition of its annual human rights film festival, Docudays UA. NED support will cover partial costs of the festival’s seven-day inauguration in Kyiv, and its traveling film festival, which will cover all 24 regions of Ukraine. The festival will feature international and domestic human rights documentaries, educational materials, and public discussions, seminars, performances and debates led by human rights NGO representatives and experts.

**Promoting Improved Human Rights Legislation**

Center for Civil Liberties

\$34,500

To promote public engagement in and oversight of human rights legislation. The Center will monitor, analyze and propose improvements and amendments to legislation relating to human rights and freedoms. To increase capacity in this field, the Center will convene six roundtables and nine working meetings for 30 activists. To increase public awareness of human rights issues, the Center will hold two press conferences and organize at least five civic campaigns promoting human rights issues.

**Promoting Independent Information and Democratic Debate**

Hromadske Radio

\$39,000

To promote access to independent information and foster democratic discourse. Hromadske Radio will produce and broadcast a daily, two-hour talk show Hromadska Khvylia (Civic Wave) on AM and FM radio. It will also live stream the program on the organization’s website [www.hromadskeradio.org](http://www.hromadskeradio.org).

**Promoting Information Exchange**

**Information and Analytical Center Civic Space**

\$36,000

To improve the outreach and communications strategies of NGOs and nascent civic initiatives emerging from the Maidan movement. The organization will expand and upgrade its web portal, [www.civicua.org](http://www.civicua.org), which facilitates interaction and networking among civil society organizations, and provides objective news, information and analysis regarding ongoing reforms.

**Promoting Political Activism and Government Accountability in Central Ukraine**

Cherkasy Regional Organization of Committee Voters of Ukraine

\$23,710

To increase the skills of emerging political leaders, and promote free and fair elections in Ukraine's Cherkasy region. The organization will train 150 local leaders from five cities who plan to participate in municipal elections slated for October 2015 or serve as local councilors' assistants. It will also conduct a long-term monitoring of the campaign as well as observe on election day.

**Promoting Religious Freedom in Ukraine**

Ukrainian Catholic University

\$42,050

To lessen tensions among Ukraine's various religious communities. UCU will provide accurate, timely news and information relating to religious affairs through Religious Information Service of Ukraine (RISU), an online news agency that covers issues of church-state relations, religious rights, and conflict between Ukraine's various faith-based communities ([www.risu.org.ua](http://www.risu.org.ua)). The website will publish up to 4,000 articles and analyses during the coming year.

**Promoting Strategic Communications**

Ukraine Crisis Media Center

\$49,980

To promote the dissemination of objective information. The UCMC will provide vital media outreach services, particularly supporting strategic government communications with respect to the ongoing military and humanitarian crisis, and facilitate public dialogue on key reforms. It will organize at least three pre-briefings, roundtables, or panel discussions daily. It will also issue at least 75 press releases to promote public awareness of human rights, foster democratic ideas, and disseminate accurate information to domestic and international media.

**Promoting the Implementation of Education Reform**

Center for Society Research

\$25,520

To monitor and improve the implementation of education reform. The Center will launch a website to monitor violations of the rights of students, professor and university staffs. Based on the collected information, the Center will prepare quarterly reports analyzing systematic problems and will work with the Ministry of Education and the Parliament to produce legislative changes to address them.

**Promoting the Transition from Civic to Political Activism in Ukraine**

The Institute of Public Affairs (IPA)

\$32,410

To increase the political skills of civic activists. In partnership with the Ukrainian Civic Initiatives Network, the Warsaw-based IPA will organize three, two-day training sessions in Sumy, Vinnytsya, and Odesa for 36 participants. It will select 10 promising activists to participate in a nine-day study visit to Poland to gain experience and practical political skills. Participants will work individually with tutors to develop reform action plans, of which three will receive further support for implementation in their target regions.

**Promoting Transparency and Accountability with Investigative Journalism**

Internews Ukraine

\$25,000

\$35,000

To promote the transparency and accountability of local governments. The organization will assist a network of journalists to conduct approximately 40 investigations of corruption at the regional level. It will publish approximately 400 articles and blog entries, as well as 15 infographics, related to corruption on its website [www.corruptua.org](http://www.corruptua.org). The organization will also disseminate a monthly newsletter publicizing corruption investigations to local officials in five regions to promote accountability.

### Promoting Transparency in Political Processes

Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (UCIPR)

*Supplement:* \$15,680

To promote greater transparency in Ukraine's political and electoral system. For the early October 2014 parliamentary elections, UCIPR will monitor and analyze the platforms of the five main political parties and produce six reports to better inform and educate voters ahead of this crucial contest.

### Promoting Transparency of Media Ownership

Media Watch

\$46,072

To promote the transparency of media ownership. The organization's experts will review Ukraine's 150 leading national and local TV, radio, print and online media to identify their owners and assess their influence on editorial policies and level of corruption. The monitoring results will be disseminated through traditional and online media, presented at 5 roundtables in the regions, and shared with state regulatory bodies, including the National Council on TV and Radio Broadcast. In addition, the organization will conduct five investigations on corruption in the media sector.

### Promoting Youth Activism

NGO "On Time"

\$30,270

To strengthen youth activism. The group will expand its Diya-ua.com (Action in Ukraine) online platform that promotes cooperation and networking between youth activists and more experienced project managers and coaches. Together they will carry out at least 15 social, environmental or educational projects to mobilize youth and promote cross-sectoral cooperation, and organize a series of events to share experiences and best practices.

### Promoting Youth Activism in Central Ukraine

Coalition of Cherkassy Youth NGOs "Moloda Cherkaschyna"

\$32,210

To strengthen youth involvement in civil society in central Ukraine. To enhance its network of youth activists and organizations, the Coalition will organize networking seminars and a six-day training for approximately 50 youth activists in Cherkassy, Kirovohrad, Poltava and Vinnytsya. The Coalition will also conduct a monitoring and information campaign on youth policy in the four regions by awarding four mini-grants and upgrading its website, [www.mck.org.ua](http://www.mck.org.ua).

### Promoting Youth Human Rights Awareness

Independent Association of Broadcasters

\$72,842

To raise awareness of human rights, protect freedom of speech, and educate youth about the role of media in democratic society. The Association will organize its sixth annual Kinomedia Festival, which will include film screenings and public lectures at universities in seven Ukrainian cities. The Association will also assist regional broadcasters in producing and distributing 80 TV programs on reforms and other topics relevant to the country's transition.

### Protecting Human and Civil Rights

Ukrainian Coalition for Legal Aid (ULAC)

\$30,450

To promote and protect civil and human rights. ULAC will provide legal aid through 10 of its 16 regional offices to Ukrainians dislocated due to the conflict in the country's east. It will produce and distribute a manual (5,000 copies) and four leaflets (10,000 copies each), as well as organize two trainings, to inform IDPs

legal services and otherwise assist them.

### Protecting Human and Civil Rights

Ukrainian Coalition for Legal Aid (ULAC)

*Supplement:* \$16,200

To promote and protect civil and human rights. The program will provide legal aid through 10 of its 16 regional offices to Ukrainians dislocated due to the conflict in the country's east. It will produce and distribute a manual (5,000 copies) and four leaflets (10,000 copies each), as well as organize two trainings to about services and to support IDPs.

### Providing Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

Council of Civil Initiatives

\$23,920

To foster human rights, dialogue and reconciliation. The Council will foster the integration of residents displaced by the conflict in Ukraine's eastern and southern regions. It will assist approximately 2,000 IDPs in the city and region of Kyiv by providing counseling, training and other assistance. By assisting IDPs to settle in new communities and promoting dialogue and understanding, the program seeks to temper growing hostility from host communities that threatens the consolidation of the Ukrainian state.

### Stimulating Dialogue on Transition Processes

Democratic Initiatives Foundation (DIF)

*Supplement:* \$30,500

To stimulate informed debate and dialogue among civil society, government and the general public on issues relating to Ukraine's transition to democracy. Through three national polls, four expert surveys, and a quarterly scholarly journal, DIF will inform Ukraine's leaders about public opinion and educate the public about important policy debates.

### Strengthening Anti-Corruption Compliance

Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$249,998

To strengthen a culture of anti-corruption compliance. The Institute will increase the awareness of corruption risks among Ukrainian small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and improve government officials' understanding of SMEs' anti-corruption obligations under the country's new laws and regulations. The project is part of a multi-year effort to reduce corruption in Ukraine by fostering effective dialogue on the issue, thus leading to a stronger and more stable democratic society.

### Strengthening Interregional Communication and Cooperation

Ukrainian Youth Association of Ukraine

\$35,080

To strengthen civil society organizations in Ukraine's regions and Crimea. To begin the process of reconciliation among youth in the country's regions, SUM will conduct three trainings and one working meeting for up to 40 teachers from the targeted regions, and hold a mini-grant competition that will provide support for five interregional civic initiatives fostering cooperation and national unity.

### Strengthening Local Democracy

Institute of Political Education

\$65,560

To continue fostering democratic local and regional government. The organization will conduct six, three-day training seminars in Odessa, Kharkiv, Chernihiv and Kyiv for 150 local and regional councilors, mostly from the country's southeastern regions. The trainings will focus on preparing newly elected local governments for the increased financial autonomy that would result from pending administrative reforms and decentralization. In addition, the Institute will produce and distribute 2,100 copies of a councilor's manual.

**Strengthening the Capacity of NGOs in Central and Eastern Ukraine**

Center for Support of Civic and Cultural Initiatives “Tamarisk”

\$58,000

To increase the capacity and professionalism of new civic initiatives and NGOs in the Dnipropetrovsk region. The organization will provide extensive support to post-Maidan civic groups by offering targeted trainings, disseminating information useful to civic initiatives, and providing constant online and onsite consultations. The organization will also assist 10 local initiatives with small grants up to \$2,500.

**Strengthening Transparency in Procurement in Northeastern Ukraine**

Sumy Regional Organization “Bureau of Political Analysis”

\$33,700

To promote transparency and accountability in the use of public funds by local governments in northeastern Ukraine. The organization will conduct two training sessions and a three-day conference for 10 new and 30 veteran civic activists to familiarize them with procurement procedures. The activists will monitor 120 procurement cases in Sumy, Kharkiv, Poltava, Chernihiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Cherkasy, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions. The organization will publicize the results through online and print articles, four press club events, and a final report.

**Supporting Civil Society**

Donetsk Press Club

\$36,125

To support and strengthen cooperation among organizations from the Donbas. The grantee will assist a coalition of civil society groups from the region, and develop an online database and interactive map of at least 100 NGOs and civic initiatives displaced by the ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine. It will also produce 50 publications, operate a hotline for journalists and activists, and organize public events to raise awareness about developments in the east.

**Supporting Civil Society in the Donbas**

Donetsk Press Club

\$39,280

To strengthen civil society and promote regional understanding. The Donetsk Press Club will establish an office in Kyiv to facilitate the work and cooperation of civil society groups displaced by the conflict in eastern Ukraine. The office will host a coalition of over 30 NGOs known as the “Committee of the Patriotic Forces of Donbass,” which will prepare a weekly analytical report on regional developments, organize three workshops on effective engagement with the authorities, and conduct six events to raise awareness about developments in the east and advocate for the government to address them.

**Supporting Human Rights**

Human Rights Center “Postup”

\$49,070

To raise capacity of human rights NGO networks and monitor human rights. During a heightened period of need for human rights assistance, the Center will conduct 20 seminars to train 150 journalists, civic activists, youth and NGO leaders to provide more effective assistance to IDPs. The organization will create a database to monitor and systematize response mechanisms for providing direct assistance to victims.

**Supporting Independent Regional Media**

Center for Research on Social Perspectives in the Donbas

\$49,955

To promote independent information and news about the conflict in eastern Ukraine. The Center will launch a new section on its popular news website, Ostro (www.ostro.org) dedicated to news and analysis of the conflict. The Center’s team of four correspondents and analysts and two translators will produce more than 180 analytical and 7,800 informational items for the website.

**Driving Business Advocacy**

Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$446,000

To improve the advocacy capacity of business associations and chambers of commerce and industry, and the advocacy effectiveness of the National Business Platform; to improve internally displaced entrepreneurs' ability to advocate for their needs; and to increase awareness of corruption risks among businesses creating a culture of compliance. This is part of a multi-year effort to increase the advocacy capacity of organizations representing the business community, in turn will lead to stronger and more stable democratic society in Ukraine.

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**Activating Advocacy in Regional Coalitions**

Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$537,832

To promote economic and political reforms. The center will formalize the governance structure of regional coalitions of business associations and chambers commerce, improve their advocacy capacity, and assist in establishing a local leadership academy. The coalition building and strengthening program will allow Ukrainian small businesses to contribute meaningfully to and influence ongoing economic and political reforms, while the leadership academy will build the management skills of, and foster networks among, reform-minded government officials.

**Fostering Accountability and Transparency in Central Ukraine**

Investigative Agency

\$22,800

To promote local government accountability and transparency in central Ukraine. A team of Vinnytsia-based journalists will investigate corruption practices in the region. It will raise awareness about them through publications on its website vajr.info, other regional and national media outlets, and social media. The grantee will also report the findings and advocate for launching formal investigations to law enforcement agencies.

**Fostering an Inclusive Democracy**

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

\$504,171

To foster political participation. The institute will conduct public opinion research, work with national and emerging political parties to improve their region outreach, and support outreach efforts by parliamentary reformers to improve the overall political representation and inclusion of Ukrainian citizens, particularly in the south and east.

**Fostering Decentralization in Eastern and Central Ukraine**

Zelenodolsk Development Agency

\$46,500

To promote decentralization in eastern and central Ukraine. The grantee will hold two training sessions for 60 activists and officials representing newly created amalgamated communities. Based on the organization's positive experience in Zelenodolsk, the staff and trainers will oversee a mentorship and consultation program for the project's participants. Ten of the most promising and motivated activists will participate in a nine-day study visit to Poland.

**Fostering Freedom and Transparency in the Media**

Detector Media

\$87,000

To foster freedom of the media and promote transparency in the media sector. Serving as an independent resource to assist journalists, the organization will continue to monitor Ukraine's media environment for censorship, restrictions on freedom of the press, and harassment and physical attacks against journalists. The grantee will also monitor governmental agencies' attempts to reform the country's media market and introduce public broadcasting.

**Fostering Independent Media in the Donbas**

Anti-crisis Media Center

\$50,000

To foster independent media in the Donbas. The grantee will produce daily reports on social and political developments in the Luhansk, Donetsk and Dnipro regions. It also will establish a press club and hold at least 50 public events, including discussions, press conferences, and trainings, to address local issues and strengthen the skills of local civic activists and journalists. The outlet will publish all news reports and project materials on its website, akmc.in.ua, and social network pages.

**Fostering Reforms and Promoting Government Accountability**

VoxUkraine

\$35,600

To facilitate informed public discussion on reforms and promote governmental accountability and transparency. While continuing to develop its resource website, VoxUkraine.org, the organization will further enhance its political monitoring. It will track and assess the progress of reforms, push parliamentarians to produce reports on their activities, and launch a new fact-checking component to improve the veracity of public debates. Its fact checking of major statements will expose manipulations and misinterpretations by politicians.

**Fostering Reforms and Promoting Government Accountability**

VoxUkraine

*Supplement:* \$40,000

To facilitate informed public discussion on domestic reforms and promote governmental accountability and transparency. While continuing to develop its resource website, Voxukraine.org, the organization will track and assess the progress of reforms, push parliamentarians to produce reports on their activities, and launch a new fact-checking component to improve the veracity of public debates. In cooperation with Hromadske TV, the organization will produce weekly video clips that highlight and debunk politicians' factual mistakes and manipulations.

**Fostering Regional Reconciliation**

Center for Cultural Management

\$23,500

To promote cross-regional dialogue and reconciliation. The grantee will facilitate the participation of 50 civil society leaders in weeklong exchanges at opposite ends of the country. During their stay, the activists will participate in local activities and implement local projects fostering reconciliation and expanding cooperation between different communities. The program will contribute to building mutual understanding and overcoming stereotypes dividing the country.

**Improving IDP-related Coverage in Three Regions**

Association of Regional Media

\$15,190

To improve media coverage of IDP-related issues in the Dnipro, Zaporizhia, and Poltava regions. The association will survey 1,900 people, monitor over 200 media outlets and social networks, conduct trainings for 90 journalists, and assist them in producing at least 90 original materials and two PSAs on IDP-related issues. It will disseminate the materials and findings through the regional media and present them at a final press conference in Kyiv.

**Improving the Implementation of Education Reform**

Center for Society Research

\$33,000

To monitor and foster education reform. The organization will continue to monitor violations of the rights of students, professors and university employees, post the findings on its website, prorights.org. The grantee will prepare quarterly reports analyzing systemic problems and work with the Ministry of Educa and the Parliament to introduce legislative changes to address them. It will also organize seminars and press conferences to promote greater understanding educational reform law.

**Increasing Citizen Participation in Local Governance**

Institute Respublica

\$39,700

To increase the activism and advocacy skills of citizens in Ukraine's regions. Part of a broader campaign to promote engagement in decision-making at the lo level, the organization will promote constructive dialogue and cooperation between local citizens and municipalities. Its regional coordinators will work in 1 regions with local grassroots initiatives, conduct trainings for them, and guide their efforts in advocating for solutions to community problems.

**Increasing the Capacity of New Political Leaders in Ukraine**

European Institute for Democracy

\$75,000

To increase the skills of new Ukrainian political leaders. The Warsaw-based organization will conduct a training and three study visits for emerging leaders c regional political party branches in Ukraine. The political activists will, in turn, use their new skills to conduct trainings for their party members and organize events promoting democratic reforms.

**Increasing the Capacity of Regional Media**

Media Development Foundation

\$50,000

To increase the capacity of regional media. The group will train regional journalists across Ukraine to build their new media, video news, and editorial writing while raising their journalism standards. Regional journalists will intern with leading Kyiv media outlets and, following the program, produce training plans f their regional newsrooms that will foster international media standards. The group will also organize highly specialized technology and security trainings fo journalists reporting from the country's war zones.

**Monitoring Human Rights Compliance by Law Enforcement Agencies**

Association of Ukrainian Law Enforcement Monitors

\$40,000

To promote Ukraine's adherence to international human rights standards. The organization will continue training regional monitors and rights activists, monitoring law enforcement practices in the country, and tracking and documenting human rights violations by police. It will widely disseminate and make available the results on an interactive online map. Based on the information collected, the grantee will also develop and advocate for policy recommendatio governmental institutions to prevent future abuses.

**Monitoring Local Government in Southern Ukraine**

Odesa Committee of Voters of Ukraine

\$49,500

To monitor elected officials in southern Ukraine and increase their accountability. The organization will continue to track electoral promises and the extent their fulfillment by municipal and regional councils in Odesa, Kotovsk, Rozdilnya, Bilhorod-Dnistrovsk, Izmail, and Reni, while offering recommendations on to make their work more effective and transparent. The grantee will also regularly publish its findings online and share the monitoring results with the medi the public.

**Promoting Accountability and Increasing Transparency**

Young People's Movement

\$30,000

To promote accountability and increase transparency in municipalities and universities. The initiative will work in eight regions across the country and train in the available mechanisms and best practices for analyzing the budgets of higher education institutions and municipalities. In each region, the grantee's ac will organize an advocacy campaign emphasizing the problems identified and offering recommendations on how make budgets more open and understanda the public.

**Promoting Accountability and Transparency through Open Data**

Fundacja TechSoup

\$99,615

To promote government accountability and transparency in Ukraine. The Warsaw office of the grantee, together with local NGO and government partners, conduct of series of five workshops and hackathons on using open data to foster greater government accountability, and hold a contest to support the development of innovative online applications that engage Ukrainians in improving the quality and performance of local government.

**Promoting and Protecting Human and Civil Rights of Veterans**

Legal Hundred

\$95,000

To promote social cohesion and the enfranchisement of veterans of the Donbas military conflict and their families. The organization will raise legal awarene provide legal assistance to veterans and their families. To address existing legislative shortcomings, the grantee will analyze cases, draft recommendations a advocate for reforms to existing laws and regulations.

