EURASIA

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As part of our duty of care, our internal processes are designed to ensure that while we maintain rigorous transparency standards, we do so without compromising the safety of our partners. This grant listing includes details that reflect the nature of our work without disclosing sensitive or identifying information that could put our grantees at risk in hostile places. NED shares additional information regarding its programs with its Board of Directors and Congressional oversight committees.

For additional details, see NED President and CEO Damon Wilson's <u>statement</u> on balancing transparency and safety, and review our Duty of Care and Public Disclosure policies.

ARMENIA

Supporting Independent News and Analysis ① \$ 145.000

To provide independent news and analysis on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and its impact on Armenia, the organization will create news reports, weekly digests on socio-political developments, and host a weekly analytical talk show with contributors from civil society to contextualize events for domestic and international audiences.

Supporting Citizen Engagement in Conflict-Impacted Regions ① \$ 79.755

To improve the civic engagement capacity of local residents in the South Caucasus, particularly women and youth, the organization will organize trainings, run a democracy school for community leaders, support local initiatives, facilitate regional networking for young leaders, and advocate for government policies that reflect local needs.

Strengthening Civic Engagement Among Displaced Populations ® \$157,700

To promote the political integration of displaced people from Nagorno-Karabakh, the organization will build capacity within their civil society, network them with local counterparts, host convenings, trainings, and discussions with government officials, and monitor Yerevan's municipal government to combat corruption in state assistance for the displaced population.

Promoting Investigative Journalism ① \$ 149.992

To increase independent reporting, the organization will investigate and cover political developments and democratization and publish articles in Armenian, Russian, and English.

Promoting Independent Media Voices ① \$ 105,000

To provide citizens with independent media coverage and analysis of important political developments, the organization will broadcast daily news programming online and publish regular indepth feature pieces examining key national, regional and international political issues, offering a range of political perspectives and viewpoints.

Promoting Civic Engagement Among Youth ② \$ 107.995

To empower young people to participate in political life by strengthening understanding of democratic values, the organization will build its national network of youth civic leaders, expand regional affiliates, bridge the gap between youth and established civil society organizations, support programming at its newest branches, expand into the Syunik region, and integrate Nagorno-Karabakh youth into its network and activities.

Advancing Independent Perspectives on Foreign Policy and Security ① \$ 120,000

To increase public awareness of global affairs and their impact on national foreign policy and security, the organization will produce television programming critically examining narratives about security, sovereignty, and democracy in the country and region, broadcast on national media, share on social media, and conduct audience research to increase viewership.

Supporting Accountability for Human Rights Abuses ® \$ 232.620

To protect human rights, the organization will document and publicize abuses related to ethnic violence in Nagorno-Karabakh, covering violations during the lead-up, the events of the attack, and the aftermath.

Empowering Citizens Through Independent Media ① \$ 98.350

To promote public discussion about political reform, democratization, and major political developments, the organization will publish independent news and analysis about the country's politics, economy, democratic trajectory, and regional relations in English and Armenian for domestic audiences and international observers.

To promote the integration of the displaced Nagorno-Karabakh population into political life and democratic processes, the organization will conduct research and advocacy to integrate them into the political system, lay groundwork for regional peace, maximize information-sharing, and raise international discourse around the crisis.

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Promoting Public Engagement on Foreign Policy Reform ⑦ \$ 167,148

To promote informed public discussion of reform processes and foreign policy, the organization will publish articles and videos focusing on Russia relations, convene events with journalists and officials, hold public discussions, and conduct research to support constitutional and police reform recommendations.

Empowering Young Leaders in Education and Activism ① \$ 67.345

To enhance youth participation in national reforms and promote civic engagement, the organization will convene local students and Karabakhi refugees in leadership activities, build student councils, and promote youth representation in education and professional spheres.

Building a Role for the Displaced in a Democratic Future ① \$ 55,446

To support the participation of a displaced population of Nagorno-Karabakh in building a democratic and secure future, the organization will produce podcasts and analytical articles, hold public discussions, and organize a conference addressing displacement issues while involving thought leaders from Nagorno-Karabakh.

Advocating for Press Freedom (3) \$ 95,855

To support freedom of expression, the organization will monitor cases of violence against journalists, create a public record of press freedom violations, work with government leaders on media legislation, and build support for press freedom by producing independent opinions on defamation cases.

Strengthening Women's Participation in Civic and Political Life ③ \$ 64.894

To encourage women's participation in political and civic life, the organization will host a political leadership program for young women to network with government officials and practice skills on shadow city councils, and support women interested in political participation to develop leadership through implementing community service projects.

Promoting Accountability in Closed Government Institutions ⑦ \$ 98.571

To conduct oversight for closed institutions, support security and defense institution reform, and strengthen human rights, the organization will monitor closed institutions, produce analyses and recommendations, provide legal services to victims of government abuses, and engage in strategic litigation for greater accountability.

Supporting a Sovereign, Democratic Future ③ \$ 78.900

To promote informed public debate about foreign and security policy, increase expert and official capacity, and center democracy and rule of law in these discussions, the organization will produce analytical articles, host roundtable discussions, conduct training programs for aspiring policymakers, and hold public events.

Protecting Citizens' Rights by Fighting for Judicial Reforms 7 \$ 114,052

To promote judicial reform, the organization will monitor courts' use of pre-trial measures against defendants, produce regular reports, advocate with government and civil society audiences for reforms protecting citizens' rights, provide legal aid to human rights abuse victims, and produce opinions on relevant draft legislation.

Promoting Government Accountability and Access to Justice ① \$ 66,940

To counter corruption, the organization will monitor anti-corruption court proceedings, investigate judicial corruption, litigate corruption cases on behalf of victims, and produce an online TV program highlighting corruption issues and legal rights.

Advancing Human Rights in the Judiciary ® \$60,001

To defend human rights, the organization will track court proceedings, offer legal advice, engage in strategic litigation, provide expert recommendations to the government, and produce an online interview program addressing human rights and judicial issues.

Advancing Public Policy for Democratic Development ① \$ 53,980

To support the development of democratic institutions, the organization will create short videos, run an online forum on accountable security institutions, and advocate for more democratic policy options with respect to foreign policy and domestic reforms.

Enhancing Democracy Through Public Engagement ® \$59,962

To promote public discussion and engagement on key domestic and international issues, the organization will produce broadcast debates and interviews in Armenian and Russian, featuring high-profile domestic and international figures to foster constructive dialogue between experts and the general public.

Core Institute

International Republican Institute

Advancing Women's Participation in Government ① \$ 350,000

To support the advancement of women in leadership positions in government, the Institute will promote the work of women political leaders, enhance their leadership and communication skills, and facilitate collaboration between civil society and government officials to meet goals for women's participation in government under the public administration reform strategy.

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National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Advancing the Political Integration of Forcibly Displaced Persons ® \$300.000

To build the capacity of local political leaders to address the needs of forcibly displaced people, the Institute will conduct a pilot program in high-displacement communities, perform needs assessments, and enhance the capacity of political leaders to address concerns and promote participatory decision-making.

Solidarity Center

Building the Capacity of Workers and Trade Unions to Defend Labor Rights 12 \$ 499,099

To strengthen the democratic trade union movement, the Center will support worker and union leaders to increase grassroots membership, train leaders from the Confederation of Trade Unions to expand membership, build consensus on priority issues, and advocate for worker policies, while empowering young labor leaders to improve working conditions and engage more in union structures.

AZERBAIJAN

Promoting Civic Engagement and Grassroots Participation ® \$65,310

To promote civic engagement and grassroots political participation, the organization will train civically minded individuals and organizations to encourage active and consistent participation in local initiatives, foster local leadership, and provide technical and legal support to a wide variety of regional organizations and community initiatives.

Promoting Analytical Discourse ® \$91,900

To improve political and economic discourse quality, the organization will produce research and opinion pieces on social, economic, and political themes for its website and social media, develop a community of independent academics, and foster cross-border scholarly networks.

