



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA) # CEP-RRG-06

Rapid Response Grants (RRG)

USAID's Civic Engagement Project in Macedonia invites **civil society organizations (CSO)** in Macedonia to apply for Rapid Response Grants (RRGs).

CEP is a five-year USAID-funded program that contributes to achieve two objectives: (1) strengthening constructive engagement by CSOs on policies and issues of public concern; and (2) increasing and sustaining youth engagement in public life in Macedonia. CEP is implemented by East West Management Institute, Inc. (EWMI), in partnership with four local CSOs: Metamorphosis, Foundation for Internet and Society (Metamorphosis), the Association for Democratic Initiatives (ADI), the Foundation for Open Society - Macedonia (FOSM), and the National Youth Council of Macedonia (NYCM). RRG grants are managed by ADI.

The aim of this round of RRGs is to support the initiatives that focus on the **upcoming referendum**. More specifically, through this RRGs, CEP seeks to support initiatives by CSOs that address the following **priority areas**:

- (i) Encouraging and facilitating citizen engagement in scrutinizing, assessing, and advancing the whole referendum process and the institutions responsible for its implementation;
- (ii) Enhancing people's understanding and importance of their participation in the referendum process based on informed choices with particular attention paid to youth, women, minorities, the disabled, and those outside the capital;
- (iii) Voter education: encouraging first-time voters to vote, taking proactive steps to ensure people with disabilities can vote, restoring trust in the voting process of marginalized groups with particular attention to the groups listed above.

CEP will award up to **4 (for) grants** resulting from this RfA. The maximum grant amount is **7,500 USD** for a project that may last **not less than 3 (three) and up to 6 (six) months**. CEP reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted.

To download the full Request for Application, the Application Form, and the Budget Template for Rapid Response Grants, please go to www.adimacedonia.org or write to Mr. Nino Sotirovski at nino@adi.org.mk.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

13:00, JULY 31, 2018