**Promoting Awareness of Human Rights Violations in Crimea**

Ukrainian House

\$53,400

To promote awareness regarding the human rights situation in Crimea. The organization will produce its website, Voice of Crimea (voicecrimea.com.ua), and weekly radio show and television program to be broadcast by regional and national outlets, which will spotlight news and information on human rights viola in Crimea.

**Promoting Civic Activism Among Youth**

Lviv Education Foundation

\$46,680

To promote regional integration, social cohesion and civic activism among youth. The organization will engage 700 young people from 25 regions across Ukr to participate in series of activities promoting volunteerism and civic engagement while breaking down regional stereotypes. It will use NED support to cov partial costs of a series of volunteer camps in eastern Ukraine.

**Promoting Civic Activism among Youth**

Plast – National Scout Organization of Ukraine

\$38,000

To promote youth activism. The organization will stimulate greater youth involvement in civil society by strengthening the capacity of ten youth centers aro Ukraine. It will organize seminars for staff and volunteers of existing youth centers, and facilitate better communications and sharing of best practices amon them. The organization will analyze the existing legislative framework that regulates the operation of the centers and advocate for its improvement.

**Promoting Civic Activism in Northern and Eastern Ukraine**

Sumy Regional Committee of Youth Organizations

\$63,000

To promote civic activism in northern and eastern Ukraine. The organization will continue working with its network of over 30 NGOs to expand civil society initiatives in rural areas of the Sumy, Poltava, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Luhansk, Dnipro and Zaporizhia regions. It will hold three trainings for 60 NGO activists, manage its website ([Molod.sumy.ua](http://Molod.sumy.ua)), publish six issues of its bulletin Spalakh, support six local initiatives with mini grants, and convene a regional conference.

#### Promoting Civic Activism in Southern Ukraine

Mykolaiv Branch of the PLWH Network

\$40,020

To promote civic activism in the southern region of Mykolaiv. The organization will organize a series of trainings and roundtables for civic initiatives in four regional centers of southern Ukraine, produce and distribute booklets and brochures, award five small grants of up to \$500 to facilitate the activities of small initiatives, and create a regional website.

#### Promoting Civic Engagement among Youth IDPs

Bloc of Active Youth

\$19,860

To promote civic engagement among youth IDP activists in Kyiv, Odesa, and Vinnytsia. The grantee will organize a series of three trainings for a total of 90 activists in the three regions, and assist participants in developing and implementing small projects aiming at addressing issues being faced by the IDPs in their new communities.

#### Promoting Civic Engagement of Veterans

Healing War Scars, Inc.

\$99,700

To assist war veterans. The US-based organization will conduct trainings to equip Ukrainian veterans with techniques for coping with and overcoming PTSD. Trainings will enable veterans to re-engage constructively with society and advocate more effectively for related reforms. The grantee will train 2,400 veterans across the country. The most resourceful and motivated participants will become peer-to-peer instructors and co-trainers, able to assist victims needing psychological rehabilitation. The grantee will also train Ukrainian psychiatrists and psychotherapists to conduct future trainings.

#### Promoting Decentralization in Central Ukraine

Local Democracy Agency of Dnipropetrovsk Region

\$27,500

To promote administrative and decentralization reforms in central Ukraine. Serving as an intermediary between government officials, civil society groups and the public in the Dnipropetrovsk region, the organization will facilitate the process of unifying several communities into two new administrative units. The organization will hold a series of meetings, trainings and workshops for community members, activists and local officials, while fostering greater public engagement in solving local problems.

#### Promoting Decentralization in Eastern Ukraine

NGO East-Ukrainian Patriotic Association

\$40,500

To increase awareness of decentralization reforms in eastern Ukraine. The grantee will conduct 12 seminars in 10 towns of the Donetsk region for 300 citizens, civic activists, and municipal officials. It will hold a two-day training for 40 representatives of local governments in the region and convene a two-day conference to discuss the progress of decentralization reforms throughout the country. It also will produce and distribute 80,000 copies of informational materials and operate a hotline.

#### Promoting Decentralization in Southern Ukraine

Ukrainian Institute for International Politics

\$45,000

To promote decentralization in southern Ukraine. The grantee will strengthen the skills of local government officials and the capacity of civil society representatives in Odessa, Mykolaiv and Kherson to implement important decentralization reforms. The organization will build upon its previous work with advocacy campaign to foster reforms at the local level. It will organize seminars, working group meetings, and press conferences for local media, as well as distribute related materials.

#### Promoting Decentralization in Western Ukraine

Center of Community Development

\$27,800

To promote decentralization reforms in western Ukraine. The organization will select and support the development of nine newly created local administrative units in the Ternopil region. It will hold 13 training sessions and strategic planning workshops for community leaders, activists, and local officials to facilitate development of a strategic plan for each unit. To promote lessons learned, the organization will publish and distribute a manual with specific recommendations, analysis, and case studies.

#### Promoting Decentralization in Western Ukraine

Strengthening Communities

\$12,000

To increase awareness of the decentralization reform process in the Khmelnytskyi region. The organization will conduct trainings in different parts of the region for citizens, civic activists and representatives of municipalities. The workshops will focus on the new opportunities for local communities introduced by the ongoing decentralization and administrative reforms. The grantee will also publish and disseminate manuals with information and recommendations for local activists and officials.

#### Promoting Dialogue and Reconciliation

STAN

\$24,400

To strengthen regional understanding, cooperation and reconciliation. The organization will facilitate east-west dialogue in Ukraine by conducting workshops for 60 activists on debunking myths and tackling stereotypes about east Ukrainians, holding discussions in five regions with high concentrations of IDPs, conducting related civic actions around the country on International Peace Day, and convening a retreat for 20 displaced activists to foster closer cooperation.

#### Promoting Dialogue and Reconciliation in Eastern Ukraine

Think Tank Donbas

\$48,800

To promote dialogue and reconciliation in the Donetsk region. The organization will conduct a survey in the government-controlled territories of the Donbas to establish a network of partner national and local media outlets, activist groups and local authorities to analyze the scope and depth of the challenges there. To reduce tensions, the grantee will develop a communications strategy for the conflict zone, and produce a set of public service messages and disseminate them through media channels.

#### Promoting Freedom of Information and Accountability in Dnipropetrovsk

Dniprovsy Center for Social Research

\$24,850

To increase access to information and accountability in the eastern region of Dnipropetrovsk. The center will continue to monitor the reform process and its implementation on the regional level. It will produce and distribute its quarterly monitoring and analytical reports, which will be distributed through the web portal [www.dcsi.dp.ua](http://www.dcsi.dp.ua) and the regional analytical portal Novyi Format at [www.nf.dp.ua](http://www.nf.dp.ua). Finally, the center will convene expert working groups and a seminar to strengthen the reform process in the region.

#### Promoting Government Accountability and Citizen Engagement

Civil Control Platform

\$30,000

To promote accountability and transparency in the Dnipropetrovsk region. Through anti-corruption investigations, advocacy campaigns, and trainings on effective methods of public oversight, the organization will increase the efficiency and responsiveness of local authorities. It will also promote participatory budgeting in Dnipro, monitor local budget spending, and visualize it for the public on a separate online platform.

#### Promoting Government Accountability in Southern Ukraine

Kherson Committee of Voters of Ukraine

\$26,000

To promote the transparency and accountability of local and regional governments in southern Ukraine. The group will monitor the implementation of local election promises and programs in six districts of the Kherson region, and carry out an information outreach campaign, including a public opinion survey, an analytical report, two bulletins, two press conferences, and seven roundtables, to disseminate the results.

#### Promoting Human Rights in Eastern and Southern Ukraine

Educational Human Rights House Chernihiv

\$58,340

To promote human rights in eastern Ukraine and Crimea. The organization will hold a training, coordination meetings, and a conference on human rights for lawyers, journalists and activists. It also will develop an online human rights course and award small grants of up to \$1,700 to seven NGOs for human rights activities in southern and eastern Ukraine. The grantee will also provide assistance to, and serve as a base for, displaced human rights organizations from these regions.

#### Promoting Human Rights Reform

Center for Civil Liberties

\$34,000

To promote human rights. The organization will monitor, analyze and propose improvements to human rights related legislation. To foster the implementation of human rights reforms and ensure an inclusive reform process that incorporates civil society, the grantee will organize consultations and working groups with Ukrainian Parliament, NGOs and human rights activists. The grantee will also organize advocacy media campaigns to increase public awareness regarding these reforms.

#### Promoting Human Rights through a Documentary Film Festival

NGO South

\$82,000

To raise public awareness of human rights. The organization will convene the 13th edition of its Docudays UA human rights film festival. The annual event features international and domestic documentary films, educational materials, and public discussions, seminars, performances and debates led by human rights activists and civil society representatives. The grantee will use NED support to cover partial costs of the festival in Kyiv, as well as its traveling film festival across Ukraine.

#### Promoting Independent Information and Democratic Debate

Hromadske Radio

\$36,000

To promote access to independent information and democratic discourse. The media outlet will produce and broadcast the daily, two-hour talk show Hromadske Khvylia (Civic Wave) covering pressing public issues, such as the country's democratic transition, implementation of reforms, situation in Crimea and the Donbas, and human rights. The talk show will be broadcast on AM and FM radio, and be available on the organization's website, hromadskeradio.org, and through online platforms.

#### Promoting Local Activism in Eastern Ukraine

Lion Society

\$85,000

To promote activism and increase the capacity of NGOs in eastern Ukraine. The organization will hold competitions and provide ongoing technical assistance to NGOs in the region to help them increase their capacity and effectiveness. The grantee will also host a series of workshops and trainings for NGOs in eastern Ukraine to improve their skills and knowledge in areas such as advocacy, advocacy campaigns, and advocacy media campaigns.

To promote activism and increase the capacity of NGOs in eastern Ukraine. The organization will hold seminars for, and provide ongoing technical assistance support to, civic initiatives in eastern Ukraine. To enhance regional integration, it will also organize two study visits to model initiatives in western Ukraine.

### Promoting Public Awareness of Corruption

Tom 14

\$37,000

To increase public awareness of high-level corruption. A team of investigative journalists will produce a weekly television show, Nashi Groshi (Our Money), which will be broadcast on three major national television channels. Each of the 16 shows will highlight up to three cases of corrupt practices perpetrated by senior government and law enforcement officials.

### Promoting Public Debate on Government Performance

Data Journalism Agency

\$36,600

To increase public awareness of and debate on government performance. After collecting and systematizing open data, the grantee will carry out four interactive data journalism projects, publish 10 articles each month, and produce 12 data visualizations on key accountability, transparency and reform issues. The organization will continue to develop its popular website texty.org.ua and disseminate the materials through it and other outlets. The materials will help citizens better understand complex political, economic and social issues.

### Promoting Public Understanding of the Reform Process

Ukrainian Toronto Television

\$40,000

To increase public understanding of the reform process and to promote government accountability and transparency. The grantee will produce a weekly television show that will be broadcast on three major national television channels. The program will analyze critical political developments using humor and satire.

### Promoting Reconciliation and Civic Activism among Youth

Ukrainian Catholic University

\$26,000

To foster reconciliation and civic activism among youth. The grantee will train 50 volunteers to engage 5,000 young people from different parts of the country in a series of local activities promoting civic engagement. It will conduct a summer school and trainings to enhance the knowledge of the most promising volunteers. By organizing 12 and supporting 10 community-oriented projects, and working closely with local citizens, the grantee will help to break down regional stereotypes and prejudices.

### Promoting Reform in the Security Sector

Democratic Society East Foundation

\$55,000

To promote public debate and encourage demand for reform in the security sector. Together with its local partner, the Poland-based organization will expand its website and produce and publish at articles, analyses and video blogs related to the topic, as well as assist five local media outlets in producing their own security-related content. Project experts will also participate in several public events and discussions in the media and organize a contest for the best publications on security reform.

### Promoting Reforms and Accountability in Ukraine's Regions

Polissya Foundation of International and Regional Research

\$47,000

To increase the capacity of regional think tanks to impact and influence reforms. The grantee will continue to coordinate the activities of the Association of Regional Think Tanks and foster the further development of its members. With the support of experts from Central Europe, the regional partners will monitor reforms in their respective regions, discuss common issues, and develop policy recommendations for local authorities.

**Promoting Religious Freedom**

Ukrainian Catholic University

\$30,240

To promote freedom of conscience through an informed analysis of religious rights and obstructions to religious freedom. The grantee will continue to operate online news agency (RISU.org.ua) that covers church-state relations, religious rights, and conflicts between Ukraine's various faith-based communities. The website will publish up to 4,000 articles during the coming year.

**Promoting Social Dialogue**

Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research

\$75,000

To promote public discussion on political reforms and national unity. The think tank will organize a series of activities to analyze, publicize and debate the state of democracy in Ukraine. Activities will include trainings, meetings, and discussions to facilitate dialogue about reform and national unity. It will also conduct in-depth studies on the situation in Crimea, political parties, and ethics in representative politics. Finally, the think tank will produce its e-bulletin Research Up

**Promoting Strategic Communications**

Non-governmental organization "Ukraine Crisis Media Center"

\$42,300

To promote the delivery of objective information. The center will serve as a platform for communicating news and information about ongoing reforms and the conflict in southeastern Ukraine, provide a space that addresses the needs of the domestic and international media, support strategic government communications with respect to ongoing reforms and humanitarian concerns, and facilitate public dialogue.

**Promoting the Integrity of the Information Space**

Prometheus

\$100,000

To defend the integrity of the information space. The organization will conduct open-source investigations that monitor and spotlight external Russian military actions and post them on its popular and trusted website, <https://informnapalm.org>.

**Promoting Tolerance and Integration through the Media**

Foundation Center for Contemporary Art

\$27,200

To promote regional integration and social cohesion. The grantee will hold trainings for young journalists and activists to overcome stereotypes and assist communities experiencing acute social problems. The project aims to strengthen the role of media in limiting hate speech and to promote participatory community and cultural projects that create a favorable democratic climate in society. The organization will conduct trainings and assist participants in implementing cultural projects fostering regional cooperation, tackling divisive topics and supporting post-conflict peacebuilding.

**Promoting Transparency and Accountability in the Healthcare Sector**

Patients of Ukraine

\$47,000

To reduce corruption in the healthcare sector. The group will monitor state activities and promote anti-corruption reforms in the healthcare sector. It will urge the efforts of its member organizations to advocate for the legislative changes necessary combat special interests and corrupt officials. The grantee will also closely work with media outlets to improve public awareness about existing corrupt practices as well as possible solutions.

**Promoting Transparency and Accountability of the Judiciary**

Automaidan

\$63,200

To improve judicial accountability and transparency. The organization will create an online database of all Ukrainian judges, including their public financial asset statements, and an evaluation of their professional performance. The database will serve as an effective tool to identify and expose corrupt judges, and empower civic activists, independent journalists and the general public in their efforts to reform the country's judiciary.

#### Promoting Transparency and Accountability with Investigative Journalism

Internews Ukraine

*Supplement:* \$12,500

To promote the transparency and accountability of local governments. The organization will assist a network of regional journalists to conduct 40 in-depth investigations on cases of corruption. The network will produce 400 articles and blogs, as well as 15 infographics, on cases of corruption for the website Corruptua.org. The grantee will also disseminate a monthly newsletter, publicizing the corruption investigations in five regions, and organize a training workshop and internship on investigative journalism for 20 young reporters.

#### Promoting Transparency in Public Procurement

Center for Political Studies and Analysis "Eidos"

\$27,900

To promote government and business accountability by increasing the transparency of public procurement. The grantee will monitor the implementation of new Public Procurement Law, produce an analytical report with the monitoring results and recommendations, hold regional trainings and roundtables for civil activists, government officials and media, and convene a press conference to encourage government agencies to implement more effectively the new law.

#### Promoting Transparency in Public Procurement in Western Ukraine

Rivne Social Partnership Center

\$24,100

To promote public procurement reform in the Rivne region. By monitoring the tenders of local authorities and state- and municipality-owned enterprises, the center will identify and investigate cases of corruption. The grantee will publicize the findings by producing at least 10 television programs and 25 journalist investigations and publishing them in local media outlets. To improve procurement reform, the grantee will offer a series of trainings and consultations to local officials.

#### Promoting Youth Human Rights Awareness

Independent Association of Broadcasters

\$124,700

To raise awareness of human rights and the role of media in a democratic society. The association will organize its seventh annual Kinomedia Festival, which include film screenings and public events in 10 cities. It also will convene media-related debates in the regions, organize a summer school of animated film, a conduct short film and screenplay contests for students. The association will assist nine TV companies in producing and broadcasting 80 programs on important human rights and reform topics.

#### Protecting Human and Civil Rights

Ukrainian Coalition for Legal Aid

\$47,250

To promote and protect civil and human rights. The coalition will provide legal aid through 10 of its 16 regional offices to Ukrainians displaced due to the conflict in the country's east. ULAC will also produce and distribute information leaflets, organize a training on IDP issues for human rights lawyers, and conduct mandatory classes on legal recourse for up to 400 IDP activists.

#### Providing Independent Input into the Legislative Process

Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$121,273

To increase the private sector's ability to provide input into the discussion and formation of laws that shape the country's business environment. The center partners will provide independent analysis of, and input into, existing draft laws that affect SMEs, as well as prepare and submit for consideration new draft laws to improve the business climate for entrepreneurs.

#### **Providing Information and Analysis on Human Rights**

**Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group**

\$37,000

To promote and safeguard human rights. The grantee will work with regional media, NGOs, and government bodies to monitor and report on the country's human rights situation, with a particular focus on the Donetsk and Luhansk regions. It will also monitor draft legislation related to human rights, provide recommendations to lawmakers, and initiate legal proceedings in cases of rights violations in Donetsk and Luhansk, including extrajudicial killings, torture and arbitrary detention.

#### **Stimulating Dialogue on Transition Process**

**Democratic Initiatives Foundation**

\$50,269

To inform decision-makers and citizens about key reforms. The think tank will continue to stimulate informed debate and dialogue among civil society, the government, and the general public on issues relating to Ukraine's decentralization. Through a national poll, roundtables, and monthly bulletins, the think tank will inform Ukraine's leaders about public opinion, while at the same time making the public aware of important policy debates.

#### **Strengthening Civil Society in Southern Ukraine**

**Foundation for the Development of the City of Mykolaiv**

\$18,495

To increase the capacity of local initiatives in the southern region of Mykolaiv. The organization will hold two trainings for civic activists on budget monitoring, basic management, award seven small grants for local monitoring initiatives and convene a roundtable for activists to exchange best practices. The organization will maintain its website at [www.frgn.mk.ua](http://www.frgn.mk.ua).

#### **Strengthening Interregional Communication and Cooperation**

**Ukrainian Youth Association of Ukraine**

\$42,760

To strengthen civil society organizations and promote dialogue and reconciliation in Ukraine's regions. The organization will train teachers to become trainers, conduct seminars on conflict resolution for 630 teachers and activists in seven regions, hold a working meeting for teachers, and organize a small grants competition that will provide funding for five interregional civic initiatives, to foster cooperation and national unity.

#### **Strengthening Local Civil Society in Rural Communities**

**Community Center New Generation**

\$38,660

To strengthen NGOs and local initiatives in rural areas of southern Ukraine. The organization will convene trainings on management and capacity building for representatives of local NGOs from four regions, award small grants for up to \$800 each to local groups, provide consultations to regional NGOs, conduct a regional exchange for NGO representatives, and maintain its website at [www.socioprostir.org.ua](http://www.socioprostir.org.ua).

#### **Strengthening Local Democracy**

**Institute of Political Education**

\$58,200

To strengthen the capacity of local and regional governments. The organization will conduct trainings for 150 local and regional councilors elected in the October 2015 municipal elections. The trainings will focus on new opportunities to advance the ongoing decentralization reform and present tools to implement the reform effectively in local communities. The participants will share experiences and best practices at a final conference.

