

Eurasia

Russia 2016

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Access to Information

Freedom of Information

\$74,980

To raise awareness about human rights issues and other important events. Impartial, balanced information will be presented to the Russian-speaking public and media through a series of publications and informational materials.

Anti-Corruption Website

Accountability

\$53,387

To increase the accountability of public officials and to involve more citizens in anti-corruption efforts. A website with information about combating corruption will be maintained. Activities will include updating its website with specific examples of corruption among local officials and distributing information about combating corruption.

Assistance to Activists and NGOs

Human Rights

\$89,594

To protect the rights of Russian NGOs and civil society activists. Project activities will focus on defending civil society in Russia by providing legal assistance and information to civic activists and organizations.

Assistance to Journalists

Freedom of Information

\$61,700

To increase the availability of quality and independent journalism in Russia. Independent journalists and media outlets in Russia will be supported to produce high-quality reporting on

important social issues.

Assisting Civil Society

Human Rights

\$55,800

To reduce the incidence of human rights violations by law enforcement agencies. Project activities will include advocating on behalf of victims of human rights violations and coordinating efforts to resist attempts by the government to persecute civil society organizations.

Building the Voice of Business

Developing Market Economy

\$245,375

To increase access to well-researched and independent information about Russia's economy and to create and reinforce links between Russian emigres and reform-oriented SME owners in Russia, the Center will create an online information platform on which members of the Russian small and medium-sized enterprise community can have open discussions about trends in the country's business climate. The Center will also target audiences in the émigré community to foster dialogue within Russia and encourage greater diversity of thought and opinion on the country's economic policies.

Civic Education

Civic Education

\$40,360

To promote democratic ideas and values. Seminars on democratic ideas and values will be organized. Topics will seek to educate people on how best to teach citizens about their rights and the difference this knowledge can make in their everyday lives.

Leadership Training

Civic Education

\$100,000

To build the capacity of civil society activists. A civic participation and leadership education program will be implemented.

Civil Society Support

Democratic Ideas and Values

\$155,750

To support civic education and public dialogue. Events will be hosted, including public discussions, seminars, lectures, roundtables and trainings, and civil society activists and organizations will be networked.

Counteracting Discrimination Against Minorities

Human Rights

\$47,120

To reduce instances of hate crimes. A series of trainings for volunteers, activists and members of the community at large will be conducted on public activism and means of responding to hate crimes.

Countering Transborder Corruption

Accountability

\$98,370

To increase the capacity and effectiveness of those working to combat Russian transborder corruption. Activities will include creating international networks between activists, journalists, and others seeking to develop new tools for exposing transborder corruption and its international consequences and to enhance the effectiveness of international and domestic accountability mechanisms in affected countries. A series of seminars for Russian and European anti-corruption activists and investigative journalists will be conducted, a corruption researcher's handbook will be published, an international conference on transborder corruption issues will be held, and an analytical report on the topic will be published.

Defending Freedom of Information

Freedom of Information

\$59,500

To raise public awareness about freedom of information issues and to defend citizens' right to freedom of expression. Legal assistance will be provided and advocacy will be conducted.

Defending Human Rights

Human Rights

\$59,521

To raise the awareness of human rights violations and to lower tensions between minority communities and local officials. Free legal aid will be rendered and a series of roundtables and conferences to deepen local understanding of human rights will be conducted.

Defending Human Rights

Human Rights

\$267,000

To raise awareness of human rights violations and to provide support to victims of human rights violations. Activities will include monitoring the situation with human rights, providing legal defense for victims of human rights violations, and raising public awareness of these issues.

Defending Women's Rights

Human Rights

\$37,820

To promote awareness of women's rights and the role of women in a democratic society. A civic education program addressing women's rights issues will be conducted and legal assistance to women will be offered.

Democracy Meeting Point

Freedom of Information

Supplement: \$20,000

To raise awareness of human rights violations and the importance of civil society. Human rights-oriented outreach events will be conducted.