Increasing Access to Information ② \$ 100.000

To increase access to information and raise awareness about human rights, the organization will create materials about human rights for distribution online and on social media, including analytical publications, news articles, and short videos, which will be published in different formats on social media platforms.

Defending Fundamental Human Rights ③ \$ 185.134

To promote and defend human rights, the organization will work with rural youth on developing leadership skills, conduct sociological research on economic trends, engage in advocacy, and provide operational, capacity-building and strategic support to partner organizations.

Promoting Fundamental Rights ① \$ 50.000

To raise awareness of human rights issues, the organization will engage citizens through educational outreach activities across the country, especially in underserved regions, covering civil rights and property rights.

Defending Human Rights ⑦ \$ 50.610

To promote human rights defense, the organization will engage local populations on human rights issues through events, social media content, stakeholder meetings, capacity-building trainings for young people, and mentorship for participants.

Empowering Grassroots Actors ① \$ 42,340

To empower community-level civic engagement, the organization will help citizens in several cities solve local challenges, train them on government responsibilities and legal procedures, maintain a website with regional news, and provide free legal counsel.

Fostering Public Awareness of Current Events \$\mathbb{Q}\$ \$49.970

To promote civic discourse and public awareness of current events, the organization will produce videos on political and social events for social media, featuring perspectives from regional thought leaders, analysts, and citizens.

Monitoring and Advocacy for Political Prisoners ① \$ 68,840

To raise awareness about human rights abuses, the organization will gather verified information on government representatives involved in violations through open-source data, testimonials, and court monitoring, and will disseminate this information to international decision-makers, NGOs, and human rights advocates.

Promoting Freedom of Information ⁽¹⁾ \$ 94,500

To support freedom of information, the organization will publish regular updates on political, economic, and social topics, featuring expert articles, and provide live-streamed content and multimedia materials on social media.

Fostering the Development of the Rule of Law ⁽¹⁾ \$ 43,990

To promote respect for human rights and the rule of law, the organization will support capacity-building for human rights lawyers and advocacy efforts among civil society groups, including training and resources on legal recourse for human rights violations.

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Investigating Public Spending ⁽¹⁾ \$ 70,130

To monitor and expose systemic corruption and human rights abuses, the organization will publish regular content and data analysis on public procurement and corruption in state tenders and produce a final analytical report based on findings and their domestic and international implications.

Strengthening Independent Media ① \$ 219.594

To support freedom of information and raise awareness of the regime's domestic abuses and authoritarian collaboration, the organization will produce news articles, videos, analysis, and commentary through its network of journalists for its website and social media, focusing on stories not covered by government-controlled media including corruption, human rights violations, economic issues and foreign policy.

GEORGIA

Increasing Civic Engagement in the Regions ® \$43.710

To increase civic engagement and democratic pluralism in the regions, the organization will train communities on civil and legal rights, monitor municipal candidates' pre-election promises, and work with local governments to develop transparency and outreach mechanisms for citizen engagement.

Promoting Independent Daily News Media ① \$ 110,000

To provide high-quality daily news, the organization will publish timely coverage and analysis of current events in multiple languages, increase short news pieces, report on media discussions about politics, and develop engaging content to reach a wider audience.

Promoting Human Rights and Elevating Young Leaders 12 \$ 100,000

To strengthen rural youth leaders' engagement in support of human rights and democratic values, the organization will conduct human rights and democracy trainings and expand efforts through informal sessions led by locally-networked youth leaders.

Encouraging Civic and Political Engagement Among Youth ® \$ 100.000

To train and network a new generation of young political leaders and encourage voter participation, the organization will conduct trainings on civic project creation, political engagement, communication, and networking, and will use its platform to foster youth engagement and help other NGOs support emerging youth groups.

Promoting Access to Independent Media ① \$ 50,002

To promote the availability of independent news in the regions, the organization will publish news, analysis, and multimedia reports for its website and social media in multiple languages and host radio and online shows emphasizing local and regional issues often underreported by national media.

Fostering Youth Civic Engagement ① \$ 55,000

To promote civic engagement among youth and foster new youth leadership, the organization will convene meetings between politically engaged youth and party representatives to amplify youth voices in platforms and encourage participation ahead of parliamentary elections, while supporting constructive avenues for continued engagement.

Supporting Civic Engagement and Voter Outreach ① \$ 42.307

To develop a local network of civic leaders and conduct an informational campaign for rural populations about European Union membership, the organization will provide programming on civic engagement values and help rural voters navigate electoral changes to participate in parliamentary elections.

Supporting Independent Regional Media ⁽¹⁾ \$ 178.721

To promote the availability of independent local, regional, and national news, the organization will report on breaking news and political and social developments, publish multimedia content across its online platforms, and prepare analytical articles and investigative reports on public affairs to encourage government accountability.

Confronting Stalin's Legacy ® \$59.650

To promote independent understanding of Stalin's legacy and how it's used in contemporary authoritarian narratives, the organization will publish a book, produce a documentary, hold discussions for diverse audiences, work with teachers to improve history education, and lead excursions highlighting the Soviet legacy of repression in political life.

Increasing Civil Society Resilience ® \$74.000

To improve security of human rights defenders, the organization will conduct holistic security consultations with selected organizations, providing prolonged mentoring relationships to help draft policies emphasizing physical and digital security best practices and develop resources that protect staff and mitigate programmatic risk.

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Supporting Confidence-Building and Conflict Resolution Through Dialogue ③ \$ 130,257

To increase trust and advocate for initiatives that build trust between Georgians and Abkhaz, the organization will facilitate meetings between Georgian and Abkhaz representatives, coordinate study visits for entrepreneurs and professionals, produce policy papers on conflict transformation, and organize trainings for talented students.

Using Data Visualization to Boost Political Engagement ① \$ 99.950

To encourage voter engagement, the organization will collaborate with civil society and media outlets to create engaging data visualizations and novel online content, train influencers to reach younger demographics, and drive voter turnout with authentic, nonpartisan political messages.

Supporting Democratic Ideas and Values in Religious Communities $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{T}}$ \$ 101,335

To promote awareness and understanding of democratic values in religious communities, the organization will conduct workshops with clergy and civil society on the compatibility of democracy and religious beliefs, support and train civic education teachers in religious schools, and promote student engagement on democratization and active citizenship.

Strengthening Democratic Values ① \$ 49,930

To encourage grassroots civic engagement and policy discussions in the regions, the organization will hold discussions on human rights and democratic values with students, collaborate with local media to produce and publish investigative stories on regional issues, and support youth leaders in developing civic engagement projects.

Supporting Independent Media ① \$ 76.060

To promote government accountability and freedom of information, the organization will produce daily news on political developments, investigative reports on corruption, and public interest items through online and social media platforms.

Promoting Investigative Journalism and Government Accountability ① \$ 99.980

To promote government accountability and freedom of information, the organization will produce investigative documentaries for broadcast on independent television stations and short-form reports for social media, covering political topics such as corruption, nepotism, government expenditures, and human rights violations.

Supporting Multilingual Media for Regional Populations ① \$ 50.004

To promote freedom of information, the organization will provide balanced coverage on local issues through multilingual content on its online and radio platforms, including professionally produced programs as well as community-created content.

Supporting Armenian Language Media ② \$ 50,000

To provide daily Armenian-language coverage of political, economic, and social developments, the organization will offer news and information to Armenian populations reliant on Russian-language sources, while also informing readers in Armenia with a comparative perspective on current events.

Fostering Public Engagement with Political Processes ① \$ 35.000

To promote stronger communication and accountability between rural voters and political actors, the organization will broadcast an interview series with municipal government politicians that address local citizens' questions and requests.

Supporting Legal Aid and Human Rights Monitoring ® \$ 69.851

To improve human rights practices and promote international fair trial standards, the organization will monitor and report on human rights, provide free legal aid, support two regional hubs, conduct advocacy, submit reports to international organizations, and monitor trials with potential political motivations.

Supporting Investigative Journalism ⁽¹⁾ \$ 89,525

To foster public debate on corruption and nepotism, the organization will investigate political pressure on public sector employees, pre-election spending on social and infrastructure projects, track authoritarian influence, sanctions evasion schemes, and the negative impact of investments from authoritarian regimes.