### **Strengthening Pro-Democratic Think Tanks**

Policy Association for an Open Society

\$38,000

To strengthen the capacity of Ukrainian analytical centers. The Prague-based grantee will continue a fellowship program that enhances the capacity of pro-democracy think tanks by allowing Ukrainian analysts to spend two months with their colleagues in Central Europe, while working on joint projects promoting democracy and human rights in their home country. They will also participate in an annual networking and capacity-building event to build linkages and share practices between the policy communities in Ukraine and Central Europe.

### **Strengthening Public Participation in Ukraine's Regions**

The Institute of Public Affairs

\$89,900

To increase the political skills of civic activists. In partnership with a Ukrainian network of civic initiatives, the Poland-based think tank will organize training in three Ukrainian cities for 36 participants. The organization will select 10 promising activists to participate in a study visit to Poland to gain practical political experience. Participants will work individually with tutors to develop reform action plans, of which three will receive further support to be implemented in their target regions.

### **Strengthening the Capacity of Internally Displaced People Groups**

Right to Protection

\$41,600

To strengthen the institutional capacity and civic activism of IDP groups in central and eastern Ukraine. The organization will hold a series of trainings and consultations to help IDPs from the eastern part of the country to develop their initiatives into functional, sustainable, and more professional civil society organizations. The project also will provide small grants to these groups.

### **Strengthening the Capacity of Local Governance**

Center for Ukrainian Reform Education

\$41,500

To strengthen the capacity of local and regional governments. The center will organize five trainings and five webinars on data literacy and open data for civil servants at the local and regional levels responsible for implementing the new law on open data. Approximately 125 public servants will increase their technical skills in data management, statistics, and data analysis through the trainings. The organization will make the project materials available online for a broader audience.

### **Strengthening the International Outreach of Think Tanks**

Ukrainian Think Tanks Liaison Office in Brussels

\$70,000

To strengthen the Ukrainian think tank community, promote reforms and advocate for Ukraine's European integration. The Brussels-based organization will develop its institutional capacity to advocate more effectively for its Ukrainian member organizations, intensify cooperation between Brussels and Ukraine-based think tanks, and implement concrete joint projects, including the UkraineLab workshop, which brings together Ukraine and Europe-based think tanks, donors and EU decision-making bodies.

### **Strengthening Transparency in Procurement in Northeastern Ukraine**

Sumy Bureau of Political Analysis

\$38,525

To promote transparency and accountability in the use of public funds by local governments in northeastern Ukraine. The organization will conduct training for civic activists to familiarize them with procurement procedures. The activists will monitor 120 procurement cases and 16 regional and municipal budgets in Sumy, Kharkiv, Poltava, Chernihiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Cherkasy, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions. The organization will publicize the results through online and

articles, press club events, and a final report.

#### Supporting Local Media in Ukraine

Lviv Media Forum

\$24,500

To strengthen the capacity and improve the professionalism of local media. The grantee will facilitate the participation of 30 journalists and editors from important regional outlets in the annual Lviv Media Forum conference, and design a specific program of events for them. It will also organize a data journalism summer school for journalists from different regions. Finally, the organization will identify successful regional media outlets and publish five case study reports with their editors.

#### Supporting Regional Independent Media

Center for Research on Donbas Social Perspectives

\$50,000

To increase independent news and information about developments, especially the military conflict, in eastern Ukraine. The grantee will maintain its popular website, OstriV ([www.ostro.org](http://www.ostro.org)), and expand a section dedicated to monitoring events and media inside the separatist-controlled territories and reporting on the conflict. The outlet's team of journalists, analysts and volunteers will produce more than 120 analytical and 6,000 informational items for the website.

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## UKRAINE 2018

### Broadcasting Independent News and Information

Crimean Community Radio

\$94,000

To promote freedom of information in Crimea. The independent radio station will produce objective news and information and broadcast it daily to Crimea's Ukraine-based transmitters. The media outlet will carry out the project with an online portal that is a popular source of independent news and analysis on Crimea.

### Enhancing the Implementation of Reforms

Kyiv School of Economics

\$59,995

To foster the implementation of key reforms. The organization will conduct in-depth research and publish reports on important reforms, including those in the education, healthcare, and public administration sectors. It will also facilitate learning and discussion among reform-oriented teams in various government ministries and civil society leaders through open and closed policy seminars, networking events, and short-term professional development courses.

### Fostering Democratic Reforms in the Regions

Ukrainian Institute for International Politics

\$45,974

To foster democratic reforms in the country's regions. The organization will engage with elected officials representing a broad range of political parties and facilitate dialogue among them. The nonpartisan program will convene seminars to increase local politicians' knowledge regarding reforms currently being implemented at the national level. It will also produce and distribute a policy brief detailing new political and economic opportunities for local communities and the increased authority of local governments.

### Fostering Independent Media in Southeastern Ukraine

Charitable Organization "Charity and Health Fund"

\$24,350

To support independent media in southeastern Ukraine. The organization will maintain and expand its portal Vgoru.org, which is a leading source of independent news and analysis in the Kherson region. In addition to producing and posting daily stories with a focus on accountability, the organization will conduct investigations into local problems. It will also develop and distribute an online app for accessing its publication via mobile phones.

### Fostering Independent Media in the Donbas

Anti-crisis Media Center

\$50,000

To foster independent media in the Donbas. The center will produce daily reports on social and political developments in the Luhansk, Donetsk, and

Dniproperovsk regions. It will also hold public events, including discussions, press conferences, roundtables, and seminars, to address local issues and strengthen the skills of local civic activists and journalists. The center will publish all news reports and project materials on its website and social network pages.

### Fostering Independent Media in the Donbas

Donetsk Institute of Information

\$49,120

To foster independent media in eastern Ukraine. The organization will monitor media in the separatist-controlled areas, produce news, articles, and analytic reports on the developments in the region, publish them on its websites, and distribute them via an email newsletter. It will also produce and broadcast weekly editions of its weekly Donbas Today television show, and promote it through video clips on social media.

### Fostering Independent Reporting in Eastern Ukraine

Kharkiv Crisis Infocenter

\$80,000

To foster independent reporting in eastern Ukraine. The center will produce daily news reports on developments in the Kharkiv region. It will also operate its press club, and hold and broadcast public events, including discussions, press conferences, and roundtables, to address pressing local issues. The center will publish all news reports and other project materials on its website and social media pages.

### Fostering Local Reforms in Ukraine's Regions

Education for Democracy Foundation

\$77,200

To promote decentralization reforms on the local level. In cooperation with a Ukrainian partner, the Poland-based organization will increase the skills of leaders and activists representing 16 communities from the Khmelnytskyi, Zaporizhya, Zhytomyr, and Donbas regions. It will conduct a series of trainings, a study trip to Poland, a small grant competition, and a final conference to facilitate the exchange of best practices and experiences among participants.

### Fostering Media Freedom and Transparency

Detector Media

\$100,537

To foster media freedom and promote transparency in the media sector. Over two years, the organization will monitor governmental agencies' attempts to regulate the country's media market and introduce public broadcasting. It also will track the government's communications policy regarding the Donbas, produce frequent analytical reports, and publish them on its websites.

### Fostering Youth Activism in the East

Kultura Medialna NGO

\$35,400

To promote youth activism and civic engagement. The organization will train up to 100 youth from the country's eastern regions on civic activism and project management. Participants will receive mini-grants to implement projects resulting from the trainings. Finally, the trainees will engage with local civil society through internships with local NGOs and study trips to civic organizations in other cities in eastern Ukraine.

### Improving Local Government in Central and Southern Ukraine

Cherkasy Committee of Voters of Ukraine

\$38,300

To increase the skills of emerging political leaders and strengthen the capacity of local governments. Working with local partners, the organization will train councilors and pro-reform politicians in the Cherkasy, Kherson, Kirovohrad, Kyiv, Odesa, and Vinnytsia regions. The trainings and a final conference will focus on taking advantage of new opportunities created by the decentralization reform process and providing effective tools to improve governance in local communities.

### Improving Political Party Communication With Members And Citizens

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

\$475,000

To support Ukrainian political parties in consolidating internal democracy, improving communications, and expanding citizen outreach. The institute will organize regular consultations, support regional forums, and train party activists to conduct cascade trainings. Through these events, as well as public opinion research, the use of cutting edge digital tools, the institute will help parties better understand and respond to citizen concerns, taking into account the parties' varying stages of development.

### Improving the Reform Coverage of Independent Media

European Pravda

\$40,000

To improve the quality of the coverage of the country's reform process by national and regional independent media. A team of experienced journalists will produce news items focusing on pro-democratic reforms for its popular website. It will also provide mentorship and training to 15 regional media outlets, increasing capacity to cover complex aspects of pro-European democratic reforms and making their coverage more relatable and understandable to the public.

#### **Increasing the Capacity of New Political Leaders in Ukraine**

European Institute for Democracy

\$75,000

To increase the skills of new political leaders. The Warsaw-based organization will assist leaders from Zhytomir, Boguslav and Ternopil to improve their communities through a series of study trips to Poland and assessment visits of Polish experts to Ukraine. It will help the participants to draft and execute community action plans to address local problems, produce promotional videos to showcase success stories, and convene a final conference in Kyiv to share project results and recommendations.

#### **Increasing the Capacity of Regional Media**

Media Development Foundation

\$120,000

To build the capacity of regional media. The organization will conduct a training and exchange program for reporters and media outlets from across the country. In addition, it will assist regional journalists to develop new media, video news, and editorial writing skills through trainings and internships with prominent news outlets in the capital.

#### **Increasing the Capacity of Regional Media**

NGO Dirigible

\$55,000

To increase the capacity and outreach of regional media. The organization will select 10 newly-privatized media outlets from small and medium-sized towns and assist them in developing, launching, maintaining, and promoting online portals. It will also conduct trainings for the outlets' newsroom staff and provide mentoring to assist them in producing and promoting high quality media content.

#### **Increasing the Public's Understanding of Economic Issues**

Center for Social-Economic Research (CASE) Ukraine

\$29,500

To better inform the public about important economic issues and foster government accountability. The think tank will produce daily and weekly content, including articles, infographics, short videos and interactive visualizations, which explain economic policies in a concise and entertaining style. The content will shed light on complex economic issues such as the state budget, business environment, and social services. The think tank will distribute the content across media and republish it in partner news outlets.

#### **Promoting Accountability and Increasing Transparency in Southern Ukraine**

MediaVision

\$25,000

To promote accountability and improve government transparency in southern Ukraine. Serving as a branch of the national anti-corruption civic initiative NaRhoši (Our Money), the organization will investigate corruption practices in the Zaporizhia region. It will publish the results on its website, report them to law enforcement agencies, and advocate for launching formal investigations of egregious cases.

#### **Promoting Accountability and Transparency through Open Data**

Fundacja TechSoup

\$90,000

To promote government accountability and transparency. Working with local NGO and government partners from 30 Ukrainian cities, the Warsaw-based organization will conduct trainings on using open data to foster greater government accountability. It will organize study visits for data activists and local officials to Ukrainian and Polish cities that have successfully incorporated open data into decision making processes. The organization will also publish a related guide with best practices, case studies, and recommendations.

#### **Promoting Accountability in Western Ukraine**

Center of Public Monitoring and Research

\$46,000

To promote government accountability in western Ukraine. The organization will identify indicators of corruption in government procurement bids in the Lviv, Frankivsk, Lviv, Ternopil, and Zakarpattia regions. It will also hold trainings on monitoring local government procurement for civil society activists from small towns in the Lviv and Zakarpattia regions. Finally, the organization will spotlight evidence of corruption through a partnership with a local watchdog website.

#### Promoting and Protecting Human Rights

Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group

\$35,000

To promote and safeguard human rights. The organization will monitor and report on the country's human rights situation, with a particular focus on the western areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, and provide legal assistance to victims of the most serious violations. It will also analyze draft laws and legislation related to human rights and advocate for their passage, and organize a human rights school.

#### Promoting Civic Activism

Ukrainian Volunteer Service

\$47,500

To strengthen the capacity and sustainability of local grassroots initiatives. To increase the influence and skills of civic leaders in building partnerships, the organization will conduct trainings for civic activists from across the country, provide mentorship support to initiatives throughout the project's course, and convene a final conference to promote best practices of cross-sectional cooperation on the local level.

#### Promoting Civic Activism Among Youth

Lviv Education Foundation

\$44,827

To promote regional integration, social cohesion, and civic activism among youth. The organization will organize volunteer camps in nine of Ukraine's regions. Approximately 700 volunteers, representing 25 regions, will participate in the three-week camps. A leadership school will provide additional management skills to the most outstanding volunteers. These participants will form teams and develop their own community projects under the guidance of the organization's staff.

#### Promoting Civic Activism in Eastern Ukraine

Charitable Fund Hope

\$21,242

To promote civic activism and strengthen civil society in eastern Ukraine. The organization will maintain a resource center that assists civil society in the front-line territories of the Donbas. The center will host public gatherings, workshops and public events, and serve as a platform for developing new civic initiatives that improve the quality of local governance and monitor the implementation of reforms.

#### Promoting Dialogue and Civic Engagement

STAN

\$23,455

To strengthen regional understanding, cooperation, and civic engagement. The organization will foster interregional civic dialogue and participation. It will conduct workshops for activists on tools and communications strategies that promote cooperation, leadership, and support for human rights. The organization will hold a retreat for activists to address discrimination and intolerance, conduct a training on performing grassroots needs assessments, and support initiatives that promote civic activism and tolerance.

#### Promoting Freedom of Expression in Eastern Ukraine

Freedom of Information

\$37,040

To promote freedom of expression in eastern Ukraine. The organization will organize the 4th edition of its "My Street Films Ukraine" project. It will assist amateur filmmakers from eastern Ukraine with the production of short documentaries about their communities. The organization will screen the documentaries at its annual international festival in Slavytch and in various cities around the country, including in the Donbas.

#### Promoting Government Accountability and Citizen Engagement

Civil Control Platform

\$80,000

To promote government accountability and transparency in the Dnipropetrovsk region. Through anti-corruption investigations, advocacy campaigns, and trainings on effective methods of public oversight, the organization will increase the efficiency and responsiveness of local authorities. It will also monitor the National Anti-Corruption Bureau's court hearings throughout the country and local budgets in the region, as well as disseminate the findings through an online platform.

**Promoting Government Accountability and Reform**

VoxUkraine

\$63,000

To facilitate informed public discussion on reforms and promote government accountability. Ahead of the 2019 presidential and parliamentary elections, the nonpartisan program will track the public statements of a diverse group of high-profile elected officials, launch a website containing a database of misleading statements, and produce videos exposing and correcting false claims. The organization will broadcast the videos on television and disseminate them via its website and social media pages.

**Promoting Government Accountability and Transparency**

Anti-Corruption Action Center

\$40,000

To promote government accountability and transparency. The organization will monitor the progress of anti-corruption reforms, particularly the implementation of the electronic asset declaration system and establishment of the High Anti-Corruption Court. It will comment on relevant draft laws, respond to attempts to diminish the scope of the reforms, and assist existing anti-corruption bodies in improving their activities.

**Promoting Government Accountability in Eastern Ukraine**

Initiative Civic Patrol

\$40,000

To promote government accountability and transparency in eastern Ukraine. In cooperation with local initiative groups, the organization will monitor the performance of local elected officials and advocate for transparent governance in the Donbas region. To publicize the monitoring findings, the organization will produce video materials, infographics, articles, and a quarterly newspaper, and disseminate them through local media outlets and social media platforms.

**Promoting Government Accountability in Eastern Ukraine**

Kharkiv Anticorruption Center

\$36,000

To promote government transparency and accountability in eastern Ukraine. The organization will monitor the financial performance of Kharkiv-based municipal enterprises, expose corrupt practices, and launch legal proceedings to prevent them. It will also advocate for systemic changes and new regulations that will increase the transparency and accountability of municipal enterprises. Finally, the organization will share anticorruption best practices by holding workshops in the neighboring regions of Poltava, Dnipro, Sumy, and Zaporizhia.

**Promoting Government Accountability through Civic Tech**

Fundacja ePanstwo

\$26,000

To promote government accountability and transparency through innovative technology-based tools and open data. The Poland-based organization will co-host the third annual Personal Democracy Forum in Kharkiv, bringing together over 200 activists from Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia. The Forum will include at least 10 workshops on different aspects of strengthening democratic processes through technology and the exchange of the best practices in the use of civic tech tools.

**Promoting Government Transparency in Western Ukraine**

Rivne Social Partnership Center

\$30,000

To promote government transparency in northwestern Ukraine. The organization will identify and investigate cases of corruption by monitoring public procurement tenders undertaken by local authorities and state- and municipality-owned enterprises. It will publicize the findings through television programs and investigative articles disseminated through local media outlets. To improve procurement reform, the organization will offer trainings and consultations to local business, activists, and officials.

**Promoting Human Rights through a Documentary Festival**

NGO South

\$84,824

To raise public awareness of human rights. The organization will convene the 14th and 15th editions of its Docudays UA human rights film festival. The annual event features international and domestic documentary films, educational materials, public discussions, seminars, performances, and debates led by human rights and civil society activists. The project will include holding the marquee event in Kyiv, supporting its traveling film festival, and expanding its network of human rights film clubs across the country.

**Promoting Information Exchange**

**Civic Space**

\$33,800

To improve the public outreach and communication strategies of NGOs and new civic initiatives. The organization will expand and upgrade its web portal, which facilitates interaction and networking among civic activists and provides objective news, information, and announcements for civil society. The portal will serve as a knowledge hub, operate as a web resource, and offer consultations on NGO management to meet the needs of activists throughout the country.

**Promoting Independent Information**

Hromadske Radio

\$63,790

To provide access to independent information and promote democratic discourse. The media outlet will develop a regional edition of an international news program that will be broadcast through traditional AM and FM radio and Internet radio to the Donbas. It will also contract local correspondents in the Done, Luhansk, and Kyiv regions to report directly on events in the conflict regions. The outlet will also disseminate and publicize the program through its website.

**Promoting Judicial Transparency and Accountability**

Automaidan

\$60,700

To improve judicial accountability and transparency. The organization will maintain and expand its online database of judges' public financial declarations and performance evaluations. The database assists law enforcement officials and anti-corruption bodies in identifying corrupt judges. The organization will also host a series of public events raising awareness of corruption in the judiciary. Finally, it will help civic activists across the country advocate for the implementation of crucial judicial reforms.

**Promoting Local Activism in Eastern Ukraine**

Lion Society

\$67,000

To promote civic activism and increase the capacity of NGOs in eastern Ukraine. The organization will conduct trainings for local civic activists in the Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk Zaporizhia, Kharkiv, Luhansk, and Poltava regions. It will also provide technical assistance and small grant support to local civic initiatives in the east. To enhance the integration of civil society across the country, the organization will organize study visits to model initiatives in western Ukraine.

**Promoting Local Government Accountability**

Odesa Committee of Voters of Ukraine

\$91,610

To promote the accountability of local and regional elected officials. The organization will track the fulfillment of transparency and accountability obligations of members of seven municipal councils in the Odesa region, and expand its nonpartisan monitoring effort to 15 other regions. It will regularly share its findings with the public through publications, events, and its website, and provide feedback and recommendations to elected officials.

**Promoting Public Debate on Government Performance**

Data Journalism Agency

\$46,430

To stimulate public awareness of and debate on government performance related to elections and reforms. The organization will use available open data to produce journalism projects, articles, news, and infographics presenting election and complex reform issues in ways that are accessible and understandable to the public. The nonpartisan project will target complicated and politically sensitive issues often neglected by mainstream media outlets, raise journalistic standards, and improve public demand for high-quality analytic reporting.

