EKHN Small grants program for eeca region

Call for proposals subbmition

Deadline: 02 August 2018

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EKHN Small grants program Guideline

1. **Introduction**

Eurasian Key Populations Health Network (EKHN) is pleased to announce an open Request for Proposals (RfP) for 2018 Small Grants Program “GENDER and HIV”.

Through this RfP, EKHN invites proposals from Eastern European and Central Asian (EECA) civil society organizations scaling up access to gender oriented, sensitive and/or transformative HIV prevention, treatment, care and support and assuring that resources are mobilized and utilized appropriately to respond gender gap in HIV epidemic.

The goal of the EKHN Small Grants Program is to contribute to improved health, inclusion and social wellbeing for Key Populations in EECA. To reach this goal, EKHN provides funding to strengthen the institutional and advocacy capacity of civil society and their alias. The regional networks and national organizations, which meet the definitions and criteria set by this RfP are invited to apply for a grant for up to three months (September, October, November 2018). The deadline for submission of proposals is August 02, 2018 at 12:00 (noon) CET.

The RfP for 2018 Small Grants Program “GENDER and HIV” is a programmatic part of the EKHN project “Eurasian Regional Platform for Accelerated Action for Women, Girls and Transgender in in HIV/AIDS Context” funded by RCNF.

1. **General Background**

EKHN is launching new Regional Action aimed to genderize HIV and EECA Region. The first call for Small Grants Projects on GENDER and HIV is open from the 01st July 2018 with the submission deadline the **02nd August 2018**.

The number of new infections in EECA among women and girls (WG) has grown over the last few years, indicating a shift in the nature and trajectory of the epidemic. Every hour 50 young women are newly infected with HIV in the world (UNAIDS Gap Report 2016). The region is dramatically missing any data on transgender (TG) both biological and behavioural. MSM programs with no sensitized and special needs based approaches mostly cover them.

WG/TG from key populations in EECA, especially those of drug users, sex workers and transgender women are particularly likely to experience gender based violence (GBV). Studies in different countries have detected the high prevalence of rape, physical violence, etc. There is generally a growing recognition of and attention to gender equality – including GBV and harmful gender norms – as a cause and consequence of HIV. Despite this greater understanding, programming and policies to address the intersection have not yet reached the scale, depth, or breadth required to reverse the overlapping epidemics of gender blindness in HIV in EECA region.

1. **Specific Background**

EKHN Small Grants Project proposals open call is developed and launched in response to the pressing need to address the persistent gender inequalities and human rights violations that put Women, Girls and Transgender (WG/TG), Boys and Men at a greater risk of, and more vulnerable to HIV. EKHN seeks and will fund innovative and client-centric ideas focusing on actions in Gender and HIV and that would achieve the following results:

* + Strongly contribute to the EKHN ’s vision, mission, and strategic priorities (http://ekhn.pl/en/2018/07/02/ekhn-strategic-plan-2017-2019/),
	+ Promotion of the Sustainable Development Goals, as the EKHN motto for the Strategic Plan 2017 – 2019 is “Sustainable Development Goals for Key Populations”,
	+ Institutionally stronger Key Populations and civil society in terms of Gender and HIV,
	+ Improved and sustainable Gender and HIV advocacy capacity,
	+ Increased influence to make changes with regards Gender and HIV issues,
	+ More enabling and gender equality affirming social, policy and legal environment,
	+ More accessible, gender based, quality HIV services and programs,
	+ Resources made available and spent properly to create better conditions for gender approach to HIV,
	+ Most strongly demonstrate commitment to build organizational gender capacity,
	+ link groups to each other as a way to jointly share, strategize and build gender and HIV solidarity.

Here are some examples that can be funded, but not limited to:

* Organization of National Gender Academies with the adaptation of Eurasian Gender Academy curriculum and approaches. (for more information about Eurasian Gender Academy, please visit: [www.ekhn.pl](http://www.ekhn.pl)),
* Designing and conducting gender and HIV activities targeting the Sustainable Development Goals,
* Elaborating and conducting evidence-based gender assessments, analysing, studies, researches with community, national and external team, experts and consultants involvement,
* Designing and implementing public events, companies, mass media, awards, social mobilization, advocacy on Gender and HIV,
* Organizing and conducing trainings, seminars, workshops, conferences, camps and other educational events, as well as elaboration and publication of informational and educational awareness raising materials on Gender and HIV,
* Developing Key Populations organizations’ Strategic Plan, Advocacy Plan and Financial Plan with gender based approach,
* Reviewing and adapting national and local Strategies, Polices, Budgets, Curriculum on HIV and healthcare in terms of gender equality,
* Developing mechanisms, instruments, polices, competences and capacities in provision of the gender oriented, gender sensitive and gender transformative services,
* Organizations of the art and culture activities, festivals, exhibitions, film and video making aimed to promote gender equality in Public Health and HIV, etc.

 EKHN will be able to provide technical support in conducting some trainings, i.e. adaptation and conduction of Eurasian Gender Academy model, developing gender inclusive institutional documents, i.e. Strategic Plan, Gender Policy, etc.

1. **Eligibility**

Each application received by the RfP deadline will be screened by EKHN to ensure that it meets the defined eligibility criteria:

* + EKHN issued this call for proposals for international, regional and national officially registered civil society organizations in **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kirgizstan, Moldova, Poland, Russia, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan**.
	+ The minimum required sum should be 2000,-USD with the maximum being up to 4000,-USD.
	+ One organization can submit ONLY one proposal as the main applicant but can be partner in several projects.
	+ The project maximum duration can be 3 months or less starting in the 01st September and lasting until the 30th November 2018.
	+ Calibri 11 font size needs to be used with maximum page number for entire application being 20 pages.
	+ Applications need to be submitted in English.
	+ Attachments other than the documents required will NOT be taken into consideration.
	+ Applications need to be received no later than: the 02nd August, 2018 at 12:00 (noon) CET.

Applications that do not meet these criteria will not be considered eligible for further review and will NOT be sent a notification of this. With the aim to increase coverage with quality HIV interventions, EKHN will pay a special attention for policies and procedures on Corruption, Fraud and Mismanagement (CFM) and whistleblowing as well as Diversity Integrity in project and within applicant organizations.

1. **Deadline and application procedure**

Under this round, EKHN is requiring projects for an estimated period of September – November 2018 with 1 up to 3 months duration.

Interested organizations should submit the following 2 documents to Badalyan@ekhn.pl

1. Project Narrative Proposal and
2. Project Budget

The deadline for submission of an application is the 02nd August, 2018 at 12:00 (noon) CET. Applications received after this deadline will not be taken into consideration.

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| **What** | **Deadline** | **Whom** |
| Call for RfP 2018 | **2 August 2018** | Badalyan@ekhn.pl |
| Feedback on submitted project proposals | **20 August 2018** | EKHN  |
| Starts of the projects  | **01 September 2018** | www.facebook.com/EurasianKeyPopulationsHealthNetwork |
| End of projects  | **30 November 2018** | National partners |
| Reporting and closure  | **20 December 2018** | Badalyan@ekhn.pl |