

#### Introduction

Welcome to an update on funding opportunities for Ukraine's sustainable and modern recovery. The document was produced within the framework of the Bridges of Trust project by the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR). You will find information on 5 calls for proposals open to local and regional governments. Each call outlines eligibility criteria, available funding amounts, and application deadlines. We invite CEMR member associations to disseminate the calls for proposals amongst "Bridges of Trust" municipal partnerships. We aim to contribute to the tangible progress and sustainability of local communities by providing local authorities in Ukraine with this comprehensive info support.

## 1. WPHF Fund for Local Organizations in Ukraine

The United Nations Women's Peace & Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) has launched a call for proposals to enhance the protection of women and girls and promote their participation and leadership in humanitarian crises and responses in Ukraine. Municipalities can collaborate with local organizations to apply for this funding.

**Deadline**: February 12, 2025. **For more information** click here.

#### 2. BEARR Trust Small Grants Scheme 2025

The BEARR Trust invites applications for its Small Grants Scheme, aiming to foster cooperation and partnerships among civil society organizations. The focus is on supporting vulnerable groups and strengthening the capacity of local organizations. Municipalities can partner with eligible civil society organizations to apply

Deadline: January 31, 2025.

For more information contact <u>info@bearr.org</u> or visit the website <u>here</u>.

### 3. Landscape Restoration Grants Programme 2025:

The Endangered Landscapes & Seascapes Programme offers grants to support landscape restoration projects that demonstrate a vision for Europe's landscapes and seascapes, contributing to biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation. Municipalities can apply for funding to restore and protect local landscapes.

Deadline: January 14, 2025.

For more information: visit the website <u>here</u>.

#### 4. Nefco Green Recovery Programme for Ukraine

The Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (Nefco) offers financial support and technical assistance to Ukrainian municipalities for green and sustainable reconstruction. The program focuses on repairing and reconstructing municipal infrastructure in an environmentally sound manner, accommodating internally displaced persons, and capacity building for designing Local Green Recovery Plans.



**Deadline**: Ongoing; municipalities are invited to apply as per the program's guidelines. **For more information** click <u>here</u>.

## 5. Creative Europe Programme

The Creative Europe Programme has launched a special call to support Ukrainian cultural organizations, artists, and professionals with €5 million in funding. The call focuses on:

- Co-creating and presenting art.
- Enhancing access to culture for displaced people.
- Supporting post-war recovery in the cultural sector.

**Deadline**: February 6, 2025. **For more information** click <u>here</u>.

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