

Request for Proposals.

Grants to support the meaningful involvement of the civil society and communities' representatives from EECA countries into the country dialogue processes related to the development of the national C19RM Funding Requests

The Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA) invites initiative groups, organizations of communities of people living with or affected by HIV and TB, as well as non-governmental HIV and TB focused organizations being involved into the implementation of Global Fund grants at the national level in EECA countries, and also those being involved in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to apply for grants to support the meaningful involvement of the civil society and communities' representatives from EECA countries into the country dialogue processes related to the development of the national C19RM Funding Requests.

The Global Fund's COVID-19 Response Mechanism (known as C19RM) supports countries to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on programs to fight HIV, TB and malaria, and initiates urgent improvements in health and community systems.

In early April the Global Fund Secretariat has sent the allocation letters to the CCMs, in which the amount allocated within COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM) is indicated along with the conditions that country has to follow for obtaining this funding.

Among these conditions are the support for community-led services, human-rights based approaches, and meaningful engagement of community representatives in the C19RM funding request development. More information on C19RM [is available here](#).

There are several windows for submission of funding requests within the C19RM and it is CCM who decides when the country would be ready to apply. These windows are the following: May 14th, May 31st, June 15th, and June 30th. Thus, the time for developing the funding request is very limited.

The Eurasian Harm Reduction Association, being the host of the EECA Regional Platform for Communication and Coordination, offers grants to civil society organizations from EECA countries to support meaningful participation of civil society and community representatives in the process of preparing national C19RM funding requests.

LIST OF POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR SUPPORT (These are just examples. You may suggest your own activities):

- Conducting a needs assessment among representatives of a particular community in the context of the impact of and response on COVID-19;
- Conducting face-to-face meetings in order to identify interventions of a most priority for the representatives of a particular community to be included in the national C19RM funding request;

- Moderation of the online discussions with representatives of various communities in order to develop proposals for submission to the CCM. Expert to protocol such discussions and develop a final document with proposals; etc.

IMPLEMENTATION TIME: May - July 2021

LANGUAGES: Russian and English

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS:

- be registered as a legal entity in one of the EECA countries which received allocation within the Global Fund's COVID-19 Response Mechanism; in case of initiative group, it should have a financial agent registered in one of such EECA countries.
- only NGOs, non-for-profit organizations can apply. Initiative groups also can apply, but their financial agent should be NGO or non-for-profit organization.
- work with / represent / provide services / advocate for the needs of key populations affected by HIV and / or TB at the national level.
- Ensure coordination and consolidation of the content of the grant proposal with key non-governmental sector partners in the country involved into the development of the national C19RM funding request.

No more than 6 grants will be awarded for the period up to three months of implementation. The indicative budget for each grant is US \$ 5,000. The EHRA could consider more ambitious applications, if justified.

Application deadline: May 21, 2021, 23:59 CET.

Applications will be considered and a decision on applications will be made as soon as they are received, and therefore it is recommended to submit applications as soon as possible.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please send the following documents by 21st of May 2021 23:59 CET to ivan@harmreductioneurasia.org:

- 1) Filled application form, signed with the organization director or responsible representative.
- 2) Filled work plan and budget in Excel format.
- 3) Annex 1 - Registration document of the organization.

Applicants who have submitted an incomplete package of documents will not be considered as tender participants!

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The submitted applications will be evaluated by the selection committee comprised on EHRA Secretariat members. The following criteria will be used to evaluate the received applications (the maximum possible number of points is 100, the minimum required number is 80 points):

- Problem statement (20);
- Clear and achievable aim and objectives of the grant (20);
- Realistic and clear grant activities (20);
- Financial and administrative capacity of the organization to implement the grant within the specified time frame. Including: realistic and justified budget (20).
- Coordination of proposal content with key partners (20).