**Frequently Asked Questions**

* Is it permissible for one Ukrainian NGO to submit **two distinct initial project proposals** within this call, each with a **different Ukrainian institutional partner**;

*Yes, it is possible to submit more initial project proposals, with different Ukrainian institutional partners.*

*For further information - please see doc CLARIFICATION to the Call for Initial Proposals for Development Cooperation Projects with Ukraine for the Years 2026 to 2028).*

* Whether each project may be submitted in collaboration with a **separate Czech partner organization**;

*Yes, each initial project proposal can be submitted with separate Czech partner organization.* ***It is recommended approach to prepare the project with Czech (or international) partner, but it is not a limiting condition of the Call.***

*Also please be informed, that the grant calls, which will be opened later based on approved initial project proposals, delivered in the frame of this Call, are intended for Czech entities only.*

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* Whether there are any **limitations on the number of proposals** that can be submitted by a single organization under the **2026–2028 funding framework**;

*No, there is not any limit – anyhow, we recommend that each entity submits no more than one initial project proposal per sector.*

*For further details please see the doc “CLARIFICATION to the Call for Initial Proposals for Development Cooperation Projects with Ukraine for the Years 2026 to 2028”.*

* Whether it is **sufficient to complete only the provided Word submission form**, or if any **additional forms (e.g., budget templates)** are required at this stage;

*No additional forms are requested.*

*Please note that the intial project proposal needs to be endorsed by the relevant authority of the partner country (Ukrainian public institution) either in the form of co-signature of the proposal form or in the form of support letter.*

*Also, other relevant documents could be presented, but it is not a mandatory condition (please see „Initial Project Proposal, sub-chapter „References“).*

* Whether there will be a **second stage** of the selection process where more detailed documents and attachments will be requested;

*For the answer, please see doc “CLARIFICATION to the Call for Initial Proposals for Development Cooperation Projects with Ukraine for the Years 2026 to 2028“*

* Whether we should already **attach founding documents** of our organization with the proposal or **submit them later** if selected;

*No founding documents are requested in this Call.*

* In what **form** (PDF scans, notarized copies, etc.) and **at what stage** should the founding documents be provided, if required?

*There is no need to directly share such documents with the Czech Development Agency at this stage.*

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* We are also in the process of identifying a suitable Czech partner for each project. If there are any guidelines or recommendations in this regard, we would be grateful for your advice.

*There are no guidelines or recommendations for identification of the Czech (or any other international) partners.* ***It is recommended approach to prepare the project with Czech (or international) partner, but it is not a limiting condition of the Call.*** *Please be informed, that the grant calls, which will be opened later based on approved initial project proposals, delivered in the frame of this Call, are intended for Czech not-for-profit entities only, which shall cooperate with Ukrainian partners.*

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* Could you please tell us what legal forms of entities can apply? LLC, sole proprietorship, NGO, etc.?

*Initial project proposals are submitted mainly by local, and if relevant also by Czech and international actors . These are non-profit organizations registered in Ukraine (local/Czech or international), self-government/local, regional and central state institutions as a whole, educational/academic institutions, hospitals and any other relevant entities.*

* Is there an approximate average grant amount (we understand that this is a non-refundable financial assistance?)

*Up to the maximum amount allocated per sector.*

* And can media projects be applied?

*Call for Initial Proposals for Development Cooperation Projects in Ukraine (2026-2028) does not specify the media sector as one of the specific sectors for support.*

*Media projects are supported under the auspice of the Human Rights and Transition Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic (*<https://mzv.gov.cz/jnp/en/foreign_relations/human_rights/transition_promotion_program/index.html>)

* **Budget Allocation:**The total indicative funding mentioned in the call is CZK 30–36 million. Could you kindly confirm whether this amount refers to the overall budget for the entire program, or whether each sector (Education, Healthcare, Civil Society and Good Governance, Agriculture) is allocated a separate budget within the CZK 30–36 million range?

*The indicated preliminary budget allocation - 30 – 36 million CZK - is pre-allocated for each sector and three years of implementation (2026 – 2028).*

* **Number of Grants per Sector:**
Is it the intention to select one project per sector, or is the program open to supporting multiple projects within each sector, subject to the overall financial allocation?

*Preliminary preferable solution from the side of the Czech Development Agency is to support one project in each sector, but there is a possibility that more interventions will be supported in each sector (anyhow, not more than 2 interventions per sector). In such case the preliminary budget allocation per sector will be divided accordingly. This is closely connected with the nature of initial project proposals, which will be received in this Call.*

*For further details please see the doc “CLARIFICATION to the Call for Initial Proposals for Development Cooperation Projects with Ukraine for the Years 2026 to 2028”.*

* **Partnership with Czech Entities:**
While the call encourages cooperation between local Ukrainian partners and Czech entities, could you please confirm whether such partnership is strictly mandatory for eligibility?

*It is only recommended approach to prepare the initial project proposal with Czech (or international) partner; therefore, it is not a limiting condition of the Call.*

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* **Letter of Endorsement from Ukrainian Public Institutions:**
Is it required that each proposal across all sectors must include a letter of support or co-signature from a relevant Ukrainian public institution?

*Yes, this is a mandatory condition. The initial project proposal must be confirmed by the relevant authority of the partner country (Ukraine) in terms of relevance and involvement of local partners. Czech Development Agency requires this confirmation at least at the level of the regional administration. In the case of proposal with a national impact, confirmation should be at the central administration level. Confirmation can be in the form of co-signing the " Initial Project Proposal ", or in the form of a support letter.*

* The instructions document states that "Bilateral project proposals are to be prepared jointly by local Ukrainian partners and Czech entities. Each proposal must be approved and signed or co-signed by a relevant Ukrainian public institution committed to participating in project implementation." Would you kindly clarify if this means the call for proposals is only open to Ukrainian national NGOs? In addition, does the requirement for joint preparation by Czech entities mean a Czech organization must also be an applicant, or does this refer to Czech Aid's involvement? We are a US-based NGO but with active Ukrainian registration, and are trying to determine if we would meet the eligibility requirements.

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*Also please be informed, that the grant calls, which will be opened later based on approved initial project proposals, delivered in the frame of this Call, are intended for Czech not-for-profit entities only, which shall cooperate with Ukrainian partners.*

*The initial project proposal must be endorsed by the relevant authority of the partner country (Ukraine). Czech Development Agency assumes this endorsement at least at the level of the regional administration. In the case of proposal with a national impact, endorsement should be at the central administration level. Endorsement can be in the form of co-signing the " Initial Project Proposal ", or in the form of a support letter.*

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* Eligibility: Can a regional-level NGO working in partnership with several communities apply as a lead applicant?

*Yes, regional-level NGO (registered in Ukraine) in partnership with several communities could submit the Initial Project Proposal.*

* Partnership with Czech entities: Is having a partner from the Czech Republic a mandatory requirement? If so, is a formal cooperation agreement (such as a Memorandum of Understanding) necessary, or is informal collaboration sufficient?

*No, such condition is not a mandatory requirement.*

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* Priority regions: If the call highlights Dnipropetrovsk oblast as a priority, can an regional NGO apply in partnership with multiple communities from this oblast?

*Yes, such partnership is possible. Please have in mind that the geographic focus is in the form of recommendation, it is not a strict condition of the Call.*

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