Democracy Network

NGO Strengthening

\$106,872

To support the development of a resource hub for civil society organizations. Awareness will be raised of programs helping democrats at risk to continue their work in increasingly challenging conditions. Activities will also include providing new technical resources to build the capacity of those activists who are developing innovative responses to new repressive legal norms.

Diaspora Capacity Building

Democratic Ideas and Values

\$39,720

To enhance the capacity of the Russian diaspora in Europe. Project activities will include organizing Russians living in Europe and activating their potential to support democratic development in Russia.

Digital Journalism Training

Freedom of Information

\$54,300

To improve the ability of independent Russian-language journalists to conduct research online. Journalists will be trained in digital research techniques, including how to expand their audience, find and verify content, and how best to use publicly available information in their reporting.

Engaging Activists in Russia's Regions

NGO Strengthening

\$46,924

To promote the development of civil society in Russia. Research on local-level civic activism will be carried out and organizations and civic activists will receive support in developing their capacity to plan and conduct activities.

Enhancing Advocacy and Communication Capacity of NGOs

NGO Strengthening

\$54,600

To strengthen the public outreach capacity of civic organizations in Russia. A series of communication and advocacy training programs for Russian activists and representatives of civic organizations will be conducted.

Enhancing Public Access to Information

Freedom of Information

\$41,180

To provide accurate information to Russian-speaking audiences. Activities will include reporting on current events involving Russia, publishing information online, and working with journalists in order to improve their reporting and expand their readership.

Fighting Internet Censorship

Freedom of Information

\$30,000

To raise public awareness about and combat censorship of online information. Information on freedom of information issues will be published and technical assistance will be provided.

Fostering Civic Engagement

Civic Education

\$51,076

To promote civic consciousness, cultivate better understanding of democratic institutions and values, and foster independent critical thinking. Civic and legal education programs for students will be developed, networking among programs will be encouraged, and technical and information assistance to students will be provided.

History and Human Rights

Civic Education

\$45,900

To foster public awareness and discussion of historical memory and human rights in Russia. Discussions on historical memory will be hosted and a website dedicated to providing information on these issues will be maintained.

Human Rights Center

NGO Strengthening

\$62,170

To promote knowledge of and respect for human rights and to improve access to justice. Human rights and legal education programs for citizens will be conducted and technical and legal assistance to civil society activists will be provided.

Human Rights Education

Human Rights

\$38,112

To raise awareness of human rights and to enable participants to better defend their rights. A series of trainings and roundtables will be conducted to improve participants' awareness of their rights and to develop strategies for defending them.

Human Rights Education

Civic Education

\$24,645

To educate youth about human and civil rights and to encourage civic engagement among young people. A series of lectures and training seminars dedicated to discussing these issues and their relevance to citizens' daily lives will be hosted.

Human Rights Education

Civic Education

\$36,169

To educate youth about human rights and civil society. A series of seminars, trainings and debates on these topics will be held for local youth. Capacity building trainings and informational support to youth who are interested in civil society will be offered.

Human Rights Education and Legal Assistance

Human Rights

\$34,700

To promote adherence to laws protecting human rights and to defend migrants' rights. A human rights education and training program for civil society activists will be conducted and legal assistance to migrants on how best to defend their rights will be offered.

Human Rights Education and Legal Assistance

Human Rights

Supplement: \$3,472

To promote adherence to laws protecting human rights and to defend migrants' rights. A human rights education and training program will be conducted and legal assistance to migrants will be provided.

Human Rights Networking

Human Rights

\$56,040

To support local human rights NGOs. A network of regional human rights NGOs will conduct a nationwide human rights monitoring program and carry out public campaigns on issues of local relevance.

Human Rights Report

Human Rights

Supplement: \$11,980

To provide a source of balanced and independent information to the Russian public on key social topics. Russian-language reports on pressing social issues will be published on a regular basis and a website with independent analysis and information will be maintained.

Human Rights Trainings

Human Rights

\$25,000

To improve the capacity and independence of local civic initiatives working to address social issues. Volunteers will be trained to monitor human rights and report on the findings of their monitoring activities.