**Promoting Religious Freedom**

Ukrainian Catholic University

\$37,740

To promote freedom of conscience through an informed analysis of religious rights and obstructions to religious freedom. The organization will provide accurate and timely news and information regarding Ukraine's religious communities' affairs by operating the Religious Information Service of Ukraine, an online news agency that covers church-state relations, religious rights, and conflicts between Ukraine's various faith-based communities. The unique website will publish 8,000 articles during the coming two years.

**Promoting the Accountability of Elected Officials**

Tom 14

\$21,195

To promote public awareness of high-level corruption and increase demand for government accountability. The organization's team of experienced investigative journalists will produce reports and infographics analyzing the promises and performance of the six political parties in Parliament. It will distribute this content through media outlets across the country, present it at a press conference, and post it on the organization's website.

**Promoting Transparency in Eastern Ukraine**

Kharkiv Station

\$40,000

To promote transparency in the healthcare sector. The organization will monitor the implementation of the healthcare reform in the Kharkiv region. Based on monitoring findings and in cooperation with local activists, elected officials, and doctors, the organization will produce policy recommendations to address corruption risks and minimize the misuse of public funds. It will also work with local media to increase public awareness about the reform process.

**Promoting Transparency of Local Governments in the Donbas**

NGO East-Ukrainian Patriotic Association

\$44,485

To foster the transparency of local governments and state enterprises in the Donbas. Utilizing open data sources, the association will monitor public procurement, court rulings, and the financial reporting of state enterprises in Kramatorsk, Liman, Mariupol, and Pokrovsk. It will also conduct trainings, produce analytical materials and video reports, and make them available to the public through the Civil Inspector portal and traditional and social media.

**Promoting Youth Activism in Central Ukraine**

Moloda Cherkaschyna

\$26,945

To promote youth activism in central Ukraine. The organization will convene four planning and strategy meetings, as well as four, three-day trainings, for approximately 70 youth activists from Cherkassy, Poltava, Vinnytsia and Kirovohrad. It also will conduct a monitoring and information campaign on the youth policies of local governments in the four regions, award eight small grants, and hold eight discussion groups.

**Protecting and Promoting the Rights of Veterans**

Legal Hundred

\$81,400

To promote and protect veterans' human and civil rights, and foster reforms in the military. The organization will raise the legal awareness of and provide legal assistance to veterans and their families. To address existing legislative shortcomings related to service personnel and veterans, it will analyze cases, draft recommendations, and advocate for reforms to existing laws and regulations.

**Sparking Economic Transformation**

Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$519,377

To improve the capacity of business associations to advocate for reforms, represent members, and improve the capacity of citizens and public officials to cooperate in developing and implementing economic reforms. Building upon Ukraine's decentralization process, the center will prepare its partners to positively influence economic reform at all levels. The center will also continue to develop its Leadership Academy for Development in Ukraine to ensure that local leaders can respond effectively to problems, support economic growth, and make democratic government more effective.

**Strengthening Government Accountability**

Chernihiv Public Committee for Human Rights Protection

\$14,670

To promote local government accountability. The organization will foster civic engagement in local government reforms by holding workshops, roundtables, press conferences on participatory budgeting and budget monitoring in the Chernihiv, Khmelnytsky, and Sumy regions. It will publish reports on the monitoring results and offer recommendations. The project will also provide trainings and consultations to civic leaders on promoting transparency and increasing cooperation between civil society and local officials.

**Strengthening Independent Media in Eastern Ukraine**

Expert-KR

\$50,000

To strengthen independent media in eastern Ukraine. The Kryvyi Rih-based media outlet will expand its outreach and improve the quality of its reporting or

reform processes and other political developments in the city. It will produce weekly video reports and distribute them through its website and social media platforms. To raise inform and educate voters, the outlet will also produce nonpartisan programming focusing on the 2019 presidential and parliamentary elections.

#### **Strengthening Independent Media in Eastern Ukraine**

Hromadske Zaporizhya

\$35,000

To strengthen independent media in eastern Ukraine. The media outlet will produce daily news on reform processes and political developments in the Zapo region and disseminate the content through its website and social media pages. Ahead of the 2019 parliamentary and presidential elections, it will provide a nonpartisan platform for local activists, politicians, and officials to discuss regional and national issues. To expand its audience, the outlet will also launch an internet-based radio station.

#### **Strengthening Local Democracy**

Institute of Political Education

\$65,000

To strengthen democratic governance at the local and regional levels. The organization will conduct trainings for local councilors and civic activists in newly amalgamated communities throughout the country. The trainings will focus on new opportunities to advance the ongoing decentralization reform and present tools to implement them effectively in local communities. The organization will also produce and distribute a manual for local councilors.

#### **Strengthening Local Democratic Governance**

STEP

\$28,000

To promote civic engagement and democratic governance in the Zaporizhia region. The organization will improve the capacity of regional initiative groups and their cooperation with local authorities. It will organize trainings on civic participation in rural regions for activists and local government officials in amalgamated communities. The organization will also offer assistance to local civic initiatives and newly amalgamated communities in effectively incorporating civic engagement tools into local decision making processes.

#### **Strengthening the Capacity of Internally Displaced People Groups**

Right to Protection

\$45,000

To strengthen the capacity and professionalism of IDP initiatives and coalitions. The organization will hold trainings, consultations, and networking opportunities to help IDP groups from the eastern part of the country develop into functional, sustainable, and professional civil society organizations. In addition, it will award small grants to IDP coalitions for innovative, advocacy-focused initiatives.

#### **Strengthening the Capacity of NGOs in Central and Eastern Ukraine**

Tamarisk

\$44,300

To increase the capacity and professionalism of new civic initiatives and NGOs in central and eastern Ukraine. The center will support new civic groups and activists from small towns by conducting targeted trainings and a seminar, holding network events, disseminating information, and providing online and on-site consultations. It will also support 10 local initiatives with small grants.

#### **Strengthening the Integrity and Transparency of Elections**

Ukrainian Center for Social Data

\$47,000

To strengthen the integrity and transparency of elections. The organization will collect a broad range of information related to national and local elections conducted over the past 20 years in Ukraine. Ahead of the 2019 presidential and parliamentary elections, it will prepare and launch a nonpartisan online platform designed to reduce fraud and enhance campaigns by presenting the electoral data through innovative visual and mapping tools.

#### **Strengthening Ukrainian Think Tanks**

Ukrainian Think Tanks Liaison Office in Brussels

\$45,000

To strengthen and support the Ukrainian think tank community, increase its presence and impact in the EU, and advocate for European support for Ukraine's democratic transition. The Brussels-based organization will develop its institutional capacity to advocate more effectively on behalf of its Ukrainian member organizations, intensify cooperation between Brussels- and Ukrainian-based think tanks, and implement joint projects which will bring together analysts, donors, and officials from EU institutions and Ukraine.

**Supporting Independent Media in the Donbas**

Media View

\$17,700

To support independent media in the Donbas. The Pokrovsk-based media outlet will continue to offer daily news updates and will increase its content by producing monthly reports, analyses, and videos on social and political developments in Kramatorsk, Pokrovsk, and Mariupol. It will publish all project mate on its Vchasno website and disseminate them through other news portals and social networks.

**Supporting Independent Regional Media**

Center for Research on Donbas Social Perspectives

\$46,200

To increase independent news and information, with a focus on the military conflict in eastern Ukraine. The organization will maintain its popular news web and expand a section dedicated to reporting on the conflict and monitoring events and media inside the separatist-controlled territories. Each month, the o team of journalists, analysts, and volunteers will produce 15 analytical and 650 informational items for the website.

**Supporting Investigative Journalism in the Volyn Region**

Center of Investigative Reporting «The Power of Truth»

\$15,500

To foster independent media in the Volyn region. The organization will launch a center of investigative reporting and produce investigations and reports on corruption in the judiciary, public procurement, and the management of public land. It will file approximately 10 criminal cases, publish all investigations on i website, and disseminate them through other news portals and social networks.

**Supporting Investigative Journalism in the Volyn Region**

Center of Investigative Reporting «The Power of Truth»

\$31,000

To foster independent media in the Volyn region. The organization will launch a new website and produce investigations and reports on corruption in the ju public procurement, and the management of public land. It will file complaints and inquiries with law enforcement agencies when necessary. The organizati publish the materials on its website and a media partner's site, as well as disseminate them through other news portals and social network platforms.

**Supporting Local Media in Ukraine**

Lviv Media Forum

\$74,500

To strengthen the capacity and improve the professionalism of local media. The organization will conduct two editions of its School of Media Financial Management program, which will train and mentor young journalists and media practitioners representing innovative media outlets from different regions. also hold its sixth annual Lviv Media Forum, which will bring together over 800 journalists, editors, and media owners to present and discuss media best pra

**Supporting Local NGOs and Civic Initiatives**

Association of Ukrainian Civic Initiatives

\$55,000

To strengthen cooperation among local civil society organizations and initiatives. In the Mykolaiv, Cherkasy, Chernihiv and Volyn regions, the association wi conduct trainings, organize a regional civil society forum and bar camp, award small grants to local initiatives, and assist in their implementation. In addition collect best practices of local civil society cooperation and promote them on its website.

**Supporting Regional Investigative Journalism**

Agency of Journalistic Investigations «Fourth Estate»

\$30,000

To foster the greater accountability of public officials and local investigative journalism at the local level. The organization will maintain its news website and publish exposés on corruption and the mismanagement and misuse of public office in the country's regions. It will report evidence of illegal activity to the appropriate authorities. The organization will also strengthen journalism in the regions by recruiting younger reporters to its publication and distributing th articles to other regional media outlets.

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## UKRAINE 2019

### Advocating Business Priorities

Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$520,000

To improve public access to information about government spending, and to enhance civil society and private sector demand for open and accountable governance. The center will support activities that promote open governance, including national budget monitoring, process-tracing foreign capital flows in works projects, advocacy around open data policies, and targeted outreach to community groups – including business organizations, to communicate its findings and outline reforms that address identified governance gaps.

### Conflict Prevention in Southern Ukraine

Association of Middle East Studies

\$54,000

To mitigate conflict in southern Ukraine. The organization will carry out research, assess the potential for conflict in southern Ukraine, and engage the expert community and government officials in discussions regarding the region's unstable situation. It will also hold trainings to equip local leaders with the skills necessary to foster dialogue and carry out mediation in the region's local communities.

### Fostering Independent Media in the Donbas

Donetsk Institute of Information

\$45,000

To foster independent media in eastern Ukraine. The organization will monitor media in the separatist-controlled areas, produce news, articles, and analytic reports on developments in the region, publish them on its websites, and distribute them via an email newsletter. It will also produce and broadcast editions of a weekly television show, and promote it through video clips on social media.

### Fostering Local Reforms in Ukraine's Regions

Education for Democracy Foundation

\$60,000

To promote and facilitate the implementation of decentralization reforms at the local level. In cooperation with Ukrainian partners, the Poland-based organization will work with local officials and activists to improve governance in 16 communities from four key regions – Khmelnytskyi, Zaporizhya, Zhytomyr, and the Dnipro region. It will conduct trainings, organize a study visit to Poland, and oversee a small grants competition.

### Improving Local Government in Western Ukraine

Rivne Social Partnership Center

\$35,000

To increase the skills of local elected officials and improve governance in western Ukraine. The organization will train a diverse group of candidates running local office in the Rivne and Volyn regions. The nonpartisan trainings will focus on promoting effective local administration under the country's new decentralization process, equipping candidates to better serve their communities, and developing improved communications strategies. The organization will conduct a nonpartisan voter information campaign.

#### **Improving Political Party Communication with Members and Citizens**

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

\$400,000

To support political parties to become more effective and representative institutions. The institute will work with party activists to disseminate best practices citizen outreach upwards through parties. It will support regional party forums that will contribute to more inclusive party decision-making and share success stories. Training for party secretariats and the introduction of internal polling methods will embed participatory processes within parties. The institute will also provide consultations on improving communication between party leaders and their members in parliament.

#### **Improving the Independent Media's Coverage of Reforms**

European Pravda

\$60,000

To improve the quality of national and regional independent media coverage of reform processes. In an important election year, the media outlet will produce news and analytical items focusing on democratic reforms for its popular website. It will also strengthen partnerships with regional media outlets by providing them with its content for free, thereby increasing their readers' interest in and understanding of complex aspects of pro-European democratic reforms.

#### **Increasing Accountability in Western Ukraine**

Ecosphera

\$35,000

To increase the transparency, accountability, and civic oversight of the use of natural resources in the Zakarpattia region. The watchdog organization will oversee a network of civic activists to monitor, document, and counter corruption in managing state-run forests. It will submit evidence of illegal logging to law enforcement and track any resulting criminal proceedings. The organization will also hold trainings and produce materials to assist local activists in establishing their own monitoring groups.

#### **Increasing Democratic Resilience and Social Cohesion**

Chatham House (The Royal Institute of International Affairs)

\$65,000

To strengthen the resilience of Ukraine's democratic institutions. The London-based think tank will examine Ukraine's vulnerabilities to foreign malign influence and propose strategies and policy recommendations to state institutions and civil society to increase resilience. Building on previous research, the think tank will conduct in-depth studies on previously identified vulnerable areas, consult with civil society and government experts across Ukraine, publish and distribute a policy brief, and convene outreach events.

#### **Increasing the Capacity of New Political Leaders in Ukraine**

European Institute for Democracy

*Supplement:* \$55,000

To increase the skills of new political leaders. The Poland-based organization will assist local leaders from Zhytomir, Boguslav, and Ternopil to improve their communities through study trips to Poland and expert visits of Polish experts to Ukraine. It will assist the participants in drafting and executing community plans to address local problems, produce promotional materials to showcase success stories, plan nonpartisan campaigns for the 2020 local elections, and share project results and recommendations.

#### **Increasing the Capacity of Regional Media**

Dirigible

\$80,000

To build the capacity and outreach of regional media. The organization will identify newly privatized media outlets from small and medium-sized towns and help them in developing, launching, maintaining, and promoting online portals. It will also conduct trainings for the outlets' newsrooms and provide mentorship to assist them in producing independent high-quality content. Finally, the organization will develop innovative strategies aimed at increasing the financial sustainability of participating outlets.

#### **Increasing the Capacity of Regional Media**

Media Development Foundation

\$90,000

To build the capacity of regional media. The organization will conduct trainings for outlets that focus on developing sustainability strategies and promoting a culture of entrepreneurship in the media sector. It will also strengthen regional media outlets, raise their professionalism, and promote cooperation between by facilitating an exchange program and internships for regional reporters in prominent Ukrainian newsrooms.

#### **Increasing the Public's Understanding of Economic Issues**

Center for Social-Economic Research (CASE) Ukraine

\$35,000

To inform the public about important economic issues and foster government accountability. The think tank will produce daily and weekly content, including articles, infographics, short videos and interactive visualizations, which explain economic policies, including reforms, in a concise and engaging style. The cor will elucidate complex economic issues such as the state budget, business environment, and social services. The think tank will distribute the content across media and republish it in partner news outlets.

#### **Monitoring and Documenting Human Rights Violations**

Truth Hounds

\$52,000

To monitor, document, and spotlight human rights violations. The organization will carry out monitoring missions to document human rights abuses and war crimes committed in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions. Based on the missions' findings and collected evidence, it will produce reports and present them to Ukrainian and international institutions. The organization will also train and work with law enforcement agencies to improve their knowledge and implemen of international humanitarian law.

#### **Promote Civic Engagement on the Local Level**

Agency for Private Initiative Development

\$46,300

To promote civic participation and cross-sectoral cooperation in decentralized communities. The organization will hold events and produce materials to fac cooperation and the exchange of best practices among civic initiatives working on preserving historical and cultural heritage sites. It will support initiatives will engage citizens in constructive dialogue with local governments and the business community to establish new mechanisms of cooperation and develop j initiatives.

#### **Promoting Accountability and Transparency through Open Data in Ukraine**

Fundacja TechSoup

*Supplement: \$70,000*

To promote government accountability and transparency. Working with local NGO and government partners from more than 30 Ukrainian cities, the Polish based organization will hold trainings on, conduct campaigns about, and develop tools for using open data to foster improved accountability and governance. will organize study visits for activists and local officials to Ukrainian and Polish cities that have successfully incorporated open data into decision-making processes, and publish a related guidebook offering best practices, case studies, and recommendations.

#### **Promoting Accountability in Central Ukraine**

Life without Barriers

\$35,000

To promote the development of civil society in central Ukraine. The organization will work with a coalition of civic initiatives to engage with local government institutions and advance reforms in the Cherkasy region. It will establish a resource center that will provide a physical space for civil society events, increase effectiveness and impact of local civic advocacy initiatives, and serve as a hub for civic activism for the city and region.

#### **Promoting Accountability in Western Ukraine**

Center of Public Monitoring and Research

\$50,000

To promote government accountability and transparency in western Ukraine. The organization will train local officials and business representatives in transparency procedures for monitoring and improving government procurement and the leasing and selling of public property. It will identify corruption ar publicize evidence of it, as well as successful examples of public oversight, through its online and print newspaper and in partnership with other local media outlets.

#### **Promoting and Improving Decentralization**

Aspen Institute Kyiv

\$40,000

To promote and improve the implementation of decentralization reforms. The organization will identify sectoral leaders from amalgamated communities in regions. It will organize dialogue sessions between these representatives and national level policymakers and experts to build the capacity of the local leaders on issues relevant to decentralization, and to strengthen cooperation between local leaders and national government officials. The organization will also develop a guide for amalgamated communities on advancing decentralization processes.

#### Promoting Civic Activism

Ukrainian Volunteer Service

\$45,000

To strengthen the capacity and sustainability of local grassroots initiatives. The organization will increase the skills of civic leaders in ten cities across the country in building public-private partnerships by conducting training sessions, providing mentorship support to initiatives, and convening a final conference to promote best practices of cross-sectoral cooperation at the local level.

#### Promoting Civic Activism Among Youth

Lviv Education Foundation

\$50,000

To promote regional integration, social cohesion, and active citizenship among youth. The organization will organize youth camps that promote volunteerism and civic engagement while breaking down regional stereotypes. It will supplement the camps with a civic education course and leadership school to provide additional skills to the most promising camp volunteers. The organization will guide the latter group in developing their own community engagement projects.

#### Promoting Decentralization in Western Ukraine

Center of Community Development

\$32,000

To promote decentralization reforms in western Ukraine. The organization will identify ten newly amalgamated communities and increase their capacity to effectively implement decentralization. It will conduct trainings for civic activists and representatives of local administrations to facilitate the implementation of reforms, organize a study tour to Poland to learn best practices, and convene a final conference to exchange lessons learned.

#### Promoting Democratic Elections in Eastern Ukraine

Observatory of Democracy

\$40,000

To inform voters and improve electoral processes in the Kharkiv region. The organization will research, prepare, and disseminate to the public nonpartisan reports on the region's political and electoral landscape, which will serve as resources for civic initiatives, media outlets, and political actors ahead of and after the 2020 election cycle. It will also conduct trainings for this diverse group on improving electoral processes and voter outreach.

#### Promoting Governance in Northeastern Ukraine

Sumy Public Circle

\$25,000

To promote good governance in the Sumy region. The organization will conduct a roundtable and trainings for civic activists to increase their understanding of decentralization and existing public engagement mechanisms for advancing the reform process. It will provide mentorships and consultations as the trainees learn about awareness raising and mobilization campaigns for the reform. To promote lessons learned, the organization will publish and distribute a manual offering analysis, recommendations, and case studies to advance decentralization.

#### Promoting Government Accountability and Citizen Engagement

Civil Control Platform

\$80,000

To promote local government accountability and transparency in the Dnipropetrovsk region. Through conducting investigations of corruption, monitoring public institutions, and carrying out advocacy campaigns, the organization will increase the efficiency and responsiveness of local authorities. It will disseminate the findings through its online platform, social media, and other media outlets.

#### Promoting Government Accountability and Reform

VoxUkraine

\$70,000

To facilitate informed public discussion on reforms and promote the accountability of the newly elected government. The nonpartisan program will track the public statements of a diverse group of elected officials, update its database of misleading statements, produce nonpartisan videos exposing and correcting

claims, and develop videos explaining complex public policy issues. The think tank will disseminate its content through its website and social media pages, ne print newspaper, and television media partners.

