

## Guidelines for the Ukrainian-Danish Youth Fast-track Grants

*The Ukrainian-Danish Youth House Fast-track Grant guidelines are available in both Ukrainian and English, but in case of doubt, the formulations in English shall prevail.*

### How to apply

The application form can be downloaded on <https://theyouthhouse.org/support-grants> and is to be submitted to [grants@theyouthhouse.org](mailto:grants@theyouthhouse.org) in English or Ukrainian with the subject line "Application\_[Surname/name of organisation]"

The application form provides guiding questions to the details to be included in the application and summarizes the following:

- Description of who the beneficiary is
- Justification of why the support is needed
- What activities the applicant wishes to receive support for
- Activity-based budget

The applicant can receive advice in the writing process by writing to [grants@theyouthhouse.org](mailto:grants@theyouthhouse.org). Once the application is complete, it should be sent to this e-mail address. If the project is supported, the administration of the Fast-track Grants will, where relevant, make an assessment of the applicant organisation.

### Background

The Fast-Track Grant represents the Ukrainian-Danish Youth House's ability to provide rapid financial and capacity development support to youth civil society organisations and activists in Ukraine.

The Ukrainian-Danish Youth Fast-track Grant is administered by the Secretariat of the Ukrainian-Danish Youth House on behalf of the Danish Cultural Institute in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The Ukrainian-Danish Youth House seeks to support activities in Ukraine as well as between Denmark and Ukraine based on volunteering, which promote, support, or facilitate democracy and freedom in Ukraine, through youth participation, expression, exchange or organisation.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Fast-track Grant is to provide young civil society actors with rapid, critical financial resources, and capacity development support for taking advantage of new opportunities or to protect their work and capacity to contribute to the objectives of the Ukrainian-Danish Youth House: to support the democratic development of Ukraine and to strengthen the ties between young Ukrainians and Danes.

### Target groups

Support under the Ukrainian-Danish Youth House Fast-track Grants is provided to youth organisations, civil society organisations, activists and artists all working with youth under the age of 35 in emergencies, war

and serious political or legislative change. The target group is mainly people working in Ukraine, but applications for grants spent in relation to Ukraine during the war can also be considered.

### Eligible applicants

Young civil society based in Ukraine or based in Denmark, working in support of Ukraine. Young civil society is defined to include youth organisations, human rights defenders, civil society organisations working with youth below 35, artists, social movements, cultural organisation, independent activists and community-based groups.

The applicant should either belong to the age group of 15-35 or work directly with people in this age group. As an individual applicant from Ukraine, one must be registered with Physical Entrepreneur Status (FOP).

### Eligible actions

The amount needed for the activities must be clearly outlined in a budget showing the individual costs.

The grant amount applied for should not exceed EUR 7,000. Co-financing is allowed if needed. The Fast-Track Grant reserves the right to reduce the amount granted to the individual applications, taking the limited funds available as well as other relevant factors into account.

The total budget for the Fast-track Grants is EUR 150,000 (approx. DKK 1,115,800) available from April 2022 through 2022. The suggested intervention(s) shall be concluded before the end of 2022.

Fast-track Grants can be provided for reactive as well as proactive action:

- A) Grants to locally-led activities for immediate relief and support
- B) Grants to locally-led activities for sustainable development
- C) Emergency assistance funds to individuals and groups under threat

*NOTE: The Fast-Track Grants cannot be used for military equipment or direct military support.*

#### **A) Grants to provide immediate relief**

The activities are carried out to the benefit of a broader audience than the applicant, to provide immediate relief and support for people and communities inside Ukraine directly impacted by the invasion.

They can include:

- Humanitarian support
- Smaller reparations or restoration of shared areas (urban spaces, youth centres)
- Creating safe spaces for youth
- Educational projects to make up for lost education
- Emergency communication efforts
- Unforeseen expenses posing a risk to the survival of the organisation/its programs

#### **B) Grants to provide sustainable development**

The activities will be aimed at creating a stronger, more sustainable and democratic Ukraine and Europe, providing activities creating lasting capacities for youth, long-term collaborations, exchange as well as developing the ties between Ukraine and Denmark. Activities can take place in Ukraine, online or in Denmark. Projects made in partnership between Ukrainian and Danish organisations will be prioritized.