Human Rights Website

Human Rights

\$12,725

To protect the rights of freedom of speech and freedom of assembly in Russia. Informational and legal aid to minority groups and activists will be offered and public awareness campaigns on these issues will be conducted.

Improving Access to Information

NGO Strengthening

\$31,040

To improve access to information, to support grassroots ecological initiatives and to improve the quality of journalistic reporting on access to information issues. The organization will work with journalists and volunteers to teach them about their rights.

Increasing Access to Ecological Information

Freedom of Information

\$49,978

To improve access to information about human rights and environmental issues. Activities will include consultations with experts in these fields, hosting discussions, and maintaining a website dedicated to discussing these issues in addition to printing informational materials on important and timely topics.

Increasing Access to Independent Journalism

Freedom of Information

\$70,004

To improve the availability of unbiased, locally relevant information and to increase citizen engagement. An online platform for use by independent journalists and civic activists will be maintained.

Increasing Access to Information

Accountability

\$66,896

To provide access to accurate information about important ecological issues. Violations of citizens' rights will be monitored, legal and informational expertise will be offered, and information will be publicized.

Increasing Access to Justice

Rule of Law

\$29,990

To support the rule of law and improve access to justice. Legal support to victims of human rights violations will be offered and activities aimed at raising public awareness on issues concerning the rule of law and access to justice will be conducted.

Increasing Access to Justice

Rule of Law

\$29,636

To support the rule of law and improve access to justice in Russia. Legal support will be provided, and activities aimed at raising public awareness on issues concerning the rule of law and access to justice in Russia will be conducted.

Increasing Partner Capacity through Technology

Political Processes

\$175,000

To support capacity building initiatives for civil rights organizations and their staff. Research for groups will be conducted and informational and technical assistance will be offered based on the results of the monitoring.

Increasing the Capacity of Civic Activists

Civic Education

\$43,460

To increase the capacity of civic activists. A series of seminars will be conducted to bring activists together to share best practices, discuss security issues, and network with their colleagues.

Increasing the Capacity of NGOs

NGO Strengthening

\$44,500

To increase the capacity of civil society organizations. Representatives of civil society will be trained in human rights history and law. A series of trainings and events for professionals working on these topics will be organized.

Independent Internet Television

Freedom of Information

\$33,200

To provide an independent source of national-level news and analysis of current events to the Russian public. An Internet television program covering pressing social topics in Russia will be produced.

Independent Journalism and Legal Analysis

Freedom of Information

\$40,889

To support independent journalism on civil society, human rights, and legal issues. A website will be maintained to publish articles and host an online database of legal information.

Independent News and Commentary

Freedom of Information

\$41,658

To provide a quality source of national news and independent commentary to Russian-language audiences. Video news programs will be published online featuring analysis and commentary.

Independent Research and Analysis

Freedom of Information

\$55,500

To improve the availability of accurate information and independent analysis about Russian society. The project will conduct research and analysis of current events and will publish the results of its research and analyses online.

Information Network

Human Rights

\$90,517

To raise public awareness of and maintain a nationwide information and news collection network about human rights violations. A website will be maintained through which regular updates on instances of civil and human rights violations will be posted.

Information Portal

Freedom of Information

\$68,551

To inform citizens about human rights and ecological problems and ways of resolving them. A website with regularly updated news and information about these issues will be maintained and assistance in networking journalists and activists will be offered.

Informational Visits Program

Freedom of Information

\$63,470

To promote a fact-based narrative on recent international developments for the Russian-speaking public. Project activities will help network public figures and human rights activists by conducting an informational visits program, after which participants can share their recently acquired knowledge with the public.

Investigative Journalism and Independent News

Freedom of Information

\$49,200

To increase the availability of quality Russian-language investigative journalism and to provide the public with an independent source of news and analysis on developments in Russia. The organization will publish its investigative reporting, analytical articles, and current events coverage online.

Investigative Journalism School

Freedom of Information

\$80,000

To improve access to high-quality, independent investigative journalism in Russia. An investigative journalism training program will be conducted.