#### Promoting Government Accountability and Transparency

Anti-Corruption Action Center

\$45,000

To promote government accountability and transparency. The organization will monitor the progress of investigations, report on violations, and advocate for improvements related to the fight against corruption. It will monitor the progress of the new government's anti-corruption reforms, particularly the re-launch of the National Agency for Corruption Prevention. The organization will assess relevant changes in laws and regulations, and undertake advocacy campaigns to inform the public and push for more effective reforms.

#### Promoting Government Accountability in Eastern Ukraine

Arnika – Citizens Support Center

\$45,000

To promote the accountability of and civic engagement with local governments in eastern Ukraine. The Czech organization will assist a coalition of Ukrainian initiatives that will document environmental crises in five industrial cities and utilize these issues to facilitate citizen engagement with government at the local and national levels. The organization will train and guide the coalition as it develops an action plan to mobilize citizens to monitor and hold governments accountable.

#### Promoting Government Accountability in Eastern Ukraine

Association of Private Employers

\$40,000

To promote civic activism and democratic governance in the Kharkiv region. The association will conduct trainings for local civic activists in Kharkiv city and surrounding region. It will provide technical assistance to activists developing and carrying out projects that address local democratic governance problems and upcoming electoral processes. The association will convene a roundtable and forum to bring together activists across the region to discuss reform strategies and nonpartisan voter mobilization initiatives.

#### Promoting Government Accountability in Eastern Ukraine

Initiative Civic Patrol

\$40,000

To promote government accountability and transparency in eastern Ukraine. In cooperation with local initiative groups, the organization will monitor the performance of local elected officials and advocate for transparent governance in the Donbas region. To publicize the monitoring findings, it will produce video materials, infographics, articles, and a print newspaper, and disseminate them through local media outlets and social media platforms.

#### Promoting Government Accountability in Eastern Ukraine

Initiative Group Razom

\$44,000

To promote government transparency and accountability in eastern Ukraine. The group will monitor proposed decisions and regulations by local government officials and facilitate public discussions on the implementation of post-Maidan reforms in the region. Through a nonpartisan platform for active citizens and initiatives that aims to increase public engagement in local decision-making, the group will organize public events highlighting important local issues.

#### Promoting Government Accountability through Investigative Journalism

Center for Investigative Reporting

\$33,000

To foster the accountability of local governments in the Mykolaiv and Odesa regions. The organization's team of journalists will conduct investigations into alleged misuse of public funds and other cases of corruption and mismanagement by local officials. It will inform the public of the findings by producing and disseminating in-depth reports and articles, television programs, infographics and short videos, and news items. The team will also make the content available on the organization's website.

#### Promoting Human Rights

Association of Free Journalists

\$53,400

To raise awareness and increase access to information about the human rights situation in Russian-occupied Crimea. The organization will produce independent reporting to inform the public about political and cultural life, human rights violations, and other actions regarding the occupation in Crimea. It will publish its unique news content and video materials on its website and social media platforms.

**Promoting Human Rights in Crimea**

Human Rights

\$45,000

To promote awareness of and address the human rights situation in Crimea. The organization will monitor human rights developments on the Crimean peninsula occupied by Russia since 2014. It will carry out an information campaign and hold a series of public events to raise awareness of violations and share the monitoring finding with the public and state officials. The organization's lawyers will provide pro-bono assistance to Crimean residents facing legal challenges to the occupation.

**Promoting Human Rights Reform**

Center for Civil Liberties

\$40,000

To promote human rights. The organization will monitor, analyze, and propose improvements to human rights related legislation. To foster the implementation of human rights reforms and ensure an inclusive reform process that incorporates civil society, it will organize consultations and working groups with the new government, NGOs, and human rights groups. The organization will also organize advocacy media campaigns to increase public awareness regarding the reforms.

**Promoting Human Rights through Documentary Films**

Docudays

\$35,000

To raise public awareness of human rights and foster civic activism in the country's regions. The organization will maintain and expand its network of film clubs across the country, update its educational materials, and create a new collection of documentary films on the topics of human rights and discrimination. The club network will host film screenings, public discussions, seminars, performances, and debates led by human rights and civil society activists.

**Promoting Independent Information**

Hromadske Radio

\$75,000

To provide access to independent information and promote democratic discourse. In an important election year, the media outlet will broadcast an FM news program to audiences in Kyiv as well as the strategic regions of eastern and southern Ukraine. The outlet will also disseminate the program via its website, social media accounts, and partner stations, as well as satellite.

**Promoting Information Exchange**

Civic Space

\$38,000

To improve the effectiveness and communication strategies of NGOs and nascent civic initiatives. The organization will expand and upgrade its web portal, which publicizes the work of civil society, facilitates interaction and networking among civic activists, serves as an online knowledge hub, and offers consultations to NGO management to meet the needs of activists throughout the country. In addition, the portal provides objective news and relevant information for the civic sector.

**Promoting Judicial Accountability and Transparency**

DEJURE Foundation

\$40,000

To increase the accountability and transparency of the judiciary. The think tank will prepare a research report identifying and draft legislation addressing specific problems in the functioning of the country's judicial system. It will present its findings to stakeholders in the new government and parliament as well as civil society, conduct an informational campaign highlighting the necessity for reforms, and advocate for the government to implement them.

**Promoting Judicial Transparency and Accountability**

Automaidan

\$50,000

To improve judicial accountability and transparency. The organization will maintain and further develop its online database of judges' public financial declarations and performance evaluations. The database will assist law enforcement officials and anti-corruption bodies in identifying corrupt judges. The organization will also host events raising awareness of corruption in the judiciary. Finally, it will help civic activists across the country to advocate for the implementation of comprehensive judicial reforms.

**Promoting Local Government Accountability**

Odesa Committee of Voters of Ukraine

\$98,390

To promote the accountability of local and regional elected officials. The organization will track the fulfillment of transparency and accountability obligation members of seven municipal councils in the Odessa region, and expand its nonpartisan monitoring effort to 15 other regions. It will regularly share its finding the public through publications, events, and its website, and provide feedback and recommendations to elected officials.

#### Promoting Public Awareness of Transnational Corruption

Tom 14

\$40,000

To strengthen investigative journalism. The organization will support a series of investigations into Ukraine-related corruption across the Europe region to increase Ukrainian journalists' skills in conducting such transnational investigations, and broaden cooperation with colleagues in neighboring countries. It w publicize the results of the investigations through its network of websites and social media pages, and via an email newsletter.

#### Promoting Public Debate on Government Performance

Data Journalism Agency

\$52,000

To promote public awareness of and debate on government performance related to elections and reforms. The media agency will use available open data to produce articles, news items, and infographics presenting election and reform issues in ways that are accessible and understandable for the public. The nonpartisan project will target complicated and politically sensitive issues often neglected by mainstream media outlets, raise journalism standards, and im public demand for high-quality reporting.

#### Promoting Public Safety Reform in Western Ukraine

SIM Legal and Political Research Center

\$50,000

To promote public safety reform at the local level in Ukraine. The organization will carry out focus groups, public opinion surveys, training seminars, and pu hearings in communities in the Volyn, Zakarpatsya, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv, Rivne, and Ternopil regions of western Ukraine to analyze local security issues and develop solutions jointly with local governments. It will also produce and disseminate a brochure with policy recommendations.

#### Promoting Public Understanding of the Reform Process

Ukrainian Toronto Television

\$35,000

To increase the public's understanding of reform processes and promote accountability before and after the October 2019 parliamentary elections. The out journalists will continue to produce episodes of its television program, broadcast them weekly on national television channels, including the country's new F Broadcaster, and further disseminate them via social media platforms. The nonpartisan program will provide critical analysis of political and accountability i using humor and satire.

#### Promoting Religious Freedom

Ukrainian Catholic University

\$33,840

To promote freedom of conscience through an informed analysis of religious rights and obstructions to religious freedom. The organization will provide acc and timely news and information regarding Ukraine's religious communities' affairs by operating the Religious Information Service of Ukraine, an online nev agency that covers church-state relations, religious rights, and conflicts between Ukraine's various faith-based communities. The unique website will publis 8,000 articles during the coming two years.

#### Promoting the Accountability of Elected Officials

Tom 14

\$30,000

To promote public awareness of high-level corruption and increase demand for government accountability. The organization's team of experienced investig journalists will continue to produce a popular anti-corruption television show for broadcast on major national television channels, and short investigative pi for publication the its website and by other media outlets.

#### Promoting Transparency of Healthcare Reform in Eastern Ukraine

Kharkiv Station

\$50,000

To promote the transparency and accountability of healthcare reform in eastern Ukraine. The organization will monitor the implementation of the health care system in the Luhansk and Donetsk regions, and provide feedback and recommendations to elected officials. It will also support the development of a public information campaign to raise awareness about the importance of healthcare reform and encourage citizens to participate in the process.

To promote the transparency and accountability of healthcare reform in eastern Ukraine. The organization will monitor the implementation of the healthcare reform in the Kharkiv region. Based on its findings and in cooperation with local activists, elected officials and medical professionals, it will produce policy recommendations to address existing corruption risks and minimize the misuse of public funds. It will also work with regional media to increase awareness of the reform process.

#### **Protecting and Promoting the Rights of Veterans**

Legal Hundred

\$45,000

To protect and promote veterans' rights and foster reforms in the sphere of veteran affairs. Relying on an extensive network of legal professionals and volunteers, the organization will disseminate legal information and provide direct legal assistance to veterans and their families. It will also strive to improve existing law regulations concerning veterans' reintegration into civilian life, their medical care, and the system of social benefits for service personnel and veterans.

#### **Strengthening Civic Activism and Local Democracy**

Teplo Misto

\$35,000

To promote civic activism and strengthen local democracy. The organization will strengthen local democracy in Ivano-Frankivsk by expanding its network of civic activists and initiatives, promoting its effective model of cross-sectoral engagement and sustainability in other regions of Ukraine through meetings and consultations, and establishing a nationwide network to share experiences and best practices.

#### **Strengthening Civil Society in Southern Ukraine**

Foundation for the Development of the City of Mykolaiv

\$25,000

To increase the capacity of local civil society and accountability initiatives in southern Ukraine. The foundation will train NGO representatives on local budget procedures, and publicize the results through press releases, regional news outlets, its website, and social media. It will support the development of nascent monitoring initiatives in the regions and convene networking meetings for activists to exchange best practices.

#### **Strengthening Civil Society in Southern Ukraine**

Kherson Regional Charitable Foundation Union

\$25,000

To increase the capacity of civil society and local government in southern Ukraine. The organization will conduct trainings for civic activists and representatives of local administrations in nine communities to facilitate partnerships that address local challenges. It will also mentor the trainees as they apply their new skills to provide support for the development of nascent initiatives in the target communities.

#### **Strengthening Independent Election Coverage**

Free Press Foundation

\$30,000

To provide objective information ahead of the 2019 presidential and parliamentary elections. The independent news outlet will produce nonpartisan articles and videos on developments related to the electoral campaigns for citizens, decision makers, and the international community, with a focus on the country's regional partnership with other media, the outlet will also launch a website section that will provide nonpartisan analysis and information on candidates' public statements.

#### **Strengthening Independent Media in Eastern Ukraine**

Expert-KR

\$45,000

To strengthen independent media in eastern Ukraine. The Kryvyi Rih-based media outlet will expand its online reporting on reform processes and other political developments and increase its outreach in the city. It will produce weekly video reports and distribute them through its website and social media platforms. To raise public awareness and educate voters, the outlet will also produce nonpartisan programming focusing on the 2020 local elections.

#### **Strengthening Independent Media in the Volyn Region**

Power of Truth

\$35,000

To strengthen independent media and government accountability in the Volyn region. The organization will investigate alleged corruption and misuse of public funds by local governments in judicial, real estate, and public procurement cases. It will also produce analytical reports on pressing local issues ahead of the local elections. To discuss its findings, the organization will convene public events and publish all materials on its and other websites and social network platforms.

#### **Strengthening Independent Regional Media**

**Hromadske Television Cherkasy**

\$30,000

To strengthen independent media in the Cherkasy region. The media outlet will produce broadcasts and disseminate them through its website and social media. It will also provide a nonpartisan platform for local civic activists, journalists, and public officials to discuss pressing regional and national issues around the campaigns for the 2019 presidential and parliamentary elections and the 2020 local elections.

**Strengthening Independent Regional Media**

Zmist Poltava

\$48,200

To strengthen independent media in the Poltava region. The online outlet will increase and enhance its nonpartisan coverage of political developments ahead of the fall 2020 local government elections. It will also launch a video production department to diversify revenue streams and ensure its continued independence. Finally, the outlet will produce a monthly print newspaper to expand its audience and provide objective news and information to a broader audience.

**Strengthening Local Democratic Governance**

STEP

\$31,992

To promote civic engagement and democratic governance in eastern Ukraine. The organization will improve the capacity of regional initiative groups and the cooperation with local authorities. It will organize trainings for activists in amalgamated communities on civic participation in rural regions. The organization will also support local information and advocacy campaigns that reinforce civic engagement in the decentralization process, address local concerns, and monitor government decision-making.

**Strengthening Political Parties in Advance of the 2020 Local Elections**

International Republican Institute (IRI)

\$250,000

To strengthen Ukrainian political parties in advance of the 2020 local elections. The institute will implement a multifaceted nonpartisan approach of peer-to-peer learning and expert-guided trainings informed by its public opinion research to support the development of effective campaign strategies that are responsive to citizen priorities and develop safeguards to shore up the digital security of their campaigns.

**Strengthening the Capacity and Financial Sustainability of Regional Media**

Independent Association of Broadcasters

\$45,000

To strengthen cooperation among independent regional media outlets. The organization will facilitate the joint production of television programs by local television channels covering important issues related to Ukraine's post-Maidan transition. To increase the capacity of local media, the organization will also conduct audience research in six regions, which will inform outlets' marketing strategies and increase their sustainability. In addition, it will develop and conduct a training program for sales directors of independent regional media outlets.

**Strengthening the Capacity of IDP Coalitions**

Right to Protection

\$40,000

To strengthen the capacity and professionalism of local coalitions of internally displaced persons (IDP) groups. The organization will hold presentations, trainings, and consultations to help IDP groups in the country's east increase their capacity, sustainability, and effectiveness. It will also award small grants to IDP coalitions for innovative, advocacy-focused initiatives, and provide mentorship support throughout the project.

**Strengthening the Capacity of NGOs in Central and Eastern Ukraine**

Tamarisk

\$42,000

To strengthen civic initiatives and NGOs in central and eastern Ukraine. The organization will work with new civil society organizations from the Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kirovohrad, Luhansk, Poltava, and Zaporizhia regions to improve their communication, outreach, and capacity in partnership building. It will conduct trainings and workshops, facilitate public outreach campaigns, hold networking events, and provide online and onsite consultations.

**Support Independent Media in Eastern Ukraine**

Kharkiv Crisis Infocenter

\$80,000

To foster independent media in eastern Ukraine. The center will produce daily news reports on key developments in the Kharkiv region and provide independent nonpartisan coverage of the 2019 presidential and parliamentary elections. It will continue to operate its press club, as well as conduct and broadcast other events, including discussions, press conferences, and roundtables, that address pressing local issues. The center will publish all project materials on its website and social media pages.

#### **Supporting Independent Regional Media**

Center for Research on Donbas Social Perspectives

\$50,000

To produce and disseminate independent news and information in eastern Ukraine. The organization will maintain its news website, expand a section dedicated to reporting on the military conflict and monitoring the media and events inside the separatist-controlled territories, and focus its nonpartisan coverage on the October 2019 parliamentary and 2020 local elections in the Donbas.

#### **Supporting Investigative Journalism in the Donbas**

Media View

\$23,000

To support investigative journalism and strengthen independent media in the Donbas. The Pokrovsk-based media organization will conduct investigations on corruption and the misuse of public funds in the region. It will also produce daily news and information covering local political developments. The organization will publish the project's materials on its news portal and disseminate them through partner groups and social media networks.

#### **Supporting Local Media**

Lviv Media Forum

\$60,000

To strengthen the capacity and professionalism of local media. The organization will convene the 7th annual Lviv Media Forum, which will bring together over 100 journalists, editors, and media owners from Ukraine and 15 other countries. It will hold workshops and consultations to facilitate a strategic discussion on the financial challenges facing independent media in an oligarch-dominated environment. The organization will analyze the discussion's findings, put forth recommendations, and produce and disseminate widely a report.

#### **Supporting Regional Investigative Journalism**

Fourth Estate

\$37,000

To foster the accountability of public officials and strengthen investigative journalism at the local level. The organization will maintain its independent investigative and analytical portal, which publishes stories and videos exposing corruption and the mismanagement and misuse of public office in Rivne and surrounding region. It will also undertake steps to strengthen its organizational capacity, expand its presence on social media, and carry out a fundraising campaign.

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### Advocating Business Priorities, Phase II

Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

\$500,000

To enhance the role of leading business associations and the private sector in public policy decision-making, and to improve the capacity of the private sector to cooperate to develop and implement economic reforms. Building upon Ukraine's reform process and regional elections, the Center's partners will advocate at all levels, leading to a more democratic society in Ukraine. Additionally, the Center will develop and provide training programs to ensure leaders make democratic governance effective.

### Broadcasting Independent News and Information

Crimean Community Radio

\$117,240

To promote access to information in Crimea. In partnership with another Ukrainian portal, which is a popular source of independent news and analysis on Crimea, the outlet will produce independent daily news and information and broadcast it into the Russian-occupied territory. The program will reach an audience of up to 1 million people in Crimea.

### Documenting and Raising Awareness of Human Rights Violations

Regional Center of Human Rights

\$59,000

To raise awareness of human rights violations in Crimea. The organizations will identify Russia's policies of persecution and colonization in the annexed region through illustrative cases. The human rights watchdog will compile a comprehensive report, promote it through public events in Ukraine, and submit it to international bodies including the UN Human Rights Council, the European Courts of Human Rights, and the International Court of Justice.

### Fostering Freedom of Expression

PEN Ukraine

\$50,000

To strengthen the institutional capacity of Ukraine's leading organization defending freedom of speech and expression. The project will support the organization's plan development, as well as its outreach and fundraising plans and efforts aimed at improving long-term sustainability. The organization will conduct region-wide research and promote its work through articles and interviews in Ukraine's leading media.

### Fostering Independent Media in Donbas

Anti-crisis Media Center

\$50,000

To foster independent media and public debate in Donbas. The Center will produce video reports on social and political developments in the Luhansk, Donetsk, and Dnipropetrovsk regions. It will also hold public events, including discussions, press conferences, roundtables, and seminars, to address local issues. The Center https://web.archive.org/web/20210307002403/https://www.ned.org/region/central-and-eastern-europe/ukraine-2020/

content produced on its website and in social media.

#### Fostering Independent Media in the Donbas

Donetsk Institute of Information

\$45,000

To foster independent media in eastern Ukraine. The organization will monitor media in the separatist-controlled areas, produce news, articles, and analytical developments in the region, publish them on its websites, and distribute them via an email newsletter. It will also produce and broadcast editions of its weekly and promote it through video clips on social media.

#### Fostering Independent Reporting in Eastern Ukraine

Kharkiv Crisis Infocenter

\$70,000

To foster independent reporting in eastern Ukraine. The organization will produce daily news reports on important developments in the Kharkiv region and independent coverage of the 2020 local elections. It will operate its press club and hold and broadcast public events, including discussions, press conferences, roundtables, to address pressing local issues. The organization will publish all project materials on its website and social media pages.

#### Fostering Local Reforms in Ukraine's Regions

Education for Democracy Foundation

\$75,000

To promote and facilitate the implementation of decentralization reforms on the local level. In cooperation with Ukrainian partners, the Poland-based organization will work with local officials and activists to improve governance in 16 communities from four key regions –Cherkasy, Vinnitsya, and the Ukraine controlled parts of Donetsk and Luhansk. It will conduct trainings, organize a study visit to Poland, oversee a small grants competition, and convene an experience sharing forum for program partners.