Promoting Political Participation in the Regions **5** \$ 131,862

To increase participation of youth from ethnic minorities in political processes, the organization will run a youth training program on democratic processes, local and national politics, administrative procedures, public speaking and debate, policy development, and electoral monitoring.

Promoting Judicial Accountability ① \$ 68,096

To advance accountability in the justice sector, the organization will monitor developments in the judiciary, maintain an online platform to publish and share findings and policy recommendations, and organize a conference with stakeholders to discuss judicial reforms.

Fostering Freedom of Information in the Regions ® \$4,997

To support local news and citizen engagement, the organization will operate an online news portal publishing regional news, monitoring local government activities, political talk shows, and regular updates with particular attention to local issues and pre-electoral promises.

Fostering Freedom of Information and Citizen Oversight ® \$67,150

To promote citizen oversight of local government and freedom of information, the organization will cover local governance issues, regional news, and national stories affecting the Armenian minority population through a multilingual, multimedia news site.

Fostering Independent Media ① \$ 61,970

To increase the availability of independent reporting on local governance and political and economic developments in the regions, the organization will maintain and develop its online news site featuring reporting from rural communities, expand multilingual coverage, draw attention to local governance problems, and connect its audience to the country's broader political and social context.

Fostering Accountability and Transparency for Public Spending ⑦ \$ 80.000

To monitor public spending and draw public attention to potential cases of corruption and misspending, the organization publish investigations into unjustified and potentially illegal expenditures, such as the inappropriate use of administrative resources or public tenders granted to companies connected to public officials.

Core Institute

Supporting Democracy Actors ® \$340,000

To enable democracy actors to respond to emerging anti-democratic challenges, the organization will provide strategic planning and communication skills support to help them adapt their approaches, and sustain operations.

KAZAKHSTAN

Promoting Civic Engagement Among Youth ® \$65,000

To strengthen youth-led civic engagement, the organization will conduct youth seminars on human rights, civic activism, and legislation in six regions, offering internships and mentorship to two graduates at prominent civil society organizations.

Promoting Rule of Law and Accountability ③ \$ 65.000

To defend human rights, the organization will provide legal support and advocacy for political prisoners, investigate abuses from the January 2022 unrest, monitor repression, pursue strategic litigation, and share information with local and international human rights defenders.

Supporting Evidence-Based Analysis on Politics and Human Rights ① \$ 100,000

To ensure access to credible information, the organization will provide evidence-based reporting on Kazakhstani politics, conduct polling on political polarization, publish findings, and mentor early-career policy experts to raise their public profiles.

Defending Civic and Political Activism ② \$ 124.750

To promote access to justice and defend fundamental freedoms, the organization will monitor violations of the right to peaceful assembly, torture, and persecution of activists, provide legal assistance to citizens whose rights have been violated, and use this information to produce policy recommendations for better observance of human rights.

Developing Local Civil Society ① \$ 34,500

To promote civic and human rights activism, the organization will conduct a three-month intensive education course for young activists, support them to implement their own mini-projects over a two-month period, and invite experienced trainers to lead the program.

Building Grassroots Youth Organizations ② \$ 43,000

To promote civic engagement among youth, the organization will teach and assist youth in producing and publishing video podcasts about human rights, political, economic, and social issues relevant to their community, followed by local advocacy based on expert recommendations to achieve policy change.

Providing Independent Political Analysis ® \$60,000

To provide independent analysis of political, social, economic, and human rights developments in Russian, the organization will publish regular, long-form interviews with Kazakhstan's notable civil society figures, media representatives, and political opposition, and post these interviews on its social media pages.

Promoting Women's Political Participation ® \$ 50.000

To foster women's political participation, the organization will conduct in-depth political education courses for Russian and Kazakh speaking female activists on organizing, legislative analysis, and networking, and educate the Kazakhstani public about the importance of political representation.

Promoting News, Analysis, and Investigative Journalism ③ \$ 188.862

To promote access to independent and politically relevant news, analysis, and investigative reporting, the organization's in-house journalists and team of regional freelancers will publish breaking news, in-depth analysis, investigative reporting, podcasts, documentaries, and multimedia content in Russian and Kazakh, while mentoring emerging journalists and collaborating with international partners to inform global investigations into kleptocracy and corruption.

Delivering Independent News and Regional Reporting Online (4) \$ 130,000

To provide citizens with news and analysis of current events, human rights, and politics, the organization will produce content in Russian and Kazakh through a national network of freelance journalists, covering democratic values, political rights, and Russian influence on a social media video channel.

Building Capacity of Elections Observers ① \$ 52,750

To support free and fair elections, the organization will create a methodology based on international standards and Kazakh law to train citizens in electoral observation, conduct election monitoring, and publish its findings for domestic and international audiences.

Promoting Access to Information ② \$ 55.000

To provide access to information about public affairs in newly created oblasts, the organization will investigate allegations of public corruption and other local governance issues, publish its findings online, and collaborate with local activists to launch public campaigns for government accountability.

Providing Legal Support to Defend Human Rights ® \$121,000

To promote fundamental freedoms and protect independent civil society, the organization will monitor threats to independent activity, produce analytical reports, and offer strategic legal aid while defending calls for transparency and reform amidst shrinking civic space.

Providing Independent News, Analysis, and Investigations ® 45,750

To provide objective and timely information about political developments within the country and in connection to transnational corruption, the organization will publish news, analysis, and investigations primarily in Russian with some materials in English for international audiences.

Fostering Kazakh Language Use to Advance Civic Engagement and Democratic Values (5) \$ 50,400

To promote the use of Kazakh language among civil society actors, human rights defenders, journalists, and political activists, the organization will establish a center for education, conduct regular classes, hold a discussion club, and produce content for social media that promotes Kazakh language use while conveying democratic values.

Promoting Human Rights and Civic Engagement ① \$ 54.400

To build a community of youth human rights defenders, the organization will conduct a comprehensive human rights and civic education course by respected local and national human rights trainers for aspiring youth activists and create a convening space for those activists to build community.

Protecting Internet Freedom ① \$ 57,000

To protect internet freedom and access to information, the organization will defend internet users against unlawful blockages and other online rights violations, while continuing a Russian and Kazakh language campaign to raise awareness about internet freedom and the dangers of government-ordered shutdowns.

Monitoring of Extractive Industries to Promote Transparency and Accountability ① \$45,500

To foster democratic accountability tied to the country's energy sector, the organization will train civic actors to promote accountability, transparency and civic engagement in agreements between the government and international partners tied to the extractives industry, as well as provide civil society partners with support to publish analyses and advocate for policy reform.

Increasing Civic Engagement Using Multi-Media Storytelling ® \$60,340

To increase participation in civic activism and volunteerism, the organization will maintain its trilingual website, produce documentary films highlighting ecological crises and their human rights impact in the region, and conduct multi-faceted safety trainings for activists to counter increasing oppression.

Supporting Digital News in Kazakh @ \$ 56,000

To provide an independent source of national news and analysis to Kazakh language audiences, the organization will publish its video content on social media and expand its coverage to include arts, culture, and historical memory alongside news and political topics.

Core Institute

International Republican Institute

Promoting Citizen Participation in Political Processes ® \$ 500.000

To strengthen the ability of civil society and political activists to collaborate and engage in political processes, the Institute will organize trainings and consultations on strategies, messaging, advocacy best practices, and research application, and conduct a national poll to ensure advocacy strategies are data-driven and responsive to citizens' needs.

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

Promoting Human Rights ① \$ 100,000

To expand access to human rights defense in remote regions, the organization will maintain its network of NGOs, monitor abuses, and provide free legal aid.

Supporting Independent Investigative Journalism ⑦ \$ 58,500

To promote anticorruption investigations and increase government accountability, the organization will produce investigations on corruption and nepotism, underscoring their impact on governance and democratization, and publish them in Russian and Kyrgyz on social media.