Legal Aid

Human Rights

\$25,230

To help citizens protect their rights and to raise awareness of human rights violations. Support to the victims of human rights abuses will be provided, abuses will be monitored and information about abuses will be published. In addition, citizens will be trained to better understand and defend their rights.

Legal Defense for Civil Society

Human Rights

\$200,000

To protect fundamental freedoms. Legal defense to civil society organizations, activists, and others, will be provided and strategic litigation to oppose laws and practices that deny citizens their fundamental freedoms will be pursued.

Legal Defense of Citizens' Rights

Human Rights

\$43,021

To provide informational and technical assistance to grassroots movements working on locally relevant human rights violations. Support for lawyers working to defend citizens' rights will be provided and activities aimed to educate the public about the corrupt practices that often lead to these violations will be conducted.

Legal Defense of Human Rights

Human Rights

\$120,000

To support human rights defenders and the people they protect. Legal consultations and comprehensive assistance will be offered to human rights defenders, activists, and victims of human rights violations.

Legal Resource Center

Human Rights

\$66,664

To provide legal assistance to victims of human rights abuses and to disseminate information concerning such cases. Regular monitoring of human rights abuses will be conducted in collaboration with other NGOs.

Local Governance Schools

Political Processes

\$51,700

To promote engagement by citizens in public activities at the local level in the country. The organization will carry out a series of training programs focused on local governance issues in Russia.

Mobile Exhibit

Civic Education

\$88,484

To raise public awareness of the history of Soviet repression. A historical exhibit will be developed and created and a website to provide the Russian public with information on historical events will be created and maintained.

Monitoring Courts

Rule of Law

\$34,780

To promote the rule of law and judicial accountability. Activities will focus on promoting accountability and transparency in the judicial system by monitoring court proceedings and publishing the results.

Monitoring Extremism

Human Rights

\$109,975

To foster greater attention to the problems of extremism and xenophobia and to promote tolerance for ethnic and religious minorities. Activities will include monitoring and analyzing events related to these issues, and publishing the results of their monitoring.

Monitoring State Propaganda

Freedom of Information

\$51,000

To increase public awareness of the existence and impacts of manipulative propaganda and misinformation in Russian state-controlled mass media. Program activities will include monitoring and publishing analysis of the news content distributed by state-controlled mass media in Russia.

News from Russia

Freedom of Information

\$39,260

To inform international audiences about recent developments in Russia. A website offering news and analyses of important events in Russia will be maintained and support to civil society activists will be offered.

News Website

Freedom of Information

\$43,328

To improve access to objective and independent information about current events to the public. A news website that provides objective and independent reporting on a regular basis will be maintained.

Policy and Politics Conference

Democratic Ideas and Values

Supplement: \$11,850

To facilitate the discussion of approaches to addressing social issues in Russia and to foster cooperation between activists. An online portal will be maintained to support a continuing discussion of social issues in Russia and how to address them.

Promoting Accountability

Accountability

\$48,326

To expose instances of corruption among public officials at the regional and federal levels. Public records will be used to research and investigate reports of corruption and document evidence of corrupt activities. The research will be publicized online and through collaboration with media partners.

Promoting Civic Engagement

Freedom of Information

\$69,993

To involve a broader segment of the local population in civic activism and to further discussion of local issues. The organization will maintain an online platform to facilitate the exchange of information and will assist local activists.

Promoting Discussion of Historical Events

Freedom of Information

\$20,790

To inform the public about and to foster open discussion of recent historical events. Documentary materials addressing these issues will be produced and presented.

Promoting Freedom of Information

Freedom of Information

\$133,100

To promote freedom of information by monitoring official information resources. Analyses of proposed and current legislation regarding freedom of information will be conducted and information about these issues will be published online.

Promoting Human Rights

Human Rights

\$200,000

To monitor human rights violations and to offer legal aid to victims of human rights violations. The organization will maintain a website with information about its activities and focus areas and it will provide legal advice and assistance to victims of human rights abuses.