#### Fostering Policy Dialogue

Analytical Center of the Ukrainian Catholic University

\$37,500

To stimulate policy dialogue on key issues related to Ukraine's occupied territories. The think tank will conduct in-depth studies of state policy towards Ukraine's occupied territories, organize a series of thematic roundtables, publicize analytical reports, and debate key findings to stimulate dialogue among civil society, government, and the public. The organization will communicate policy recommendations to relevant public institutions, facilitating the development of a coherent state strategy for the occupied territories.

#### Fostering Public Awareness of Government Performance

Data Journalism Agency

\$56,800

To foster public awareness of government performance related to elections and reforms. The media organization will use available open data to produce articles and infographics presenting election and reform issues in ways that are accessible and understandable for the public. The nonpartisan project will target controversial, politically sensitive issues often neglected by mainstream media outlets, raise journalistic standards, and improve public demand for high-quality analytic reporting.

#### Fostering Youth Activism in Eastern Ukraine

Kultura Medialna NGO

\$40,000

To promote youth activism and civic engagement in the eastern city of Dnipro. The organization will conduct trainings and workshops on civic activism and personal management for youth. It will encourage the project's participants to engage in local civil society through follow-on internships with local NGOs and study trips to organizations in other cities in eastern Ukraine. The organization will also establish a resource center for activists in the city.

#### Improving the Independent Media's Coverage of Reforms

European Pravda

\$102,000

To promote the independent media coverage of the country's reform processes. A team of experienced journalists will produce news and analytical items focused on democratic reforms and other important issues for a popular news and analysis website. The outlet will also scrutinize the political and economic challenges posed by COVID-19, and analyze the pandemic's impact on Ukraine's international relations.

#### Increasing the Capacity and Sustainability of Regional Media

Media Development Foundation

\$90,000

To build the capacity of regional media. The organization will conduct trainings for media outlets on developing financial sustainability strategies and promote entrepreneurship in the sector. It will also strengthen regional outlets, raise their professionalism, and promote cooperation between them through an exchange of regional reporters with prominent Ukrainian newsrooms.

#### **Increasing the Capacity of Regional Media**

ABO Local Media Development Agency NGO

\$75,500

To build the capacity and outreach of regional media. The organization will identify newly privatized media outlets from small and medium-sized towns and a developing, launching, maintaining, and promoting their online portals. It will also conduct trainings for the outlets' newsrooms and provide mentorship to assist in producing independent high-quality content. Finally, the organization will develop innovative strategies aimed at increasing the financial sustainability of participating outlets.

#### **Increasing the Public's Understanding of Economic Issues**

Center for Social-Economic Research (CASE) Ukraine

*Supplement* \$48,500

To inform the public about important economic issues and foster government accountability. The think tank will produce daily and weekly content, including infographics, short videos, and interactive visualizations, which explain economic policies, including reforms, in a concise and engaging style. The content will cover complex economic issues such as the state budget, business environment, and social services. The think tank will distribute its content across social media and partner news outlets.

#### **Monitoring and Documenting Human Rights Violations**

Truth Hounds

\$56,600

To monitor, document, and spotlight human rights violations. The organization will carry out monitoring missions to document human rights abuses and war crimes committed in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions. Based on the missions' findings and collected evidence, it will produce reports and present them to Ukrainian and international institutions. The organization will also train and work with law enforcement agencies to improve their knowledge and implementation of international humanitarian law.

#### **Monitoring Foreign Economic Influence in Ukraine**

International Center for Policy Studies

\$75,250

To promote research on and public discussion of China's political and economic influence in Ukraine. The organization will collect comprehensive data, conduct research, map all relevant actors, and publish an analytical report with its findings. The report will include policy recommendations for relevant government institutions and parliamentary committees. The Centre will conduct follow up meetings with government officials to discuss its findings and policy recommendations and organize public roundtables in regions with high levels of Chinese investments.

#### **Preventing Conflict in Southern Ukraine**

Association of Middle East Studies

\$59,000

To mitigate conflict in southern Ukraine. The organization will conduct research, assess the potential for social unrest and political instability in southern Ukraine, engage the expert community and government officials in discussions regarding regional instability and interethnic tensions. It will also hold trainings to equip local communities with the skills necessary to foster dialogue and carry out mediation in local communities.

#### **Promoting Access to Justice**

Advocacy Advisory Panel

\$50,000

To promote judicial transparency and accountability, and improve public access to justice. The group will raise public awareness of human rights violations connected to the 2014 Euromaidan protests, and promote efforts to secure justice for the victims. The organization will produce social media updates and organize press conferences. Legal experts will advise journalists covering investigation proceedings, in order to ensure public oversight of court hearings and to counter disinformation and investigations.

#### **Promoting Accountability and Transparency in Southern Ukraine**

MediaVision

\$29,000

To promote the transparency and accountability of local government in southern Ukraine. The organization will monitor government activities in the Zaporizhia region, focusing on public procurement and corruption links between local government and business. It will publish stories and videos resulting from its investigations and through partner media organizations. The organization will report alleged violations to law enforcement agencies and track resulting criminal investigations.

#### Promoting Accountability and Transparency through Open Data

Fundacja TechSoup

*Supplement* \$47,000

To promote government accountability and transparency. Working with local NGO and government partners from more than 30 Ukrainian cities, the Polish organization will hold trainings on, conduct campaigns about, and develop a tool for using open data to foster improved accountability and governance. It will organize visits for activists and local officials to Ukrainian and Polish cities that have successfully incorporated open data into decision making processes, publish a report with best practices, case studies, and recommendations, and hold a virtual Personal Democracy Forum.

#### Promoting Accountability And Transparency Through Open Data

GURT Resource Center for NGO Development

\$85,000

To promote government accountability and transparency. The organization will develop an online course for municipal officials and representatives of local communities using open data to support good governance. Working with local government partners and activists in 25 cities, the group will organize a series of online trainings to facilitate decentralization and digitalization reforms in Ukraine by promoting local governance accountability and data-driven policymaking.

#### Promoting Accountability in the Healthcare Sector

Patients of Ukraine

\$50,000

To reduce corruption in the healthcare sector. The organization will monitor state activities and promote anti-corruption reforms in the healthcare sector. It will support efforts of its member groups to advocate for the legislative changes necessary to combat special interests and corrupt officials. The organization will also work with media outlets to improve public awareness about reform successes in the healthcare sphere and corrupt actors' efforts to roll them back.

#### Promoting Accountability in Western Ukraine

Center for Public Monitoring and Research

\$52,000

To promote government accountability and transparency in western Ukraine. The organization will train local government and business representatives in public procurement, improving the transparency of government procurement and the use of public property. It will also monitor procurement, identify corruption cases, and publish successful examples of the public oversight. The group will publish materials through its online and print newspaper and in partnership with other local NGOs.

#### Promoting Accountability through Investigative Journalism

Ukrainska Pravda

\$34,400

To promote accountability and improve government transparency through investigative reporting. The organization will highlight national and regional responses to the COVID-19 outbreak in Ukraine. Media products will critically assess governance measures and uncover corruption in the medical sector in the context of the healthcare reform during the pandemic. The media outlet will publish multimedia materials on its website and promote content via social media platforms.

#### Promoting Activism and Reforms through Storytelling

Ukrainian Media Initiative

\$50,000

To strengthen the capacity and sustainability of civic grassroots initiatives. The organization will launch an online radio and produce a series of podcasts with Ukrainian activists. The programs will present the activities of grassroots organizations, share best practices and success stories, and spotlight opportunities for engagement. Additionally, the outlet will facilitate public discussions with civic leaders to stimulate critical thinking about the key issues affecting country's political transition.

#### Promoting Civic Activism Among Youth

Lviv Education Foundation

\$60,000

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To promote regional integration, social cohesion, and active citizenship among youth. The organization will conduct camps that promote volunteerism and c among youth while breaking down regional stereotypes. It will also convene a leadership school to provide additional skills to the most promising participant camps and trainings, the organization will support participants in developing their own community projects and develop an alumni network.

#### Promoting Civic Activism at the Local level

Ukrainian Volunteer Service

\$47,500

To strengthen the capacity and improve sustainability of regional civic activism. The program will train promising civic activists from 15 cities in building pub partnerships and promoting sustainable activism. The group will conduct a series of trainings, provide support to local initiatives, and convene a leadership s participants will learn about best practices of community engagement and work to develop cross-sectoral cooperation at the local level.

#### Promoting Civic Activism in Eastern Ukraine

Charity Foundation "Shelter Plus"

\$51,000

To promote civic participation and strengthen the skills of youth activists in Krivyi Rih, Ukraine's leading industrial center, with traditionally low levels of civi especially among youth. The civic center will organize trainings for local youth activists on civic participation, project development, and leadership, and assis designing and implementing three projects aimed at addressing problems in their communities.

#### Promoting Civic Engagement and Human Rights through Film

Docudays

\$40,500

To foster civic engagement and raise public awareness of human rights in the country's regions. The organization will expand its network of film clubs across create a new collection of documentary films about democratic reforms and human rights. The film club network will host film screenings and foster public d democracy issues through discussions led by civil society activists.

#### Promoting Collaboration between Civil Society and Local Government

Association of Ukrainian Civic Initiatives

\$38,500

To improve cooperation between CSOs and local initiative groups and local self-government bodies. The grantee will create a list of recommendations on su society and fostering collaboration at the local level, to be implemented in eight communities. The organization will hold three-day seminars on mechanisms in the selected communities, establish official working groups on collaboration within the local self-governance bodies, mentor the parties throughout the cc and hold a final conference on the results of the project.

#### Promoting Democratic Elections in Eastern Ukraine

Observatory of Democracy

\$53,000

To promote voter participation and foster democratic elections in the Kharkiv region. The organization will prepare nonpartisan informational materials and of public events to raise awareness of the new electoral system ahead of the October 2020 local elections. Following the elections, the group will monitor an work of elected officials to evaluate their performance. The initiative will foster public demand for transparent and accountable elections and address the ty turnout in the region.

#### Promoting Democratic Reforms and Government Accountability

Liga BusinessInform

\$40,000

To increase public awareness about and facilitate informed public discussion on the reform process. The organization will launch a new section of its popular which it will collect and publish comprehensive data on five reform areas of particular importance – education, employment, taxation, fiscal policy, and health produce and publish articles, infographics, and video materials highlighting the accomplishments and challenges of the reforms.

#### Promoting Good Governance in Northeastern Ukraine

Sunny Public Circle

\$36,000

To promote good governance in northeastern Ukraine. The organization will encourage cooperation between civic activists and local governments in the Sur improve participatory approaches to local governance and aid decentralization reform. The group will conduct research on participatory mechanisms of gov

region, launch an interactive map of existing participatory tools, and convene a regional forum to present best practices and lessons learned.

#### Promoting Government Accountability and Citizen Engagement

Civil Control Platform

*Supplement*\$55,000

To promote local government accountability and transparency in the Dnipropetrovsk region. Through investigations of corruption, monitoring public institutions, public procurement, and advocacy campaigns, the organization will increase the efficiency and responsiveness of local authorities. It will disseminate the findings online platform, social media, and media outlets. The group will also work with regional initiatives and municipalities to develop reform programs for public participation.

#### Promoting Government Accountability and Democratic Processes

ZN UA Limited Liability Company

\$71,500

To promote independent reporting on government accountability and democratic processes. The online media outlet will produce analytical materials and news on the current political developments in Ukraine. The publication will highlight topics such as the October 2020 local elections, government transparency, the fight against corruption, anticorruption efforts, and the selective use of justice. The nonpartisan reporting will inform public debates on key issues related to the country's democratic development.

#### Promoting Government Accountability and Transparency

Anti-Corruption Action Center

*Supplement*\$50,000

To promote government accountability and transparency. The organization will monitor the progress of investigations, report on violations, and advocate for changes related to the fight against corruption. It will monitor the progress of the new government's anti-corruption reforms, particularly the re-launching of the National Anti-Corruption Prevention. The organization will assess relevant changes in laws and regulations, and undertake advocacy campaigns to push for more effective legislation. It will also organize an international conference in Kyiv that will address issues of transnational corruption.

#### Promoting Government Accountability in Eastern Ukraine

Initiative Civic Patrol

*Supplement*\$25,000

To promote government accountability and transparency in eastern Ukraine. In cooperation with local initiative groups, the organization will monitor the performance of local elected officials and advocate for transparent governance in the Donbas region. To publicize the monitoring findings, the organization will produce video infographics, articles, and a print newspaper, and disseminate them through local media outlets and social media platforms.

#### Promoting Government Accountability in Eastern Ukraine

Initiative Group Razom

\$50,000

To promote government accountability and transparency in eastern Ukraine. The organization will monitor decisions proposed and regulations put forth by local officials and facilitate public discussion on local issues and the implementation of reforms in the Donetsk region. Through a nonpartisan platform for citizens' initiatives that aims to increase citizen engagement in local decision-making, the organization will organize public events highlighting important local issues.

#### Promoting Government Accountability in Eastern Ukraine

Kharkiv Anticorruption Center

\$70,000

To promote government accountability in eastern Ukraine. The organization will facilitate cross-sectoral discussions to formulate a strategic development plan for Kharkiv that promotes civic engagement and good governance. To increase accountability and transparency in the city, it will conduct investigations into major funded municipal projects. Ahead of the October local elections, the organization will hold nonpartisan roundtables to engage local politicians and civic activists in the quality of political debate.

#### Promoting Government Accountability in Eastern Ukraine

Stop Poisoning Kriviy Rih

\$35,000

To promote government accountability through civic engagement in eastern Ukraine. The organization will train activists to monitor and document major environmental violations in Kriviy Rih, utilizing these issues to facilitate citizen engagement with government at the local and national levels. It will also create informational materials on environmental issues and methods to address them politically, and disseminate them through social media channels.

#### Promoting Government Accountability in Southern Ukraine

Open Society of Ukraine

\$40,000

To promote civic activism, democratic governance, and government accountability in southern Ukraine. The organization will conduct trainings for local civic cities of the Odesa region on local government processes, electoral campaign strategies, and media outreach. It will provide technical assistance to activists to draft legislation for the city councils that addresses local issues, and broaden civic engagement to promote reform and government accountability.

#### Promoting Government Accountability through Investigative Journalism

Center for Investigative Reporting

*Supplement*\$33,800

To foster the accountability of local governments in the Mykolaiv and Odesa regions. The organization's journalists will conduct investigations into the alleged public funds and other cases of corruption and mismanagement by local officials. It will inform the public of the findings by producing and disseminating in-depth articles, television programs, infographics, short videos, and news items. The team will also publish the content on its website.

#### Promoting Human Rights in Crimea

CrimeaSOS

\$50,000

To address and promote awareness of the human rights situation in Crimea. The organization will monitor human rights violations in the region occupied by Russia since 2014. The organization's lawyers will provide pro-bono assistance to Crimean residents facing legal challenges due to the occupation. Based on its findings, it will prepare monthly media stories and reports to share with the public officials. The group will disseminate information via social media and its website, using its advocacy to push for policy changes.

#### Promoting Human Rights Reforms

Center for Civil Liberties

*Supplement*\$65,000

To promote human rights. The organization will monitor, analyze, and propose improvements to human rights related legislation. To foster the implementation of human rights reforms and ensure an inclusive reform process that incorporates civil society, the organization will organize consultations and working groups with the government, NGOs and human rights groups. The organization will also organize advocacy media campaigns to increase public awareness regarding the reforms.

#### Promoting Independent Information

Hromadske Radio

\$71,290

To provide access to independent information and promote democratic discourse. The media outlet will produce and broadcast a daily news program covering political developments via FM to audiences in Kyiv, as well as the strategic regions of eastern and southern Ukraine, through its network of 17 transmitters. It will also disseminate the program through its website, social media accounts, and partner stations, as well as satellite broadcasting.

#### Promoting Informational Exchange

Civic Space

*Supplement*\$40,000

To improve the effectiveness and communication strategies of NGOs and nascent civic initiatives. The organization will expand and upgrade its web portal, which provides objective news and relevant information for the civic sector, publicizes the work of civil society, facilitates interaction and networking among civic activists, serves as an online knowledge hub, and offers consultations on NGO management to meet the needs of activists throughout the country.

#### Promoting Investigative Journalism

Free Press Foundation

\$35,000

To promote investigative journalism and raise public awareness of pressures on media freedoms in Ukraine. The nonprofit foundation will support the editor of an independent newspaper to produce investigative reporting on corruption and violations of media freedoms, including attacks on the press. The initiative will amplify the impact of local media by repackaging their stories for national and international audiences.

#### Promoting Judicial Accountability and Transparency

DEJURE Foundation

*Supplement*\$50,000

To increase the accountability and transparency of the judiciary. The think tank will prepare a research report and draft legislation addressing specific problems of the country's judicial system. It will present its findings to stakeholders in the Parliament, government, and civil society; conduct an informative highlighting the necessity for reforms; and exert pressure on the government to implement them. It will also organize a moot court on disciplinary liability for Kyiv's leading law schools.

#### Promoting Judicial Transparency and Accountability

Automaidan

\$60,000

To improve judicial accountability and transparency. The organization will maintain and further develop its online database of judges' public financial declarations and performance evaluations. The database will help civic activists across the country to advocate for the implementation of crucial judicial reforms and assist law enforcement officials and anti-corruption bodies in rooting out corruption.

#### Promoting Legal Accountability

Sudebnik Media

\$40,000

To promote the accountability and transparency of the judiciary and law enforcement agencies. The organization will produce independent news reports, analytical pieces on significant legal cases and publish them on its specialized website. It will also establish a network of journalists in the country's regions, provide methodological and legal support, and promote its findings on the national level through partners in the media and human rights community.

#### Promoting Local Civic Activism

Lion Society

\$60,000

To promote civic activism and increase the capacity of NGOs in southwestern Ukraine. The organization will conduct trainings for local civic activists in the Chernivtsi and Zakarpattia regions. It will also provide consultations on building organizational capacity and offer small grant support to local civic initiatives. To enhance the organization will convene a civil society forum in each region and organize study visits to showcase civic initiatives in other parts of the country.

#### Promoting Local Government Accountability

Odesa Committee of Voters of Ukraine

\$95,180

To promote the accountability of local and regional elected officials. Ahead of October 2020 local elections and after, the organization will track the fulfillment of transparency and accountability obligations by members of municipal councils in the Odesa region and 15 other regions. It will regularly share its findings with the public through publications, public events and its website, and provide feedback and recommendations to elected officials.

#### Promoting Political Participation of Ukrainian Youth

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

\$250,000

To increase understanding of the barriers and opportunities for youth political participation and develop a model to engage youth in political activism, the Institute will undertake a youth political engagement pilot in two cities. The Institute will conduct research on youth political activism and then train civil society partners to implement activities that engage youth in political parties and movements based on the findings. The partners will conduct the activities with NDI technical expertise and subgrant support to draw civically active youth into engagement with parties and political movements.

#### Promoting Public Understanding of the Reform Process

Ukrainian Toronto Television

\$88,500

To increase the public's understanding of reform processes and promote accountability. The media outlet will produce 30 episodes of its television program, weekly on a major national television channel, and further disseminate them via social media platforms. The nonpartisan program will provide critical analysis of accountability issues using humor and satire.

#### Promoting Religious Freedom

Ukrainian Catholic University

\$20,300

To promote religious freedom through an informed analysis of religious rights and obstructions to religious beliefs. The organization will continue to provide timely news on religious affairs by operating an online news agency covering church-state relations, religious rights, and relations between Ukraine's faith-based communities.

communities.