Promoting the Rule of Law ⁽¹⁾ \$ 105.000

To promote the rule of law and defend civil and political rights, the organization will conduct strategic litigation, analyze current and proposed legislation, and suggest reforms to align with international human rights standards.

Promoting Investigative Reporting ① \$ 55.000

To investigate corruption and human rights violations, the organization will conduct investigations, produce documentaries, and host press conferences in Kyrgyz and Russian, highlighting the political, financial, and social costs for citizens.

Promoting Civic Engagement and Interethnic Dialogue ② \$ 54.000

To promote democratic ideas and values among youth in the remote and multiethnic Batken Region, the organization will implement a debate program for university and high school students, covering political and social issues, alongside civic education and public dialogue activities for youth and adults.

Pursuing Strategic Litigation ① \$ 50,000

To advocate for equality before the law, the organization will monitor violations of voting rights and access to government institutions, pursue ten strategic litigation cases, and build the capacity of lawyers in anti-discrimination litigation.

Defending Fundamental Human Rights **(24)** \$ 111,000

To promote the defense of human rights, the organization will monitor freedom of assembly cases, provide legal consultations, and use data to train lawyers and judges while advocating for reforms through reports to international bodies.

Protecting Freedom of Speech and Press Freedom (5) \$ 72.000

To promote and defend freedom of expression, the organization will monitor threats to expression from legal cases, legislation, and intimidation, while pursuing strategic cases, advocating to the government and international partners, and providing a forum for media and civil society to discuss challenges to democratic development.

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Promoting Independent Journalism in the South ® \$55,000

To promote access to independent news, analysis, and commentary in the southern regions, the organization will maintain its independent Kyrgyz-language news website and social media channels offering daily news, political debates, investigative reporting, and multimedia products such as infographics and videos.

Promoting Access to Journalism and Local Language Reporting ® \$85.000

To promote access to independent news coverage and analysis in Kyrgyz, the organization will produce original video and text content for its news website, including debates, livestreams of current events, and investigative pieces, addressing the lack of credible, quality media for the Kyrgyz-speaking population.

Safeguarding Civil Society Through Legal Defense and Advocacy ③ \$ 105,000

To promote the rule of law and the development of fair and transparent legal processes, the organization will provide protection to civic and political leaders through emergency legal support, strategic litigation, and security trainings, and respond to unfolding threats to civil society by using the legal system to pressure the government to meet its constitutional and international obligations.

Promoting Independent Media and Investigative Reporting ® \$400.000

To support independent media and investigative journalism for citizens, the organization will produce materials in Kyrgyz and Russian focusing on government corruption, abuse of power, transparency, and accountability investigations.

Promoting Public Debate of Soviet Repression (§) \$ 110,000

To raise awareness of Soviet repression, the organization will run a school for artists, academics, civic leaders, educators, and researchers, produce academically rigorous materials on historical events, and present them in formats accessible to a general audience.

Expanding Access to Independent Media ① \$ 112.000

To support independent media, the organization will produce television programs for a Kyrgyz-speaking audience, featuring discussions, documentaries, investigations, and rebroadcasts from other Kyrgyzstani and international media outlets.

Promoting Independent Media (§) \$ 125.000

To support a pluralistic array of independent commentary, the organization will produce regular videos in Russian and Kyrgyz, covering current events with commentary and in-depth interviews, aimed at engaging audiences typically less involved in politics.

Supporting a New Generation of Human Rights Activists (1) \$ 95,000

To support professional development of early-career human rights defenders, the organization will hold its signature training program for young leaders, lawyers, and students, providing stipends to support research and new initiatives while engaging alumni from previous programs.

Strengthening Women's Civic and Political Engagement ® \$60,000

To support the development of women's leadership in rural and religious communities, the organization will hold civic education and leadership trainings to help rural activists build their leadership capacity and public visibility, and organize roundtables on religious freedom to connect government officials with leaders of all denominations.

RUSSIA

Understanding Foreign Authoritarian Influence ① \$86,750

To increase the availability of high-quality news and analysis on foreign and domestic policy, and promote open debate on foreign authoritarian influence, the organization will publish analytical reporting and commentary, foster a new generation of Russia-focused analysts, and network those analysts with international and regional counterparts.

Strengthening Local Independent Media ¹² \$ 44.952

To provide an independent source of news and analysis in video formats, the organization will produce commentary and interview-based video reports on regional and national developments, publishing content on its website and social media.

Supporting Investigative Journalism (2) \$ 176,170

To increase high-quality investigative journalism and foster independent media's digital capacity, the organization will publish investigative pieces, independent analysis, and digital content in video and podcast formats to amplify public reach.

Supporting the Pro-Democracy Movement ① \$ 160,000

To strengthen networks among civic leaders, politicians, and public intellectuals for democratic development, the organization will facilitate networking trips, host public events, advocate for political prisoners, and articulate a vision for the country's future.

Battling Systematic Impunity ① \$ 60.000

To further justice for victims of human rights abuses and promote transitional justice, the organization will investigate abuses and use gathered data to support court proceedings at the national and international level.

Fostering Civic Engagement ® \$210,239

To foster civic engagement, promote interregional cooperation, and expand access to information, the organization will run an independent news platform and operate a resource center focused on building the capacity of civic leaders across the country.

Protecting Citizens' Rights ® \$ 160.170

To strengthen citizens' ability to defend their rights, the organization will create multimedia content in accessible formats, provide legal consultations, and engage in litigation for cases where citizens' legal rights have been violated.

Protecting Human Rights ® 96.000

To defend human rights, the organization will document violations, provide legal assistance to victims, and produce online media content to raise awareness of human rights standards and violations.

Defending Victims of Human Rights Abuses ① \$ 130.000

To increase the physical safety of victims of gross human rights violations, the organization will provide material, legal, psychological, and medical aid, monitor and report on abuses, and conduct capacity-building events for its team across different regions.

Supporting Electoral Transparency ⁽¹⁾ \$ 81.740

To promote transparency of elections, the organization will refine innovative monitoring methods using video and statistical analysis, train volunteers, and hold presentations to raise awareness of new methodologies among civic leaders, NGOs, and researchers.

Strengthening Solidarity Among Regional Activists ® 40,825

To build solidarity among regional democracy and human rights organizations, the organization will work with a network of organizations promoting democratic values, strengthen cross-regional ties, develop a joint strategic approach, provide infrastructure and support for activists, host seminars and trainings, and monitor human rights.

Defending Human Rights ⁽¹⁾ \$89,740

To increase access to justice and public awareness of human rights violations, the organization will provide legal consultations and representation to victims, monitor the human rights environment, and publish information on human rights standards and violations.

Raising Awareness of Human Rights ① \$75,000

To raise awareness of human rights, strengthen community preparedness to respond to threats, and increase understanding of the human rights situation, the organization will provide legal consultations and direct legal aid to local community members, offer psychological support, and monitor human rights abuses, producing an annual report for broad distribution.

Strengthening Human Rights Defender Networks ® 118,348

To strengthen networks and facilitate cooperation among human rights defenders, the organization will facilitate meetings for networking, strategizing, coordinating activities, exchanging knowledge, and learning security practices, and will organize trainings for lawyers.

Supporting Regional Media ① \$ 64,365

To provide high-quality information to the regional and national population and support independent journalism as a democratic institution, the organization will support an independent internet news website focused on a major city underserved by independent media and publish original content via its website and messaging apps.

Promoting Academic Freedom ① \$ 75,846

To improve understanding and raise awareness of how limitations on academic freedom inhibit the development of democratic ideals, the organization will produce and publish reports, present at international conferences, highlight the crackdown on academic freedom, and support efforts for greater cross-border engagement.

Defending Human Rights Through Legal Support ® \$74,500

To protect fundamental rights and freedoms, the organization will support a network of human rights lawyers by providing legal consultations, direct legal representation to victims of human rights abuses, and mentoring for lawyers bringing cases before international courts.

Fostering Investigative Journalism ® \$ 121.432

To strengthen the abilities of journalists to investigate corruption and other abuses of power, the organization will conduct training for investigative journalists and support collaborative reporting projects and peer-learning to increase the amount of high-quality investigative journalism available to the public.