Promoting Human Rights

Human Rights

\$49,900

To enable young people and their families to protect their rights and to decrease the frequency of human rights abuses. Human rights seminars and consultations will be conducted on these issues.

Promoting Human Rights

Human Rights

\$106,300

To monitor human rights violations. Project activities will include monitoring human rights abuses, providing legal consultations, and conducting analyses of previous instances of violations. An informational website will be maintained.

Promoting Independent Media

Freedom of Information

\$64,700

To promote the independent assessment of political, social, and human rights developments in Russia. Information and analysis on political, social, and human rights developments from its regions will be provided.

Promoting Minority Rights

Human Rights

\$58,688

To increase the availability of legal assistance for minorities and to improve the capacity of organizations that offer legal and technical assistance to minorities to plan and conduct activities. A legal and technical assistance program will be conducted, consultations with organizations to increase their capacities will be offered, and a rights monitoring initiative will be launched.

Protecting Civil Society Activists

Human Rights

\$90,168

To foster the respect of, and adherence to, international norms on human rights, rule of law and democratic values in Russia. Activities will include maintaining a website and providing informational and legal support to activists.

Protecting Civil Society Activists

Human Rights

Supplement: \$9,914

To foster the respect of, and adherence to, international norms on human rights, rule of law and democratic values in Russia. Activities will include maintaining a website and providing informational and legal support to activists.

Protecting Human Rights

Human Rights

\$110,038

To reduce the incidence of human rights violations, to strengthen the compliance with and application of international human rights standards, and to help citizens understand their rights. Free legal support will be provided and an informational campaign will be run.

Protection of Ethnic Minorities

Human Rights

\$32,900

To defend minority rights in Russia. Project activities will include providing legal aid and consultations to representatives of minority populations on an as-needed basis.

Providing an Open Space for Civil Society

Democratic Ideas and Values

\$43,494

To enhance the capacity of civil society in Russia. Public events will be held, collaboration between civic activists and organizations will be promoted, and civic education programs will be organized.

Providing Independent Local News

Freedom of Information

\$44,000

To increase the availability of quality Russian-language investigative journalism and to provide the public with an independent source of news and analysis on developments in Russia. Activities will include publishing its investigative reporting, analytical articles, and current events coverage online.

Providing Independent Local Reporting

Freedom of Information

\$35,000

To raise awareness of local issues and to provide accurate information on local and national news. A website covering local news, events, and civic initiatives will be maintained.

Public Dialogue

Democratic Ideas and Values

\$48,000

To support civil society and human rights activists. Discussions on history and human rights will be hosted and informational and resource support will be offered to activists, local NGOs and initiative groups.

Public Movements, Past and Present

Human Rights

\$80,329

To improve public awareness and understanding of the role of repression in Russian history. Activities will include hosting a series of discussions and public events on this topic and providing information on historical events through its website.

Public Opinion Research

Democratic Ideas and Values

\$36,300

To measure public opinion in order to improve understanding of how human rights abuses and other factors affect local events. Surveys on attitudes on a range of issues will be conducted and published.

Publicizing Corruption

Accountability

\$39,627

To raise public awareness of corruption in Russia. A series of activities aimed at bringing information and research about cases of corruption in Russia to the public's attention will be conducted.

Raising Awareness of Human Rights

Human Rights

\$67,860

To provide free legal representation and consultation to victims of human rights violations. Project activities will include collecting information about human rights violations, and providing assistance to victims, including utilizing regional or international instruments for human rights protection and defense.

Resolving Social Issues

Democratic Ideas and Values

\$34,475

To facilitate the discussion of approaches to addressing social issues in Russia and to foster cooperation between activists. An event dedicated to the discussion of social issues in Russia and how to address them will be held.

Sociological Research

Freedom of Information

\$91,749

To gauge attitudes among the public. The public's perception of and attitudes toward current and recent events will be researched, and academic analyses of the results of the research will be conducted.