They can include:

- Capacity building for youth
- Creative, artistic or cultural projects
- Solidarity or informational activities about Ukraine
- Rebuilding Ukraine better (inclusive spaces, circular economy etc.)

### **C) Emergency assistance funds to individuals and groups under threat**

Direct support for a group or an individual that has experienced war, threats, attacks, prosecution, imprisonment, torture, defamation, harassment, stigmatization, discrimination, exclusion, marginalization, displacement etc.

Provision of emergency assistance funds: provided to an individual or group under threat or intimidation who preferably is connected to the Ukrainian-Danish Youth House community. The type of activities/equipment that can be supported are:

- Humanitarian support
- Necessary medical and safety equipment
- Temporary relocation of individuals at immediate risk
- Support to temporarily relocated individuals enabling them to continue their artistic/civil society/activist work
- Replacement of ICT and assets confiscated or damaged in the war
- Other relevant activities identified by the applicant

### **Process for applying**

Applications are handled on a rolling basis for eligible applicants. The Ukrainian-Danish Youth House ensures that the application meets the eligibility criteria and assesses the application based on the assessment criteria, on knowledge from partnerships and the Youth House's work in Ukraine and Denmark.

- 1) All applications who initially meet the purpose and criteria in these guidelines will be considered for the Grant.
- 2) One person or youth organisation can submit no more than 3 applications per each grant type during one calendar year.
- 3) The Ukrainian-Danish Youth House may allocate lower amounts than applied for, taking into consideration the activity's needs, available funds and appropriate distribution of grants.
- 4) Should any need for major adjustments to a granted activity occur after the Grant Committee has approved an application, the adjustments must be approved by the Ukrainian-Danish Youth House before the activity is carried out.

### **The assessment criteria are as follows:**

- The need and urgency of the action
- Action recognized by the defined target groups as relevant
- The applicant team's experience within the suggested activity
- Budget transparency – including clear transparency on rates, salaries, etc.

- When relevant, the integration of human rights based approach, gender aspects, inclusion, etc.
- Coherence of intervention logic
- Risk assessment including safety
- Prospects of sustainability if possible

The Grants Committee consists of 3 members appointed by the Consortium partners in the Ukrainian-Danish Youth House, of which 1 member will be the Director of the Ukrainian-Danish Youth House.

### Implementation

Leading up to and during the implementation of the action, grantees can receive advice from the Secretariat of the Ukrainian-Danish Youth House if needed. Whenever possible, and where it does not pose a threat for the people involved, for grants for development (B), The Ukrainian-Danish Youth House can use information, pictures or visual material from the ongoing projects and project reports to inform about the Grants, but also for the Youth House's general promotional purposes.

In the communications related to the granted project, the Ukrainian-Danish Youth House should be visibly credited (in text and logo).

### Reporting

The following reporting should be provided to the Ukrainian-Danish Youth House:

- Interim financial and narrative report depending on the amount and length of the intervention
- Final financial report including receipts for all expenses and narrative report
- A one-page text with learning outcomes
- When possible, photos or videos from the activities' implementation are shared with The Ukrainian-Danish Youth House

If some of the action includes persons or organisations that could be endangered by being connected to the Ukrainian-Danish Youth House or the Danish Cultural Institute, this will be discussed before the narrative report is submitted.

All projects should be finalised before the end of 2022.

### Lawfulness

Organisations and individuals may be excluded from the Ukrainian-Danish Youth House's Fast-track Grants process and required to pay back grants if the youth group/organisation, their members or individuals, participate in, or does not abstain from, illegal activities or activities which may be considered to be unlawful or against these Fast-track Grants Guidelines