Supporting Freedom of Information and Accurate Wartime Reporting ① \$39,380

To support investigative journalism and accurate reporting on Russia's war in Ukraine, the organization will conduct research on the war's effects on Russian society and make findings available to national and international press to increase accurate reporting on the war and its consequences.

Protecting Citizens' Rights ① \$ 39,750

To defend citizens' legal right to conscientious objection and support the rule of law in wartime, the organization will provide legal and psychological assistance to those exercising their constitutional rights and conduct information campaigns to educate citizens on their legal rights and defense methods.

Promoting Regional Civic Education and Public Engagement ② \$ 106,185

To promote discussion of local issues and history and educate the local population about their rights, the organization will conduct public events on human rights and civic action, support news and informational pages on local developments, and organize consultations and seminars to educate youth on how to defend their rights.

Supporting Investigative Journalism ⁽¹⁾ \$ 250,900

To promote investigative journalism and increase access to objective information about the country, the organization will increase investigative pieces, expand publication formats to attract new audiences, and publish in various text and video genres with emphasis on investigative and expert analytical content.

Improving the Capacity of Human Rights Defenders ① \$ 73.846

To build legal capacity to defend human rights in an increasingly repressive environment, the organization will organize training sessions, webinars, and events for human rights lawyers on utilizing international mechanisms, and provide mentoring on the submission process in select cases.

Mapping Soviet Repression ① \$ 52.015

To promote democratic values, the organization will map memorials to victims of past Soviet-era political terror and other sites of historic significance, build out a database with the information, protect and maintain the physical integrity of historical sites and memorials of political terror, and support local initiatives.

Supporting Independent Information and Policy Analysis ① \$ 62.966

To provide high-quality Russian-language news and analysis on significant developments, the organization will use its online platforms to report on Russian foreign and domestic policy and explain their social and political implications to its audience.

Promoting Investigative Journalism ② \$ 149.999

To publish high-quality investigations on social and political issues, the organization will focus on how these issues affect women and girls, publish unique investigative pieces on key concerns across multiple platforms, and work to expand their audience reach.

To foster respect for international human rights norms, the rule of law, and democratic values, the organization will conduct research, monitor legal proceedings, publish findings, and provide legal assistance to victims of human rights violations.

Building Capacity and Enhancing Collaboration ① \$ 143,654

To strengthen the capacity of civil society and regional civic leaders, the organization will conduct public events and civic education programs, facilitate collaboration among civic leaders, analyze the civil society ecosystem through field research, and provide technical and financial support to promising local initiatives.

Supporting Independent Multimedia Reporting on Local Issues ① \$ 57.000

To support high-quality, independent Russian-language journalism on national and regional topics, the organization will maintain a multi-platform media outlet focused on long-form journalism and investigative reporting, covering regional impacts of the current political and economic crisis and distributing content through its online platforms.

Defending Citizens' Rights ① \$ 152,961

To help citizens defend their rights, the organization will provide legal advice and consultations, publish informational resources on constitutional rights, engage with audiences through social media, and publish articles and legal resources for journalists, lawyers, and the general public.

Supporting an International Scholar Network ① \$ 138,720

To sustain academic communities in exile and maintain scholars' international engagement, the organization will provide non-residential fellowships and travel stipends to displaced scholars to continue their research, stay engaged academically, and maintain scholarly networks.

Supporting Independent Coverage of Civic Activity ® \$119,970

To provide an independent source of news and live reporting in popular formats, the organization will produce video reporting and interviews on significant political and social developments, particularly covering peaceful civic actions, and publish content across its social media platforms and website.

Monitoring Extremism and Repression ® \$180,444

To promote informed, constructive public discussion of extremism, the organization will produce expert analysis of extremism and xenophobia, publish articles on its platforms and in partner publications, conduct public events, engage in international advocacy, and partner with similar organizations to discuss regional dynamics.

Building Capacity for Civic Leaders (4) \$ 46,341

To build the capacity and resilience of civic leaders working despite mounting repression, the organization will organize trainings focused on organizing, personal and informational security, risk analysis, and burnout prevention, tailored for those working in hostile environments.

Supporting Democratic Movements ① \$ 299.523

To provide comprehensive assistance to democracy advocates at risk and civil society organizations, the organization will pursue strategic advocacy to strengthen protection mechanisms, foster democratic movement sustainability, provide emergency assistance, and manage legal and financial challenges.

Supporting Human Rights Education ⁽¹⁾ \$ 74,826

To support civic education and incorporation of human rights and democratic values in education, the organization will work with teachers to develop curricula and methodologies focused on critical thinking, conflict resolution, and democratic values.

Supporting Independent Journalism ① \$ 179.970

To foster freedom of information, the organization will publish video content, photos, and text across social media platforms, including news broadcasts, live-streams, on-the-ground interviews, and talk shows featuring diverse perspectives on current events.

Supporting Analysis and Fostering Public Debate (9) \$ 911,098

To support independent information sources and stimulate public debate, the organization will produce investigations and news coverage including interactive reports and live interviews, facilitate public discussion, and promote civic participation to counter state repression and advance democratic values.

Monitoring Human Rights Abuses ① \$ 150.000

To raise awareness about systemic human rights violations, the organization will monitor and collect violation data, publish reports and news coverage, pursue international advocacy, track trends over time, and make datasets available to researchers and experts.

Promoting Democratic Values ① \$ 200,055

To maintain a democratic movement amid repression and promote grassroots engagement, the organization will provide small grants, security consultations and training to civic organizations, and enable civic leaders to attend a networking conference.

Supporting Online News and Commentary ① \$ 250,172

To provide independent news and commentary on political, economic, and social issues and support pro-democracy networks, the organization will produce Russian-language video content featuring current events analysis and documentaries on political processes that provide an alternative to state propaganda and stimulate public discussion on democratic values.

Promoting Youth Civic Engagement ② \$ 53.772

To promote civic engagement and democratic values, the organization will publish articles and interviews on local regional issues across social media platforms and produce audio and video broadcasts to raise awareness of citizen mobilization and advocacy efforts.

Supporting Regional Media ① \$ 73,380

To support independent media coverage of regional news and engage local communities, the organization will expand a multi-platform media outlet providing professional journalistic coverage of the country's regions and continue publishing this work on its website and social media with adapted formats to expand its audience.

Elevating Awareness of Pro-Democracy Opposition Figures @ \$ 35,000

To raise awareness of the work of the pro-democratic opposition, the organization will produce a documentary film profiling leading opposition politicians and anticorruption leaders, submit it to awards competitions and film festivals, and partner with educational institutions to increase its visibility in classrooms.

Promoting Freedom of Association (4) \$ 115.475

To strengthen the capacity of the labor movement, the organization will provide legal assistance, monitor rights violations, publish research, and facilitate roundtables and training events for local and national civic leaders.

Supporting Freedom of Expression ® 175.000

To support critical thinking and freedom of expression, the organization will offer online webinars on civic engagement, history, constitutional law, and human rights, and will monitor and publish findings on freedom of expression in the country.

Promoting Civic Engagement and Democratic Values (4) \$ 64,387

To support grassroots engagement and promote democratic values, the organization will hold trainings, maintain community centers, support the broader community, and raise awareness about the negative impacts of repressive legislation, and collaborate with local initiatives.

Developing Civil Society Networks ① \$ 69.656

To develop civil society networks and promote new approaches to civic engagement, the organization will convene civil society leaders to explore innovative democratic engagement strategies and bring together young leaders from outside the political sphere to strengthen regional networks.

Enhancing the Capacity of Anti-War Grassroots Movements ® \$60.868

To strengthen the capacity and resilience of a network of anti-war leaders, the organization will develop an online course with live webinars on strategy and operational security, provide offline training to foster networking and project development, and offer stipend support and mentoring to promising initiatives.

Supporting Legal Assistance for Human Rights ① \$ 90,057

To promote the rule of law and adherence to human rights norms, the organization will provide free expert legal assistance to clients seeking justice, engage young lawyers through internships, trainings, and seminars, and foster the creation of interregional networks of human rights defenders.

