**Call for Initial Proposals for Development Cooperation Projects in Ukraine (2026-2028)**

**The Embassy of the Czech Republic in Kyiv in cooperation with the Czech Development Agency, hereby announces a Call for initial proposals for development cooperation projects in Ukraine for the period 2026-2028.**

**General information:**

* The submission, approval, and implementation of initial project proposals shall follow the applicable Methodology of Foreign Development Cooperation of the Czech Republic.
* Initial proposals must be submitted using the official Initial Project Proposal Submission Form *(Annex No. 1 to this document) ,*
* Bilateral project proposals (Initial Project Proposals) are to be prepared and submitted mainly by local, and if relevant also by Czech and/or international actors. Each proposal must be endorsed by a relevant Ukrainian public authority confirming its relevance and involvement of local partners. Endorsement can be in the form of co-signing the " Initial Project Proposal ", or in the form of a support letter.
* The further development of project ideas is contingent upon the approval of the Ukraine Program for the period 2026-2030 by the Czech government.
* If the proposed ideas are approved, the total funding available for implementation will range between CZK 30-36 million over three years. Multiple projects may be supported within one sector, with sectoral budgets divided accordingly.
* The implementation period is tentatively scheduled for three years (2026–2028).
* Contracts or decisions on subsidy provision are expected to be finalized by the first quarter of 2026, enabling the commencement of implementation.

**Sectoral Priorities and Indicative Budget Allocations:**

Proposals should respect the following priorities:

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| **Sector** | **Focus Areas/Preferred Geographic Focus** | **Indicative Budget** |
| **Education** | Support for Ukrainian primary and secondary schools (in Czechia equivalent to the 1st and 2nd levels of primary school).**Focus Areas:** mental health support, inclusive education, improvement of education quality, material support.**Preferred Geographic Focus:** Dnipropetrovsk region, Ukraine. | CZK 30 million (CZK 10 million/year) |
| **Healthcare** | **Focus Areas:** rehabilitation care, mental health as a cross-cutting theme.**Preferred Geographic Focus**: Dnipropetrovsk region, Ukraine. | CZK 30 millionCZK 10 million/ year |
| **Supporting civil society and good governance** | **Focus Areas:** support for civil society and good governance, reintegration of veterans, internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, and other vulnerable groups at the municipal level, community mental health services, employment support opportunities as some of the possible topics addressed.**Preferred Geographic Focus**: nationwide, Ukraine. | CZK 33 millionCZK 11 million/ year |
| **Agriculture** | **Focus Areas:** EU accession-related reforms, legislative and compliance support, alignment with EU standards using Czech expertise.**Preferred Geographic Focus**: nationwide, Ukraine. | CZK 36 million CZK 12 million/ year |
| Additional Guidelines:* Initial project proposals may include services, material deliveries, or minor construction work.
* More than one initial project proposal may be funded within a single sector. In such cases, sectoral allocations will be appropriately divided.
* Initial project proposals may be also address expert missions and preparation of studies in various areas of public administration (approximation to EU standards).
* Engagement of Czech institutions with experience from the EU accession process is highly encouraged.
* Projects must ensure the physical presence of Czech experts or personnel at the implementation site, depending on the nature of the intervention and prevailing security conditions.
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**Evaluation Criteria:**

* Initial project proposals will be assessed in accordance with the Methodology of Foreign Development Cooperation, with additional emphasis on:
	+ Quality of Proposal: Clear identification of the issue, baseline analysis, solution design, stakeholder involvement, and risk management;
	+ Internal Logic: The degree to which the proposed solution addresses the identified problem and minimizes negative impacts;
	+ Development Potential: Prospects for leveraging Czech expertise and contributing to long-term development goals;
	+ Sectoral and Geographic Alignment: Relevance to the sectoral priorities, geographic focus, and financial framework outlined in this call.

**Submission Instructions:**

**Submit completed forms in English, including a legible scanned copy with an official stamp and signature, as well as an editable version (ideally in World format), by 17 July 2025 to:** grants.ukraine@mzv.gov.cz.

Please include the name of the organization and initial project proposal in the subject line of the email.

**Attachments:**

Annex No. 1 – Initial Project Proposal Submission Form (English version)