



MAC SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

Call for Proposals | Empowering Persons With Disabilities and their Families.

MAC Georgia is pleased to announce a **call for proposals** for small grant projects designed to further empower and support persons with disabilities and/or their caretakers.

Deadline:

Small Grants Application Deadline:	Target Date for Notification of Funding Decision:
April 1st	May 15th
July 1st	August 15th
September 1st	October 15th
December 31st	February 15 th , (2022)

Background

Founded in 2008, MAC serves to improve the lives of Georgia's vulnerable by providing them the resources and services they need to achieve their full potential. Georgians with disabilities and their families frequently experience poverty, lack critical services and support, and remain uninformed about their rights and opportunities. Moreover, they tend to fall victim to persistent stigmas that limit their comfort within, and acceptance into, the larger community. These compounded problems make persons with disabilities one of the most at-risk populations in the country.

MAC believes that community-based initiatives have a critical role to play in mobilizing, supporting, and empowering both persons with disabilities and those that assist them. This call for proposals is intended as a way of bolstering those efforts.

Eligibility

Eligible candidates include nonprofit organizations, public schools and concerned individuals in Georgia. DPOs are encouraged to apply.

Award Details

MAC offers small grants up to **\$3,000 US Dollars** in the GEL equivalent; proposals may extend up to 12 months and will be accepted on a quarterly basis (see chart above).



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The purpose of this grant is to further connect and empower persons with disabilities and/or their families. Projects should align with this Call for Proposals. Examples include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Creation or further development of support groups;
- Generation of employment/livelihood opportunities;
- Provision of information about available services/resources;
- Implementation of activities/services for (or including) persons with a disability.

This grant may not be used to fund any of the following activities:

- Carrying out of propaganda;
- Influencing any legislation or the outcome of any public election;
- Implementing, directly or indirectly, any sort of voter registration drive.

Priority will be given to projects targeting Georgia's rural areas.

Application Procedure

1) Small Grant Application Form:

Eligible candidates that are interested in applying for funding should submit a completed application form to mac_info@macgeorgia.org. The concept paper may be submitted in *Georgian or English* but must use the approved format which can be accessed by going to our website at <https://macgeorgia.org>. ***Applications that do not follow the format provided will not be considered.***

2) Review and Interview:

MAC's Review Committee will carefully consider each full proposal and will conduct an interview and/or on-site visit as part of its review process. Outside experts and stakeholders may be consulted on an as-needed basis.

3) Funding Decision:

Final funding decisions will be made by MAC's Review Committee. Each applicant will be notified in writing of MAC's decision. Applicants that are selected for funding will be invited to enter into a formal grant agreement.

Please note that MAC reviews many more requests than can be funded. We thank you for your interest and will make every effort to be as efficient and timely as possible.

Selection

As part of the selection process, the MAC Review Committee will consider the following:

- Whether the proposal is complete and correct;
- The degree to which the project fits within the scope of the Call for Proposals;
- The extent to which the project reflects the demand and needs of the local population;



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- The sustainability of the project: How likely it is that the initiative will continue beyond MAC's support.
- The degree to which the proposed intervention aligns with the described need;
- The level of community support for the project;
- The extent to which the budget is cost effective and appropriate for the project being proposed;
- The degree to which the project can achieve meaningful and measurable results.

Questions

All questions related to this call for proposals should be directed to Temuka Gigauri at

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