### Promoting Responsible Local Governance

Chesno Movement

\$47,500

To promote responsible local governance in Ukraine. Ahead of the October 2020 local elections, the grantee will monitor and analyze the performance of candidates, scrutinize the biographies and assets of mayoral candidates in 21 regional centers, and share its findings with the public through reports, press conferences, in traditional and social media. It will also conduct a nonpartisan campaign to raise public awareness of the role and obligations of mayors.

### Promoting Youth Civic Activism in Eastern Ukraine

NGO "Platform for initiative Teplycya"

\$43,500

To promote youth civic engagement in conflict-affected regions of eastern Ukraine. The organization will conduct a series of workshops to promote volunteer civic engagement, and equip local youth to develop community engagement projects. In addition to holding an online networking event, the group will produce materials that highlight best practices and lessons learned.

### Promoting Youth Participation in Local Governance in Western Ukraine

Center of Community Development

\$26,900

To promote the greater participation of youth in local governance in western Ukraine. Through the joint training of youth activists and local officials, the organization will promote youth engagement in local governance, strengthen the role of youth in community development, empower young leaders with the skills necessary to participate in political processes, and facilitate the implementation of projects that support democratic values at a local level.

### Protecting and Promoting the Rights of Veterans

Legal Hundred

\$75,000

To protect and promote the right of veterans of the armed conflict in the Donbas. Relying on an extensive network of legal professionals and volunteers, the organization will disseminate legal information and provide legal assistance to veterans and their families. It will also work to improve existing laws and regulations concerning the reintegration into civilian life, their medical care, and the system of social benefits for service personnel and veterans.

### Strengthening Civic Activism among Youth

Professional Development of Kharkiv

\$53,000

To strengthen youth activism and civic engagement in eastern Ukraine. The group will support organizational development of newly established NGOs in the eastern regions of the country. Through a series of educational events, the group will enhance management, communications, and advocacy skills of young activists. The grantee will provide mini-grants for participants to implement projects that promote greater participation of youth in social cohesion and democratic transformations in local communities.

### Strengthening Civic Activism and Local Democracy

Teple Misto

\$73,500

To promote civic activism and strengthen local democracy. The organization will strengthen local democracy in Ivano-Frankivsk by further building its network of local activists and initiatives, promoting its effective model of cross-sectoral engagement and sustainability in other regions of Ukraine through meetings and conferences, and establishing a nationwide network to share experiences and best practices.

### Strengthening Civil Society in Central Ukraine

Modern Format

\$50,000

To strengthen civil society organizations in rural areas in Zhytomyr, Vinnytsia and Khmelnytskyi regions. In cooperation with two partner organizations, it will call for proposals and select 30 organizations to participate in the program. It will assess the capacity of 15 organizations, and conduct four, two-day training programs on management, strategic development, fundraising, and advocacy for at least 30 activists in each region.

### Strengthening Independent Investigative Media

Power of Truth

\$29,500

To strengthen independent investigative media and promote government accountability. The organization will investigate corruption and the misuse of public governments in the Volyn region, focusing on judicial, real estate, and public procurement cases. It will produce and publish analytical reports on pressing local issues, website, and share them via social media and partners. The group will bring important cases to the attention of local law enforcement agencies and anticorruption institutions.

### **Strengthening Independent Media in Eastern Ukraine**

Expert-KR

*Supplement*\$45,000

To strengthen independent media in eastern Ukraine. The Kryvyi Rih-based media outlet will expand its online reporting on reform processes and other political developments, and increase its outreach in the city. It will produce weekly video reports and distribute them through its website and social media platforms. To raise awareness and educate voters, the outlet will also produce nonpartisan programming focusing on the 2020 municipal elections. In the aftermath, it will also monitor activities of the newly-elected local governments.

### **Strengthening Independent Regional Media**

Zmist Poltava

*Supplement*\$50,000

To strengthen independent media in the Poltava region. The online outlet will increase and enhance its nonpartisan coverage of political developments related to elections and decentralization. It will launch video production to diversify revenue streams and ensure its continued independence, and produce a monthly portal to expand the outlet's audience and provide objective news and information to a broader population. Additionally the portal will introduce new thematic sections, crowdfunding campaigns to support local community initiatives, and convene trainings for journalists.

### **Strengthening Local Democracy**

Institute of Political Education

\$55,000

To continue fostering democratic governance on the local level across Ukraine. The organization will conduct trainings for local government officials and civil society organizations in Odesa, Lviv, Vinnytsia, Zhytomyr, Kherson, Kharkiv, and Ternopil to prepare them to make maximum use of the opportunities presented by the decentralization program. The program will equip participants to take advantage of the increased administrative responsibility and financial autonomy that will accompany the reform.

### **Strengthening Public Awareness and Support for Reform**

Center for Studies of Political Values

\$49,100

To strengthen public awareness and support for administrative reforms. The Center will produce a series of 10 short TV programs showcasing communities where decentralization reforms have been successfully implemented, and disseminate them through social media and national TV stations, including TV1 and TV24, reaching an audience of three million people.

### **Strengthening the Capacity of NGOs in Central and Eastern Ukraine**

Tamarisk

*Supplement*\$57,000

To strengthen civic initiatives and NGOs in central and eastern Ukraine. The organization will work with new civil society organizations from the Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kirovohrad, Luhansk, Poltava, and Zaporizhia regions to improve their communication, outreach, and partnership-building capacity. It will conduct a series of trainings and workshops, facilitate public outreach campaigns, hold networking events, and provide online and onsite consultations.

### **Strengthening the Integrity and Transparency of Local Elections**

Ukrainian Center for Social Data

\$53,500

To strengthen the integrity and transparency of elections. The organization will expand its nonpartisan online platform to systematize and visualize data on elections in Ukraine. The organization will collect, process, and integrate detailed records of past local elections and the October 2020 local elections. The platform will present this information through innovative visual tools and mapping. Free and convenient access to the interactive data will reduce the possibility of electoral fraud, inform voters about campaigns, and enhance the overall electoral process.

### **Supporting a New Generation of Political Leaders in Ukraine**

European Institute for Democracy

€125,500

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To support a new generation of political leaders in Ukraine. Ahead of October local elections, the Poland-based organization will offer four online training courses to leaders representing diverse parties and cities, introducing them to election campaigning, women empowerment, effective governing, and crisis management. The organization will organize a study visit in Poland for all participants, create an online library of election-related training materials, and convene workshops with participants to learn from each other.

#### Supporting Independent Regional Media

Center for Research on Donbas Social Perspectives

\$50,000

To promote access to independent news and information about developments in eastern Ukraine. The organization's popular news website will expand its coverage of the armed conflict, continue to monitor the media and events in the non-government-controlled territories, and debunk propaganda narratives. The organization will publish selected materials in English.

#### Supporting Local Media

Lviv Media Forum

\$61,500

To strengthen the capacity and professionalism of local media. The organization will convene the 8th annual Lviv Media Forum, bringing together over 800 journalists and media owners from Ukraine and over 20 other countries. It will also hold a workshop for representatives of local independent outlets and the donor community to discuss challenges facing independent media in an oligarch-dominated environment. Based on the discussion, the organization will propose recommendations and facilitate their implementation.

#### Supporting Regional Investigative Journalism

Fourth Estate

*Supplement* \$37,500

To foster the accountability of public officials and strengthen investigative journalism at the local level. The organization will maintain its independent investigative portal, which publishes stories and videos exposing corruption and the mismanagement and misuse of public office in Rivne and the surrounding regions. It will also undertake steps to strengthen its organizational capacity, expand its presence on social media, and carry out a fundraising campaign.

#### Supporting Rural Communities during the Land Reform

Democratic Initiatives Foundation

\$50,000

To promote the implementation of land reform in rural communities and stimulate an informed dialogue among civil society, governmental officials, and the general public. The organization will conduct research on the key issues related to the reform. The organization will carry out a series of focus groups to study land reform challenges for small landowners, develop policy recommendations, and convene advocacy meetings to promote evidence-based policy-making. The group will also organize regional public discussions to raise awareness about their land rights and strengthen the reform process in the regions.



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Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

*Advocating Business Priorities, Phase III*

\$514,992

**Public Summary:** To amplify the input and oversight role of business associations and the private sector in public policy decision-making, and to improve the private sector and officials to cooperate to develop and implement economic reforms. This project will be the third phase of the multi-year initiative. The Center will closely work with partners to empower regional business association through mentorship programs and will support them in their engagement in their advocacy efforts. The Center will also support the establishment of an analytical center for business, which will produce independent research, analysis, and policy proposals that provide evidence for potential business advocacy. Additionally, the Center will develop and provide training programs to ensure leaders make democratic governance transparent, accountable, and effective.

Chesno Movement

*Promoting Data-Driven Approach to Accountability*

\$50000

**Public Summary:** To facilitate a data-driven approach to promoting the accountability and transparency of the Ukrainian Parliament. The group will conduct an upgrade of its database of politicians, allowing it to run a comprehensive analysis of MPs' statements and media appearances. The organization will promote voters to inform their electoral decision and stimulate political engagement. The group will also publicize the website to journalists and civic activists for effective of parliamentarians' work and performances of individual MPs.

Institute of Political Education

*Strengthening Local Democracy*

\$63300

**Public Summary:** To support decentralization reform and strengthen democratic governance at the local level across Ukraine. The organization will conduct trainings for government officials and civic activists on new administrative and financial opportunities introduced by the reform and will identify practical tools to implement changes in amalgamated communities. The program's extensive alumni network will contribute to the training activities and will share experiences and case studies of participatory governance.

Media View

*Supporting Investigative Journalism in Donbas*

\$35000

**Public Summary:** To strengthen independent media reporting on public spending in the Donbas region of Ukraine. The media organization will conduct investigations to produce daily news and information covering local political developments. The organization will publish all of the project's materials on its news portal and distribute through partner groups and social media networks.

Eidos

*Promoting Transparency in Public Procurement*

\$26700

**Public Summary:** To promote government accountability by improving the transparency of the public procurement system. The organization will monitor the implementation of new legislation on public procurement and analyze corruption risks and violations. Based on the findings, the watchdog will produce recommendations for governments, businesses, and civic activists. The group will disseminate its findings through regional trainings, roundtables, and a media event. The organization will also advocate for changes to enhance legal framework for public procurement.

Agency for Private Initiative Development

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*Promoting Youth Civic Engagement at the Local Level*

\$50000

**Public Summary:** To promote youth civic participation and cross-sectoral cooperation in supporting local development and improved governance of decentralized communities. The organization will train youth activists in inclusive public participation, project management, and fundraising to facilitate their involvement in governance. Participants will initiate constructive dialogue with local governments, civic activists, and the business community to develop and implement initiatives to establish new mechanisms for cross-sectoral cooperation.

## Legal Hundred

*Protecting and Promoting the Rights of Veterans*

\$96600

**Public Summary:** To promote civilian oversight of veterans' affairs and assist in social reintegration of the sizable, yet increasingly marginalized population who have been displaced by the Donbas conflict. The organization will address a critical weakness in the country's democratic institutions by promoting and protecting veterans' fundamental rights, and advocating for reforms in related legislation. In addition to providing legal assistance, the organization will analyze cases related to veterans' fundamental rights, make recommendations, and advocate for reforms to existing laws and regulations.

## Patients of Ukraine

*Promoting Accountability in the Healthcare Sector*

\$50000

**Public Summary:** To promote transparency and accountability in the public sector. The watchdog group will identify and raise awareness of corruption in public procurement, particularly in healthcare, and will monitor the healthcare reform implementation as it relates to anti-corruption measures. The organization will use its findings to advocate for the legislative changes necessary to combat corruption and the influence of special interest groups and will improve public awareness of challenges to transparency and accountability in this public sector.

## Strategies and Technologies for Effective Partnership

*Strengthening Local Democratic Governance*

\$40500

**Public Summary:** To support decentralization reform and strengthen local democratic governance in eastern Ukraine. The group will organize a series of training programs in eastern Ukraine, which will equip civic activists with practical tools to increase participation in the development and review of amalgamated communities' strategic plans for decentralization reform. Participants will further contribute to improved local governance through monitoring and reporting on decision-making processes and their implementation.

## Donetsk Institute of Information

*Fostering Independent Media in Donbas*

\$100000

**Public Summary:** To foster independent media in eastern Ukraine. The organization will produce news, investigations, and analytical reports on the development of affected regions of Ukraine. The group will publish materials on its website and distribute them via social media and email newsletters. It will also produce a series of episodes of its weekly television show *Donbas Today*, promoting it through video clips on social media. The group will continue to monitor printed and online media in separatist-controlled areas to counter disinformation.

## Free Press Foundation

*Promoting Investigative Journalism*

\$30000

**Public Summary:** To promote investigative journalism and facilitate anticorruption efforts in the healthcare sector. The nonprofit foundation will support the leading independent newspaper to produce investigative reports on corruption and violations related to the government responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. The initiative will work with national newsrooms and media partners to share the reports and increase audience outreach.

## Initiative Civic Patrol

*Promoting Government Accountability in Eastern Ukraine*

\$47000

**Public Summary:** To promote government accountability and transparency in eastern Ukraine. The organization will monitor the performance of local elected officials and advocate for improved governance accountability in the Donbas region. To publicize its findings, the watchdog will produce video investigations, infographics, and a print newspaper. The group will report the findings to law enforcement agencies, initiate the launching of formal investigations, as well as highlight ongoing corruption cases against corrupt officials.

## Crimean Community Radio

*Broadcasting Independent News and Information*

\$16100

**Public Summary:** To promote access to information. The media outlet will produce independent daily news and reports. The program will promote unbiased journalism and provide listeners with updates on current developments. The program will reach an audience of up to 1.2 million people. The outlet will also share content with partners.

## Stop Poisoning Kriviy Rih

*Promoting Government Accountability in Eastern Ukraine (Ukrainian Green Deal Lab)*

\$88400

**Public Summary:** To promote government accountability through civic engagement in eastern Ukraine. The organization will train activists to monitor and document environmental violations in Kryvyi Rih, utilizing these issues to facilitate citizen engagement in holding government at the local and national levels accountable. The organization will also create informational materials about environmental issues and disseminate them through social media channels and public events.

## Modern Format

*Community Voices – Capacity Development of Local CSOs in Zhytomyr, Vinnytsia and Khmelnytskyi* \$67500

**Public Summary:** To strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations in the rural areas of Zhytomyr, Vinnytsia and Khmelnytskyi oblasts. The group will invite 30 NGOs from the remote rural areas to train activists in organizational development, strategic planning, and fundraising as well as to equip them with practical skills for project implementation. The organization will select at least nine initiatives to receive small grants through an open call for applications.

## Association of Private Employers

*Promoting Government Accountability in Eastern Ukraine*

\$58500

**Public Summary:** To promote civic activism and foster democratic governance in the Kharkiv region. The association will conduct trainings and provide technical assistance to the activists who contribute to the reforms' implementation and promote local democratic governance. The group will convene a roundtable discussion and a forum bringing together participants and other civil society leaders across the region. The event's participants will discuss reform strategies, as well as enhance local governance grassroots collaborations.

## NGO «VOLUNTEER INITIATIVE «KHARKIV STATION»

*Dissemination of Participatory Democracy Technologies in the Kharkiv region Territorial Communities*

\$65000

**Public Summary:** To promote participatory governance mechanisms and aid decentralization reform in eastern Ukraine. The organization will conduct research on participatory mechanisms of governance in the Kharkiv region. Based on its findings, the group will organize trainings for civic activists and local officials on effective mechanisms of citizens' engagement in decision-making processes. Further, the group will convene a final conference to present the best practices and lessons learned.

## Aspen Institute Kyiv

*Fostering Anticorruption Reform*

\$64500

**Public Summary:** To promote good governance and foster anticorruption reform. The organization will identify cross-sectoral leaders responsible for the development of corruption policies and prevention of corruption. The group will organize a seminar and six dialog sessions with key stakeholders to develop anticorruption practices for different institutional settings, promote integrity of public service, and strengthen cooperation between sectoral leaders. The organization will also publish good governance to promote corruption prevention and governance integrity among a larger group of public officials.

## Rivne Social Partnership Center

*Promoting Government Transparency in Northwestern Ukraine*

\$34000

**Public Summary:** To promote civic oversight and transparency of public spending in northwestern Ukraine. The organization will monitor public procurement processes and research cases of corruption by local authorities, as well as state- and municipality-owned enterprises. The group will collaborate with media to conduct investigations and draw public attention to the corrupt deals. Based on its findings, the organization will train local officials and activists from five local communities to further improve procurement processes and prevent corruption.

## MediaVision

*Promoting Data-driven Investigative Journalism and Policymaking*

\$32000

**Public Summary:** To promote the transparency and accountability of local government in southern Ukraine. The organization will develop its media resource quality, independent, data-driven investigative journalism and policy analysis for evidence-based public policy deliberations. The group will launch a webpage illustrating complex data on a variety of local governance topics. It will use the materials to develop tailored multi-media and analytical products readily accessible to journalists, decision makers, and the general public.

## Automaidan

*Promoting Judicial Transparency and Accountability*

\$60000

**Public Summary:** To improve judicial accountability and transparency. The organization will monitor and investigate judges, reviewing their public financial assets, statements and professional performance for discrepancies. It will share its investigative work with the authorities and public, and advocate for criminal and disciplinary procedures or removal of corrupt judges. The organization's work will inform efforts to reform Ukraine's judicial system.

## Ukrainian Toronto Television

*Promoting Public Understanding of the Reform Process*

\$163000

**Public Summary:** To increase the public's understanding of reform processes, promote media literacy, and foster accountability among public officials at the national level. The journalists will continue to produce episodes of its popular weekly program, broadcasted weekly on national television channels and further online at <https://web.archive.org/web/20220225090726/> <https://www.ned.org/region/central-and-eastern-europe/ukraine-2021/>

national levels. The journalists will continue to produce episodes of its popular weekly program, broadcasted weekly on national television channels, and further disseminating them via social media. The nonpartisan program will produce analysis of regional and national politics through satire providing the public with information and countering disinformation

Arnika – Citizens Support Center

*Promoting Government Accountability in Eastern Ukraine*

\$60000

**Public Summary:** To promote the accountability and civic engagement with local governments in eastern Ukraine. The Czech organization will continue to support Ukrainian civic initiatives that will monitor environmental crises in five industrial cities and utilize these issues to facilitate citizen engagement with local government. The organization will further develop its monitoring portal, produce and distribute related research, install air pollution monitoring stations, and work with the coalition partners as they design and carry out public awareness campaigns to mobilize citizens around environmental issues. In collaboration with the University of academia, it will also develop an environmental course for university students.

Kharkiv Anticorruption Center

*Alternative Solutions for Kharkiv*

\$49000

**Public Summary:** To promote government accountability and participatory democracy in Kharkiv. The organization will conduct qualitative research on press governance issues and investigate publicly funded municipal projects. The group will also work with active citizens, civic activists, and local authorities to develop centered projects and development plans.

Volyn Institute of Human Rights

*Strengthening Civil Society in Northwestern Ukraine*

\$22000

**Public Summary:** To strengthen civil society capacity in northwestern Ukraine. The organization will train representatives from NGOs and civic activists to implement four advocacy projects using participatory democracy tools to enact local change in their communities. The trainings will focus on enhancing the organization's communication, and advocacy skills of civil society activists in the Volyn region.

National Association of Media

*Strengthening the Capacity and Sustainability of Independent Media*

\$51500

**Public Summary:** To strengthen the financial sustainability of independent media. The organization will train local and regional media outlets management, editors, and directors to effective content monetization. It will coach them how to access and utilize its advertising and online content distribution platform to generate revenue, allowing them to resist financial and political pressures and to provide objective information to a wider audience.

Center for Research on Donbas Social Perspectives

*Supporting Independent Regional Media*

\$50500

**Public Summary:** To promote access to independent news and information about developments in eastern Ukraine. The organization's popular news website will provide analytical reporting on the conflict, continue to monitor the media and events inside the separatist-controlled territories, and debunk propaganda narratives for international audiences with objective information about the conflict, the organization will translate its most important materials into English.