Strengthening Civil Society

NGO Strengthening

Supplement: \$3,249

To strengthen the public outreach capacity of civil society organizations. Communication and advocacy training programs will be organized in order to assist activists in developing their ideas into projects.

Strengthening Civil Society

NGO Strengthening

\$122,460

To provide informational and legal assistance to civil society organizations and activists. Consultations and trainings that address current challenges facing civil society will be conducted, after which it will follow up with participants to gauge their understanding of these issues.

Strengthening the Capacity of Civil Society

NGO Strengthening

\$39,890

To strengthen the capacities of civic activists and journalists to conduct their work. Informational and professional support to civic activists and journalists in Russia as they conduct projects will be offered.

Strengthening Women's Organization

Human Rights

Supplement: \$12,000

To strengthen civil society and to improve the ability of women to protect their rights. Project activities will include conducting trainings, seminars, and discussions with young women that address pressing social issues and their rights.

Support for Civil Society

NGO Strengthening

\$200,000

To support civic debate and open dialogue by providing a venue and resource center for a network of independent civil society groups. A facility will be maintained which will hold exhibitions, seminars, debates, and networking and coordination meetings for civil society activists.

Support for Independent Journalism

Freedom of Information

\$44,000

To increase the amount of quality independent journalism available to the public. The organization will publish its reporting on significant social issues online.

Support for Investigative Journalism

Freedom of Information

\$68,600

To increase the availability of independent investigative journalism in Russia and on Russia-related issues. The organization will conduct a high-quality investigative journalism program and publish the reporting online.

Support for NGOs

NGO Strengthening

Supplement: \$43,288

To support civil society organizations and individual activists. Legal and informational training for civil society activists about their work and their current operating environment will be provided.

Supporting Access to Information

Freedom of Information

Supplement: \$20,000

To support the freedom of information. Support for a popular online Russian-language video series on news topics will be expanded.

Supporting Activists

Human Rights

\$53,760

To provide support for civil society and human rights activists. Activities will include consultations with its partner networks and offering legal, informational, and technical assistance to activists who are under pressure because of their work.

Supporting Activists

Human Rights

\$60,267

To provide support for activists under pressure. Legal and technical assistance to individual activists facing pressure or threats due to the nature of their work will be provided, and capacity-building and technical support for activists and organizations will be offered.

Supporting Civic Activism

Human Rights

\$30,700

To enable Russian citizens to better protect their rights and to support grassroots initiatives. Project activities will include offering legal support assistance to citizens whose rights have been violated and conducting a series of activities aimed at supporting grassroots initiatives in Russia.

Supporting Civil Society

NGO Strengthening

\$50,000

To maintain a center for the support of citizen initiatives and nonprofit organizations and to counteract negative portrayals of civil society by highlighting the positive contributions that human rights organizations, initiative groups, and individual activists and volunteers make to society. Trainings will be hosted and awareness campaigns on these issues will be conducted.

Supporting Civil Society

NGO Strengthening

\$100,000

To provide informational and legal assistance to civil society and to raise awareness of human rights violations. Assistance will be provided online and through in-person consultations.

Supporting Freedom of Information

Freedom of Information

\$80,000

To improve the availability of objective information. An independent news source will be operated and will work with bloggers, journalists, and activists.

Supporting Human Rights Defenders

Human Rights

\$40,049

To support regional civil society organizations through public outreach, training, and informational support for activists. Impartial coverage of regional civil organizations will be provided and activists in need will be assisted.

Supporting Independent Media

Freedom of Information

\$45,546

To provide an independent source of information on developments in Russia and the world for Russian-language audiences. An independent Russian-language media project to provide high-quality reporting to the public will be conducted.

Supporting Independent Media

Freedom of Information

\$39,600

To increase public awareness of social, political, and human rights developments in Russia. Content related to the development of democratic norms and competitive politics in Russia will be published.

Supporting Russian Activists

Democratic Ideas and Values

\$48,000

To support activists. Project activities will include providing fellowships to activists at risk, offering humanitarian and other support to political prisoners, and raising awareness of the issue of politically-motivated persecution against democratic activists.

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