Supporting Regional Journalism ⁽¹⁾ \$ 79,221

To support regional journalism development and provide independent news, the organization will publish content, including videos, on political developments and human rights violations and promote that content on popular social media networks.

Advancing Justice for Victims of Human Rights Abuses ① \$70.440

To facilitate access to justice for victims of human rights violations, the organization will offer free legal assistance to victims of torture, domestic violence, and forced labor, pursue litigation in domestic and international courts, and raise awareness through multimedia content on social media.

Supporting Student Media ③ \$ 100,887

To foster youth-led political participation, the organization will publish articles explaining students' educational rights, equip students with education-related news, connect students nationwide, and develop their journalism and leadership skills.

Monitoring Human Rights ① \$ 63,468

To improve access to justice for prisoners and victims of political repression, the organization will conduct human rights programs, provide legal education and assistance, offer leadership training, and maintain a resource center.

Promoting Evidence-Based Policy Research and Sustaining Pro-Democracy Networks ® \$300,015

To increase nonpartisan policy research and foster civic engagement, the organization will produce evidence-based research for domestic and international stakeholders, highlight local initiatives, stimulate public discussion through online content, and host a conference supporting grassroots activists advocating for democratic reform.

Combating Impunity and Systematic Violence ① \$ 248,165

To combat impunity and systematic violence, the organization will investigate human rights abuses, provide free legal assistance to victims, and collaborate with independent media to publish research and analysis.

Supporting Civic Leaders and Dialogue ② \$ 157,528

To support civil society leaders, the organization will provide capacity-building programs, organize public debates and multimedia events with democratic actors, and offer legal support and emergency assistance to those facing risks due to their work.

Strengthening the Resilience of Civil Society ① \$ 76,440

To strengthen the resilience of civil society and facilitate the rehabilitation of persecuted civic leaders, the organization will conduct seminars to help activists who have suffered repression to re-adapt, adopt security best practices, and find pathways for continued civil society involvement.

Enhancing the Sustainability of Regional Media ① \$75,000

To increase the availability of high-quality journalism, the organization will report on local political, economic, and lifestyle topics while developing new audiences and commercial support through content promotion and audience engagement experiments.

Developing Tools to Circumvent Censorship (2) \$ 60.000

To counter digital censorship, the organization will strengthen its existing tool and make it publicly available, while also raising awareness about secure solutions for accessing an uncensored internet.

Increasing Judicial Accountability and Transparency ① \$ 65,050

To increase judicial accountability, the organization will train court monitors, monitor court proceedings, and publish information about court activities on its website to raise public awareness of international justice standards and the rule of law.

Building Local Communities Online ① \$ 112,343

To foster communities of politically engaged citizens, the organization will leverage existing digital messaging groups in specific regions to foster active and engaged discussion forums and support the growth and continued production of content for these digital messaging groups.

Supporting Investigative Journalism and Analysis ① \$ 198,240

To provide accurate information on foreign and security policy, the organization will publish in-depth investigative reports, current event coverage, and analysis in both text and video formats, while enhancing the capacity of journalists and civil society to use digital tools and research techniques.

Challenging Historical Narratives ® 102.360

To challenge dominant historical narratives that obscure autocracy and repression, the organization will produce short documentaries based on historical research and interviews with historians, experts, and academics from around the world.

Supporting Independent Journalism ② \$ 200.596

To provide high-quality news and investigations for a Russian-language audience, the organization will publish original investigative pieces across multiple online platforms on social and political issues, repression, and the impacts of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Preserving Internet Access ① \$ 60.000

To foster freedom of information, the organization will develop tools to bypass government censorship, monitor censorship trends, and raise awareness about online rights and freedoms.

Defending Internet Freedom ①

\$ 175,200

To defend human rights online, the organization will conduct strategic litigation, raise public awareness, advocate for internet freedom, and publish monitoring and analysis on freedom of expression, association, and privacy issues.

Promoting Youth Engagement Through Independent Media ① \$ 200,646

To foster access to information, the organization will support a prominent media outlet to publish articles, investigations, and data-based pieces on current events, youth issues, ethnic minority politics, and political censorship in various multimedia formats.

Defending Human Rights and Promoting Civic Engagement ① \$ 66,938

To defend human rights, the organization will maintain a community center that provides legal aid, psychological support, and informational resources and promote civic engagement with local stakeholders through events, support groups, and training to increase support for a marginalized community in a remote region.

Promoting Debate Among Youth ① \$ 78.255

To promote debate and civic engagement among youth during heightened censorship, the organization will host forums and educational events for youth to discuss current political developments and explore opportunities to expand work to new locations.

Monitoring Human Rights ① \$ 26,748

To better support victims of human rights abuse, the organization will offer legal aid, assist in filing complaints, and continue efforts to increase public understanding of the legal system.

Building Networks and Fostering Solidarity ① \$ 38.203

To strengthen human rights solidarity networks in the face of rising repression, the organization will raise awareness of human rights and resources to defend them, organize international events and strategy sessions for journalists and activists, and publish articles about human rights and human rights defenders in the region.

Facilitating Access to Justice ® \$60.000

To facilitate access to justice, the organization will provide legal assistance for political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, participate in court hearings, prepare procedural documents, monitor conditions, and liaise with human rights organizations and independent media to highlight cases of unfair imprisonment.

Supporting Political Prisoners ① \$ 39.805

To bolster the resilience of political prisoners, the organization will amplify their stories through a coordinated media campaign, provide assistance to the prisoners and their families, and raise awareness about their plight through various media platforms.

Supporting Data Journalism and an Open Data Platform for Independent Analysts ® 80,000

To expose the effects of the war on society, the organization will preserve and archive relevant statistical data, build an open and searchable database of those statistics, publish data journalism based on the database in various formats, and share reporting with stakeholders.

Elevating Awareness of Civic Engagement 9 \$ 60,000

To foster civic engagement, the organization will support a Russian-language podcast produced by community civic leaders, presenting stories about the work and impact of local civic actors, and distribute these podcasts on its website and social media.

Protecting Human Rights (2) \$ 135,000

To reduce human rights violations, strengthen compliance with international standards, and facilitate access to justice for victims of police brutality, the organization will provide legal assistance, conduct informational campaigns, and produce multimedia content, including short videos and a podcast, to educate citizens about their rights and highlight systemic law enforcement issues.

Supporting Investigative Journalism ② \$ 174,140

To increase the availability of high-quality investigative journalism on significant political and social topics, the organization will regularly publish investigative reports, feature pieces, and editorials on various topics in the country and abroad, covering both major cities and remote regions.

Facilitating Access to Justice ① \$ 63.000

To facilitate access to justice and raise awareness of human rights abuses, the organization will provide legal and psycho-social consultations, and publish information, individual stories, and resources on social media to raise awareness among a wider audience.

Raising Awareness of Ethnic Minority Issues ® 74,960

To raise awareness of challenges faced by ethnic minorities, the organization will develop a coordinated network of social media pages providing updates and analysis across multiple platforms, produce a podcast highlighting barriers to justice, and create both long- and short-form video content to amplify these issues.

Strengthening Russian Academic Freedom ① \$ 256,005

To support democratic actors, the organization will provide fellowships to academics and at-risk students, promote civic education through academic courses in science, history, sociology and other disciplines, elevate the visibility of scholars in exile, and foster critical discussion about the country's democratic potential.

Preserving Regional Media ① \$ 166,800

To preserve a network of regional media teams, the organization will support teams to publish material across social media platforms about local corruption, government misconduct, and topics of social significance relevant to their audiences.

Supporting Regional Media ⁽¹⁾ \$ 52.554

To promote civic engagement and democratic values, the organization will support journalists from a border region to publish news about the war and coordinate offline activities including legal assistance and letter-writing campaigns for political prisoners, refugees, and others affected by the war.

Protecting the Rights of Young People ① \$ 70.015

To protect young people's rights, the organization will educate youth on their rights, monitor rights violations, educate the public through social media content, operate a help desk, and provide legal consultations that can lead to direct legal aid.