Civil Control Platform

*Promoting Government Accountability and Citizen Engagement*

\$160000

**Public Summary:** To promote local government accountability and transparency in the Dnipropetrovsk region. Through monitoring public procurement, investigating corruption, scrutinizing the activities of public institutions, and advocacy, the organization will increase the efficiency and responsiveness of local authorities and disseminate the findings through its online platform, social media, and media outlets.

Center for Public Monitoring and Research

*Promoting Transparency and Accountability in Western Ukraine*

\$116000

**Public Summary:** To promote government accountability and transparency in western Ukraine. The organization will monitor public procurement in three regions and research cases of corruption. The group will report their findings to law enforcement agencies. It will also publicize evidence and successful examples of good governance in partnership with local media outlets. Based on its findings, the initiative will train local government officials, civil activists, and business representatives in procurement procedures to improve procurement processes.

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*Promoting Democratic Reforms and Government Accountability*

Country: Ukraine – \$64500

**Public Summary:** To increase public awareness of the reform processes and facilitate informed public discussion on key reforms. The organization will maintain a section of its popular news website, in which it will collect and publish comprehensive data on eleven reforms. The group will expand the section to add multi-components illustrating the accomplishments and challenges of the reforms.

*Promoting Active Citizenship at the Local Level*

\$49500

**Public Summary:** To promote active citizenship at the local level. The organization will conduct online trainings of grassroots activists on community organizing, government processes, and media outreach. It will provide technical assistance to active citizens as they develop projects that address local issues and broaden engagement to encourage responsive governance.

## Ukrainian Nature Conservation Group

*Preventing Corruption and Fostering Accountability in Decentralized Communities*

\$30000

**Public Summary:** To prevent corruption and foster local government accountability on issues of land management. The organization will investigate the misuse of decentralized communities. Based on its findings, the group will organize webinars for local activists to equip them with skills and knowledge necessary to protect community assets, and advocate for sustainable economic development. The organization will partner with media to expose land corruption and lead efforts for legislative changes to prevent land misuse.

## Caritas Mariupol

*Promoting Independent Reporting in the Donbas*

\$39000

**Public Summary:** To promote independent reporting and foster citizen journalism in the Donbas. The group will organize training and mentorship programs for journalists from the conflict-affected areas of eastern Ukraine. Following the workshops, participants will write and contribute reports on pressing local issues to a newspaper as well as regional media outlets.

## Observatory of Democracy

*Promoting Democratic Elections in Eastern Ukraine*

\$106000

**Public Summary:** To promote democratic elections and improve citizens participation in local governance in the Kharkiv region. The organization will conduct research and work with media and civil society activists to monitor the October 2021 Kharkiv mayoral elections. Throughout the grant period, the group will work with local authorities in the Kharkiv region and conduct trainings for local activists to promote citizens' engagement in local governance.

## Anti-crisis Media Center

*Fostering Independent Media in Donbas*

\$50000

**Public Summary:** To foster independent media and public debate in Donbas. The Center will produce video reports on social and political developments in the Donetsk, and Dnipropetrovsk regions. It will also hold public events, including discussions, press conferences, roundtables, and seminars to address local issues. The group will publish the content produced on its website and in social media, and stream its public events, so it will also serve as a convening platform for interaction between journalists, government and the public.

## Kropyvnytskyi Association of Community Self-Organization

*Strengthening Civic Engagement and Democratic Practices in Central Ukraine*

\$46000

**Public Summary:** To strengthen civic engagement and participatory governance in central Ukraine. The organization will work with regional NGOs to evaluate implementation of social programs in the Kirovograd region. The group will establish a regional coalition with seven local partners to organize a joint advocacy campaign, enhance mechanisms of cooperation with local authorities and improve the implementation of social programs with civic sector involvement.

## Docudays

*Promoting Civic Engagement and Human Rights through Film*

\$62000

**Public Summary:** To foster civic engagement and raise public awareness of human rights in the country's regions. The organization will maintain its network across Ukraine and create a new collection of documentary films about democratic reforms and human rights. The film clubs will host documentary screenings and public debates on democracy issues. The group will also work with civic activists to organize grassroots advocacy campaigns.

## Moloda Gromada

*Strengthening Public Engagement in Monitoring Reforms*

\$35000

**Public Summary:** To enhance citizen participation in the public monitoring of local governance and implementation of reforms at the local level. The organization will build upon a previous pilot project to further develop and implement an online application that will empower citizens, journalists, and activists to monitor local government and public spending. The project will strengthen a pre-existing coalition of nonprofits and raise public involvement in the implementation of reforms at the local level.

## Data Journalism Agency

*Fostering Public Awareness of Government Performance*

\$129000

**Public Summary:** To foster public awareness of government performance related to reforms, policies, processes, and events of public interest. The organization will use https://web.archive.org/web/20220225090726/https://www.ned.org/region/central-and-eastern-europe/ukraine-2021/

its open data research and news website and produce articles, news, and infographics presenting economic, geopolitical, and social developments in an accessible manner. The nonpartisan project will target complicated and politically sensitive issues often neglected by mainstream media. The group will also train journalists and analysts in data analysis through its quarterly School of Open Data Journalism.

#### Association of Middle East Studies

##### *Preventing Conflict in Southern Ukraine*

\$70000

Public Summary: To foster conflict mitigation in southern Ukraine. The organization will conduct research, assess the potential for socio-political conflicts in Ukraine, and engage the expert community and government officials in discussions regarding regional instability and interethnic tensions. It will also hold training sessions for local leaders with the skills necessary to foster dialogue and carry out mediation in local communities.

#### Ukrainian Media Initiative

##### *Promoting Activism and Reforms through Storytelling*

\$100000

Public Summary: To strengthen the sustainability of grassroots civic initiatives. The organization will produce podcasts with leading Ukrainian activists and civic representatives. The programs will highlight best practices, success stories, as well as opportunities for civic engagement. The online radio will facilitate public dialogues with civic leaders to stimulate critical thinking about the key issues affecting the country's democratic transition. The group will train journalists and activists in podcast production.

#### Truth Hounds

##### *Monitoring and Documenting Human Rights Violations*

\$58000

Public Summary: To monitor, document, and spotlight human rights violations. Focusing on war crimes committed in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, the organization will train and carry out 10 monitoring missions to document conflict-related violations. Based on the findings and collected evidence, it will produce a series of reports and present them to Ukrainian and international institutions. The organization will also work with law enforcement agencies to improve their knowledge and implementation of international humanitarian law.

#### Charitable organization "Charity Foundation "East-SOS"

##### *Documenting and Raising Awareness of Human Rights Violations*

\$47000

Public Summary: To raise public awareness of human rights violations in Donbas. The organization will identify Russia's policies of persecution and colonization and document illustrative cases. The human rights watchdog will compile a comprehensive report, promote it through public events in Ukraine, and submit it to relevant bodies, including the UN Human Rights Council, the European Courts of Human Rights, and the International Court of Justice.

#### Centre for Defense Strategies

##### *Strengthening Legislative Framework and Preventing Impunity for Human Rights Violations*

\$50000

Public Summary: To strengthen the legislative framework of military justice in Ukraine and prevent human rights violations. The think tank will conduct a comparative study of international practices of regulating command conduct in combat, including the issue of combat immunity. The group will develop policy recommendations and amendments and advocate for their implementation to eradicate impunity for grave human rights violations and to ensure the accountability of military commanders.

#### Charitable organization "Charitable foundation "Teplo Misto"

##### *Strengthening Civic Activism and Local Democracy*

\$153000

Public Summary: To promote civic activism and strengthen local democracy. The organization will continue building a cross-sectoral network of local civic actors, entities, universities, and local officials. The group will organize small grants competitions and trainings for NGOs' capacity building. It will convene networking events and consultations with the private sector, local governments, and civic activists. The organization will promote its work through multimedia content featuring grant initiatives and opportunities for corporate social responsibility.

#### Ukrainian Coalition for Legal Aid

##### *Strengthening Democratic Governance in Central and Northern Ukraine*

\$54000

Public Summary: To support decentralization reform and strengthen democratic governance at the local level in central and northern Ukraine. The organization will provide trainings for newly appointed local officials to prepare them to make maximum use of the opportunities presented by the decentralization reform. The program will encourage participants to take advantage of the increased administrative responsibilities, financial autonomy, and participatory governance opportunities that the reform creates.

#### Vilne Radio

##### *Supporting Independent Broadcasting in the Donbas*

\$84000

Public Summary: To build the capacity of an independent radio station and promote freedom of information in the Donbas. The organization will resume local broadcast via regional transmitters and maintain its online radio channel. The media outlet will produce and broadcast news on pressing public issues such as the country's political transition, progress of reforms, human rights, as well as local stories. The organization will continue developing a sustainable model and development strategies.

**Advocacy Advisory Panel***Promoting Access to Justice*

\$70000

**Public Summary:** To promote judicial transparency and improve access to justice. The group will raise public awareness of human rights violations committed during Euromaidan protests, and promote efforts to secure justice for the victims and their families. The organization will produce social media updates and organize events to ensure public oversight of court hearings and counter disinformation related to the investigations. The group's legal experts will provide media representation for the investigations, with press materials and fact-checking information.

**Zaborona Media NGO***Expanding Access to Investigative Journalism*

\$89000

**Public Summary:** To expand access to independent information in Ukraine by strengthening the capacity, audience reach, and sustainability of an impactful news outlet. The group will increase the content output of its website by launching a news desk, which will produce original news items daily. The outlet will strengthen its organization and development by increasing its advertising revenues, unique monthly viewership, and social media following. It will continue to experiment with innovative formats to enhance its interactivity.

**ZN UA Limited Liability Company***Facilitating Democratic Reforms through Independent Reporting*

\$153000

**Public Summary:** To promote independent reporting and facilitate informed public discussion on democratic processes. The online media outlet will produce materials and news reports on current political developments in Ukraine. The publication will highlight topics such as the current reform agenda, governance, transparency of governance, the progress of anticorruption efforts, and the selective use of justice. The nonpartisan outlet will inform public debates on key issues that shape the country's democratic transition.

**Kyiv School of Economics***Bolstering Community Capacity through Data-Driven Policy*

\$87000

**Public Summary:** To increase the governing capacity of local communities and promote evidence-based policy making. The organization will conduct an audit of decentralized communities to determine their competitive advantages and produce policy recommendations for each. It will train local representatives in data governance and policy instruments. The group will also conduct a larger analysis of community strategies to develop recommendations for the national government for reducing asymmetry between communities.

**Fundacja TechSoup***Promoting Accountability and Transparency through Open Data*

\$52000

**Public Summary:** To promote government accountability and transparency through innovative technology-based tools and open data. The Warsaw-based group, in partnership with a Ukrainian partner, will convene the fifth edition of the Personal Democracy Forum, the largest annual event in Ukraine devoted to technology, democracy, and engagement. The event will bring together 200 activists, journalists, and government officials from Europe and Eurasia to generate innovative solutions to strengthen and build communities among activists and IT experts.

**HO IE PYTANNIA***Supporting Independent Video Journalism and New Media Formats*

\$40000

**Public Summary:** To strengthen independent video reporting and provide alternative analysis of political events. The organization will produce original content for its YouTube channel offering commentary on political developments and the current reform agenda. The videos will feature analytical programs, investigations, and interviews. The group will publish new content three times per week. The group will partner with media partners to increase its outreach to audiences.

**NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION 'CIVIL HOLDING 'GROUP OF INFLUENCE'.***Strengthening Participatory Democratic Processes and Political Inclusion*

\$60000

**Public Summary:** To facilitate the participation of internally displaced people in decentralized local governance. The organization will research the obstacles to participation of internally displaced people (IDP) in local governance processes. The group will organize expert meetings to advocate for the legislative changes needed to improve displaced people's access to local programs and benefits. It will also partner with national media to communicate its findings and promote improvements in the decentralization reform.

**Ukrainsky Tyzhden***Understanding and Preventing Disinformation Influences on Ukrainian Youth*

\$28000

**Public Summary:** To enhance understanding and resilience of youth vulnerability to disinformation. The organization will partner with sociologists and young people to conduct research on young Ukrainians' perception of propaganda, fake news, and media manipulations. The outlet will disseminate the findings via its print publications, as well as public and media events. The group will organize trainings with the school of journalism to share recommendations on combatting disinformation.

## Center for Social-Economic Research (CASE) Ukraine

*Increasing the Public's Understanding of Economic Issues and Reforms*

\$107000

Public Summary: To inform the public about important economic issues and foster government accountability. The think tank will produce daily and weekly content including articles, infographics, videos, and interactive visualizations– explaining economic policies and reform in a concise and engaging style. The content will cover complex economic issues such as the state budget, business environment, and social services. The group will distribute its content across social media and relevant partner media.

## Center of Community Development

*Fostering Citizens Participation and Engagement*

\$115000

Public Summary: To strengthen the capacity of civic activists and promote their greater participation in local governance. The group will maintain an inter-regional network of civic activists in western Ukraine to aid decentralization reform. The group will organize quarterly public forums for local leaders to facilitate their networking and exchange. The organization's experts will provide technical support, consultations, and field trainings to communities and citizens to improve collaboration between local authorities and activists.

## Professional Development of Kharkiv

*Strengthening Civic Activism among Youth*

\$110000

Public Summary: To strengthen youth activism and civic engagement. The group will support the organizational development of newly established NGOs across the country. Through online trainings, the group will enhance the management, communications, and advocacy skills of young activists. The grantee will award mini-grants to implement projects that promote greater participation of youth in social cohesion and democratic transformation in local communities.

## NGO 'Mykolaiv Center for Investigative Reporting'

*Promoting Government Accountability through Investigative Journalism*

\$76000

Public Summary: To foster the accountability of local governments in the Mykolaiv and Odesa regions. The team of journalists will investigate the alleged misappropriation of public funds and cases of corruption by local officials. The group will disseminate findings by producing reports, articles, videoblogs, infographics, and news items. They will also make the content available on its website and social media. It will also develop a database enabling the transparency of information on land privatization and other uses of public funds.

## Sumy Public Circle

*Promoting Good Governance in Northeastern Ukraine*

\$56000

Public Summary: To promote good governance and participatory democracy in northeastern Ukraine. The organization will facilitate cooperation between civil society organizations and local governments in the Sumy region to improve participatory approaches to local governance and aid decentralization reform. The group will develop an online platform to showcase participatory governance mechanisms in the region and will provide technical support to the local communities on the implementation of these mechanisms. The group will convene a forum to present best practices and lessons learned.

## Civic Space

*Promoting Informational Exchange for Civic Activists*

\$80000

Public Summary: To improve the effectiveness and communication strategies of Ukrainian civil society. The organization will expand and upgrade its website to provide objective news for the civic sector, publicizes the work of civil society actors, facilitates networking among civic activists, serves as an online knowledge hub, and provides consultations on NGO management.

## International Center for Policy Studies

*Monitoring Foreign Economic Influence in Ukraine and its Neighborhood*

\$91000

Public Summary: To promote research on and public discussion of the Chinese government's influence in Ukraine and neighboring countries. The organization will collect data from China, Russia, Poland, Hungary and Lithuania to produce reports and compile a comparative study on the Chinese government's economic influence in their respective countries. The group will convene public debates and a conference to share the program findings and policy recommendations. The grantee will raise public awareness of the program through media publications including articles, blogs, videos and TV programs.

## War Childhood Museum Ukraine

*Promoting New Approaches to Reconciliation*

\$48000

Public Summary: To foster new approaches to promoting dialogue and reconciliation. The organization will produce and promote a multimedia archive of personal stories about the recent wartime experiences of children and youth in eastern Ukraine. The group will organize public exhibits and educate the Ukrainian public about the long-term consequences of the war through a series of public events. The group will promote its activities via social media and through partnerships with media outlets.

## Center for Analytics and Investigations

*Strengthening Capacity of Regional Media*

Country: Ukraine – \$49000

Public Summary: To strengthen independent reporting and to promote fact-checking. The media literacy organization will train regional editorial teams in fact-checking and information verification. The group will organize webinars and provide technical support to the regional media throughout the grant period. It will also establish a national network of regional fact-checkers, including journalists and citizens, who will contribute to an informed public debate on current political issues.

## Association of Ukrainian Human Rights Monitors on Law Enforcement

*Strengthening Protections for Regional Civic Activists*

\$43000

Public Summary: To strengthen protection for civic activists at the local level. The organization will conduct trainings for regional representatives of the Parliament and the Commissioner for Human Rights on monitoring and documenting attacks on civic activists. The group will monitor cases of pressure and attacks on civic activists across Ukraine. Based on its findings, it will propose improvements to related legislation and policies.

## Ukrainian Volunteer Service

*Promoting Civic Activism at the Local Level*

\$111000

Public Summary: To strengthen the capacity and improve sustainability of regional civic activism. The program will train promising civic activists in building partnerships and promoting sustainable activism. The group will conduct trainings, support local initiatives, convene a leadership school, and hold an alumni network to facilitate networking of regional civic leaders. Project participants will learn about best practices of community engagement and work to develop cross-sector cooperation at the local level.

## Fight for Right

*Advancing the Political Participation of Women with Disabilities*

\$47000

Public Summary: To strengthen the leadership capacity of women with disabilities and increase their participation in local decision-making processes. The organization will conduct trainings, facilitate a local governance internship program, and provide mentorship and networking opportunities to women with disabilities. The organization will also conduct a media campaign to highlight the contribution of women with disabilities to their communities.

## Analytical Center of Ukrainian Catholic University

*Fostering Policy Dialogue*

\$39000

Public Summary: To foster policy dialogue on key issues related to Ukraine's occupied territories. The think tank will continue its in-depth research of state policies in Ukraine's occupied territories, organize a series of thematic roundtables, and publicize analytical materials to stimulate dialogue among civil society, government officials, and the public. The organization will develop policy recommendations and advocate for their implementation to key stakeholders and relevant institutions, prioritizing a people-centered approach to public policymaking.

## NGO 'Agency of Journalistic Investigations 'Fourth Estate'

*Supporting Regional Investigative Journalism*

\$95000

Public Summary: To foster the accountability of public officials and strengthen investigative journalism at the local level. The organization will maintain its investigative and analytical portal. The group will publish stories and videos exposing corruption and mismanagement of public office in Rivne and the surrounding regions. The team will continue to strengthen its organizational capacity, expand its social media presence, conduct a fundraising campaign, and develop its readership.

## Expert-KR

*Strengthening Independent Media in Eastern Ukraine*

\$113000

Public Summary: To strengthen independent media in Eastern Ukraine. The Kryvyi Rih-based media outlet will expand its online reporting on reform processes and political and social developments in the region. It will produce weekly video reports and distribute them through its website and social media platforms. In addition, the organization will mentor youth reporters and assist them in producing their own video materials.

## Zmist Poltava

*Strengthening Independent Regional Media*

\$100000

Public Summary: To strengthen independent media and promote civic participation in the Poltava region. The online outlet will increase and enhance its non-fiction multimedia coverage of key political developments and challenges facing the region. In addition to producing news stories, analyses, blogs, and interviews with politicians and activists, the grantee will organize crowdfunding campaigns to support local community initiatives and convene trainings for journalists.

## PEN Ukraine

*Fostering Freedom of Expression*

\$86000

Public Summary: To support sustained efforts to defend freedom of expression in Ukraine. In collaboration with prominent human rights NGOs, the grantee will monitor and document human rights violations targeting media professionals, hold a series of public events, as well as produce and disseminate articles and other content to promote freedom of speech in Ukraine.

## National Interests Advocacy Network ANTS

*Supporting Social Innovations for Local Governance*

\$78000

**Public Summary:** To promote innovative local governance solutions and foster a new generation of leaders. The group will organize a hackathon to facilitate interaction between activists and local authorities as they jointly develop innovative solutions for local governance. A team of IT specialist, project managers and government officials will mentor participating teams. The group will provide technical and financial support to three hackathon winners for project implementation. It will also hold events to foster interregional connections between activists.

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