Increasing Transparency Through Journalism ② \$ 90,954

To increase transparency, encourage citizen participation, and promote critical thinking, the organization will support independent regional journalism, including content produced by local civic leaders on government transparency issues, and will support news reporting, investigations, and analysis to strengthen connections between local community leaders and citizens.

Supporting Collaborative Investigative Journalism ① \$ 275,000

To increase the availability of quality investigative journalism for Russian and international audiences, the organization will support regional and international investigative reporting and produce appealing digital content, distributing it through its online platform.

Supporting Civic Engagement and Human Rights Defense ① \$ 175.000

To preserve civic networks and strengthen civil society in the face of rising repression, the organization will support democratic initiatives and individuals through a small-grants program and provide emergency assistance to civic leaders, journalists, and human rights defenders.

Strengthening Civil Society Groups ① \$ 120,708

To strengthen civil society through mentorship and international engagement, the organization will hold a series of ten week-long fellowships for individuals involved in civic initiatives, pairing them with experienced mentors who will help improve their strategic thinking and connect them to the international community.

Supporting Freedom of Expression Through Innovative Journalism ® \$ 100,000

To support freedom of expression and counter Kremlin propaganda, the organization will produce high-quality broadcast journalism on politically salient topics, including recent political history and significant pro-democracy figures, to stimulate public discussion of the country's struggle for freedom.

Defending the Rights of Young People ® \$96,821

To strengthen youth access to justice, the organization will support a human rights institution to educate youth on their rights, document violations, publish informational resources, and provide free legal assistance.

Supporting Corruption Investigations ® \$231,340

To combat transnational corruption and impunity, the organization will support anti-corruption investigations, share findings with relevant anti-corruption bodies, conduct advocacy on transnational kleptocracy, and produce multimedia content to educate the public on corruption and kleptocracy.

Promoting Civic Engagement and Citizen Participation ® \$55,000

To enhance the capacity of local groups and increase civic engagement on locally relevant topics, the organization will conduct trainings for journalists and bloggers, support a student group with organizational capacity-building, and organize a competition to support grassroots initiatives.

Enhancing the Resilience of Independent Media (5) \$ 255,215

To provide an independent source of information, news, and analysis on significant political and social topics, the organization will publish breaking news, investigations, original reporting, and analytical commentary online in various formats across social media networks and partner platforms

Supporting Civic and Political Engagement ® \$137,598

To foster public discussion of social responsibility and political engagement, the organization will conduct a cross-country tour to connect with civic leaders who are often isolated from each other, create a documentary-style video about their activities, and build a support network for them.

Supporting Victims of State Repression ② \$ 94.965

To provide multifaceted support to victims of state repression and their families, the organization will raise awareness of political prisoners' plight, advocate on their behalf before national and international bodies, while providing material support and humanitarian assistance to victims and their families.

Defending Human Rights and Exposing Corruption 3 5 60.438

To defend the human rights of indigenous peoples and promote accountability in Arctic policymaking, the organization will map informal stakeholders in Arctic decision-making, organize workshops to present findings, and work with media partners to raise awareness of human rights violations.

Fostering Public Debate and Analysis 9 \$ 80,000

To provide an independent source of information and stimulate debate about political and social topics relevant to Russian society, the organization will support a Russian language video channel featuring interviews with high-profile thought leaders, cultural figures, experts, and democratic activists that serves as an alternative to state propaganda and serve as a platform to discuss democratic norms and values

Core Institute

Supporting Market Solutions to Authoritarian Influence ① \$ 644,050

To increase awareness of authoritarian economic influence, the organization will analyze authoritarian economic partnerships in emerging market countries, engaging local private sector communities.

Supporting Pro-Democracy Engagement and Resolve ® \$800.000

To support civil society organizations and civic leaders in delivering effective pro-democracy messaging, the organization will assist local partners in designing and conducting digital campaigns, strengthen networks to support new civic engagement formats based on its existing pro-democracy initiatives, and work with leaders who have a proven track record of addressing audience needs.

Supporting Democracy Actors Online ® \$420,000

To strengthen democratic civic engagement online, the organization will increase the capacity of civically and politically engaged leaders, independent journalists, and bloggers to effectively utilize online platforms.

UZBEKISTAN

Promoting Human Rights and Strengthening Civil Society ® \$99,450

To raise awareness of human and labor rights abuses, the organization will monitor forced labor in the cotton and silk sectors, report violations, and support emerging organizations and civic initiatives within its network of labor and human rights monitors.

Investigating Political and Social Problems (4) \$ 65.000

To inform public discourse on social and political topics, the organization will produce Uzbek and Russian-language media exploring quality of life issues that resonate with citizens, including the apolitical, and demonstrate how government actions impact daily life.

Promoting Public Discussion and Creating Civic Space ② \$ 80.000

To encourage discussion of political and social topics and foster civic engagement, the organization will operate a public meeting and gallery space, hosting art exhibitions, film screenings, discussion clubs, and lectures, while also offering the space for interest groups and young civic leaders to hold their own events.

Promoting Independent Policy Analysis and Research (5) \$75,000

To strengthen professional capacities of civic leaders, the organization will facilitate master classes and networking opportunities with experts from neighboring countries to develop career skills needed for effective leadership, policy analysis, and project development.

[#] denotes the length of the grant in months.

Promoting Rule of Law and Human Rights ⁽¹⁾ \$ 99,700

To promote the rule of law and defend human rights, the organization will monitor forced evictions and illegal property seizures, defend the rights of those affected, advocate to government officials and international institutions, and create blogs, videos, and multilingual reports as part of a broad advocacy strategy.

CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL

Promoting Access to Information ③ \$ 79,100

To promote access to independent news and analysis on political, social, human rights, and economic issues, the organization will publish daily news, conduct in-depth investigations, and engage in targeted advocacy on human rights and kleptocracy issues through its website and social media channels.

Strengthening Human Rights Defense ② \$ 125.000

To support the development of human rights defenders and civic leaders, the organization will hold public events for youth, conduct training programs for young lawyers and activists, and provide a legal clinic and internships to build skills in human rights cases.

Promoting Rural Civic Leadership ① \$ 52.000

To foster local civic leadership in rural northern regions, the organization will train aspiring young leaders, support them in addressing local issues, facilitate engagement with local government, and build a cohort of engaged citizens capable of advocating for broader reforms.

Strengthening the Capacity of Human Rights Lawyers (3) \$ 57,000

To develop the professional skills and knowledge of young lawyers, the organization will connect them with experienced human rights lawyers through training programs and networking events, and facilitate their provision of pro bono consultations to the public and people in closed institutions to build core professional capacity and emphasize the value of public service.

Promoting Access to Information ① \$ 100.000

To provide timely and accurate information on human rights developments, the organization will maintain a network of correspondents reporting on domestic conditions, publish breaking news and analysis in multiple languages, and use advocacy campaigns to involve international rights bodies in promoting freedom of movement.

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Defending Civil Society ① \$ 391,939

To strengthen local organizations and counter threats to human rights defenders, activists, and journalists, the organization will identify initiatives for support in regions with nascent civil society, provide capacity building to help mid-size initiatives manage donor support independently, and offer emergency assistance for immediate threats while raising stakeholder awareness.

Fostering Freedom of Information ① \$ 150,000

To provide an independent source of information, the organization will produce regular news broadcasts in Tajik and Russian, covering politics, economics, and current affairs, along with analysis and satire aimed at fostering critical thinking about current events.

Strengthening Independent Media Through Consulting and Mentorship ① \$ 169.000

To improve the professional, strategic, and administrative capacity of independent media organizations, the organization will provide in-depth mentorship and training to eight local media outlets, offer case-specific consultations to outlets across the region, and help each partner develop and pursue a strategic plan for further development, ensuring organizational stability and financial viability.

Core Institute

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Improving Resilience of Vote Monitoring Organizations ⁽¹⁾ \$ 325,000

To support free and fair elections in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, the Institute will conduct technical, security, and communications workshops, facilitate advocacy roundtables, and provide support in digital security and long-term election observation methodologies to enhance election and preelection monitoring efforts and build public trust.

EURASIA REGIONAL

Supporting Networks for Human Rights Defense ① \$ 275,000

To support human rights defenders and civil society activists in Central Asia, the organization will expand its network with small grants, build the capacity of rural groups, provide immediate support to at-risk activists, and advocate for the protection of civil society at the European level.

Networking IT Professionals with Civil Society to Circumvent Censorship **6** \$ 75,074

To counter censorship, the organization will hold conferences in various cities for IT professionals to collaborate, and maintain an online community through events and newsletters.

Strengthening Advocacy for Political Prisoners **6** \$ 70,000

To focus Western engagement with Eurasian countries on democracy and human rights priorities, the organization will advocate in Europe and international forums for policymaker statements on key issues like arbitrary detention, and provide international legal and advocacy support to political prisoners.

Preserving Memory of Soviet Repression ② \$ 172.622

To raise awareness of Soviet repression and challenge official historical narratives, the organization will preserve Gulag historic sites, produce a documentary film, and organize events and exhibits in various cities using innovative education tools to showcase past crimes.

Supporting Regional News and Analysis ® 175.000

To expand access to regional news and analysis in local languages in the Caucasus, the organization will produce weekly news stories and opinion pieces in English and Russian, disseminate them through the organization's website and social media platforms, and collaborate with regional media partners to provide relevant content in Armenian, Azerbaijani, and Georgian.

Promoting Freedom of Religion ① \$ 114,000

To promote freedom of thought, conscience, and belief in Eurasia, the organization will monitor violations of freedom of conscience and religion, publish findings on its website, and serve as a resource for governments, international institutions, and human rights organizations focused on freedom of belief.

Supporting Activists At Risk ① \$ 230,000

To provide support to human rights activists at risk, the organization will offer emergency relocation, respite, and rehabilitation services, including medical, psychological, and professional development assistance, as part of a three-month program to aid activists facing an authoritarian crackdown.

Protecting Democracy Advocates at Risk ⁽¹⁾ \$ 205,224

To support human rights defenders, activists, and journalists facing threats due to their work, and to build the resilience of civil society organizations in a worsening political climate, the organization will provide emergency assistance, legal, medical, and psychosocial support.

Mentoring Media for Enhanced Sustainability ① \$ 152,360

To improve the professional, strategic, and administrative capacity of media organizations in the region, the organization will provide in-depth, continuous mentorship and training to six local media outlets.

Supporting a Campaign to End Forced Labor ⁽¹⁾ \$ 250,000

To raise awareness of forced labor practices in agricultural sectors of Central Asia, the organization will work with civil society to address labor rights abuses, coordinate a public campaign, maintain discussions with government officials on reforms, coordinate civil society efforts, and educate international policymakers about regional human rights.

Investigating Transnational Kleptocracy ③ \$ 794,738

To improve journalists' capacity to investigate local corruption and transnational kleptocracy, the organization will strengthen investigative journalists from the region, build their ability to conduct hard-hitting networked investigations, and produce at least twenty in-depth cross-border investigations as well as local stories.

Combating Corruption in Eurasia ② \$ 202,000

To expose kleptocrats whose activities have previously gone unnoticed, the organization will research regional kleptocracies, aggregate information about human rights violations from civil society, and publish its findings, sharing information with human rights defenders, policy advocates, and international institutions globally.

Protecting Democrats at Risk ® \$450.000

To respond to emergency threats to civil society and strengthen local activism, the organization will provide emergency support to human rights defenders and activists facing threats to their life and freedom, address short and long-term challenges to enable continued work domestically or abroad, and conduct in-depth trainings to build the capacity of civil society leaders.

Increasing Understanding of Kleptocracy and Foreign Influence in Eurasian Oil and Gas ${\hbox{\it 1}\hskip-2.5pt}{\hbox{\it 2}}$ \$ 272.500

To increase public understanding of how kleptocracy and corruption in the oil and gas sectors enable human rights abuses, the organization will research their connections to negative human rights outcomes.

Advancing Democratic Values ① \$ 145.465

To promote democratic values and build solidarity among democratic actors across the region, the organization will organize an international documentary film festival, film screenings, discussions with directors, and provide mentorship and support to young, independent filmmakers.

Providing Legal Assistance ① \$ 149,990

To support activists, journalists, and human rights defenders, the organization will provide high-quality legal assistance, pursue cases under international mechanisms, and train human rights lawyers across the region.

Bolstering Data Journalism ② \$ 91,656

To develop a network of trained data professionals in the region, the organization will hold trainings, seminars, and practicums, including an in-residence fellowship, for journalists and civil society activists to incorporate data analysis and visualization into independent reporting and evidence-based advocacy.

Providing Respite for At-Risk Activists ① \$ 92.000

To provide humanitarian and legal support for at-risk democratic civic and political actors, the organization will offer legal and professional assistance, focus on coalition building, and network with like-minded organizations to support civil society development and human rights defenders.

Mapping Networks of Corrupt Officials 9 \$ 185.396

To counter transnational kleptocracy's impact on the rule of law, the organization will update its database with information on the networks, assets, and ownership rights abroad of government officials from the region, to better highlight identify, sanction and prevent corrupt behavior.

Strengthening Independent Russian-Language News Media and Regional Collaboration $\mathbin{\textcircled{\scriptsize 1}}$ \$ 100.000

To increase the availability of high-quality independent news and commentary in video format for Russian-language audiences, the organization will implement a mentorship, training, and networking program to support the production of videos by pro-democracy Eurasian activists and foster collaborations among Russian-language content creators across the region.

Tracking Chinese Investment 6 \$ 100,000

To increase the availability of information about China's investments and influence in Eurasia, the organization will research and publish analytical reports on Chinese investments, trace their impact on democracy, and support a network of researchers studying these trends throughout the region.

Supporting Investigative Journalism (2) \$ 251,588

To improve the ability of investigative journalists and NGOs to use networked, cross-border data research tools, the organization will upgrade and maintain its pioneering investigative journalism and research software, promote its use, and train journalists, researchers, and activists on how to utilize it.

Protecting Labor Rights and Promoting Labor Activism ① \$ 163,000

To strengthen the capacity of labor rights activism, the organization will support labor activists in the region through training, network-building, strategic planning, and advocacy in international bodies, while mentoring activists to develop labor rights initiatives in their local contexts.

Promoting Public Policy Debates ② \$ 63,669

To invigorate policy thinking among Eurasian countries seeking deeper Western integration, the organization will cultivate a network of scholars who will meet to discuss democratic security issues and produce publications promoting reforms that foster improved Western integration.

Core Institute

Center for International Private Enterprise

Empowering the Private Sector Through Business Advocacy and Digital Economy ① \$ 390,947

To strengthen the organizational capacity of Armenian and Georgian chambers and associations, the Center will launch workshops and advocacy programs to train business associations in effective public-private dialogue, support business advocacy campaigns, and create new dialogue platforms and opportunities for knowledge-sharing.

Center for International Private Enterprise

Strengthening and Uniting Nascent Business Organizations ® 470,002

To improve the organizational capacity of nascent business associations and foster business platforms in the country, the Center will launch an educational program to build practical advocacy skills, collaborate with a local think tank to facilitate public-private dialogue, and encourage private sector democratic participation through informal business platforms.

Solidarity Center

Leveraging International Labor Standards to Build Democratic Resilience ① \$ 489,905

To strengthen the resilience of grassroots labor advocates in Central Asia, the Center will support local partners to increase legal protections for migrant workers, promote safe workplaces, adjust national policies to international occupational safety standards, and collaborate with regional partners to document and report worker rights violations to international bodies.

Solidarity Center

Protecting Fundamental Labor Rights in Closing Space ① \$ 469,499

To strengthen organizations' capacity to protect core worker rights and conduct policy advocacy, the Center will facilitate organizing, collective bargaining, labor law adherence, women's empowerment, and strategic planning among sectoral unions, while supporting capacity-building to protect labor rights, promote women's equality, and advocate for public service policies.

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