#### **EUROPE**

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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.

#### **ALBANIA**

# Fostering Transparency and Good Governance ® \$ 36.000

To foster improved public consultations and accountability of public officials, the organization will assess government consultation processes, train civil society activists, produce recommendations, and host a final conference with public officials, civil society, and local media.

# Promoting Accountability of Elected Officials ① \$ 45,000

To promote the transparency and accountability of elected officials, the organization will maintain a nonpartisan database of active officials who failed vetting, produce monitoring reports, advocate for proper vetting, and help political parties adopt integrity principles.

# Promoting Anticorruption Mechanisms (2) \$ 40,000

To strengthen investigative reporting on corruption, the organization will produce in-depth articles, offer mentorship on investigative reporting, whistleblower rights, and advanced digital and data skills, and provide an open-source submission system for secure information sharing between whistleblowers and journalists on alleged corruption cases

# Promoting Fair and Transparent Electoral Processes 9 \$ 30,000

To strengthen civic oversight of political processes, the organization will analyze legislation, political party financing, and public institutions ahead of the 2025 parliamentary election, monitor public officials' activities, publicize findings, and report irregularities to relevant institutions.

### Promoting the Accountability of Public Officials ① \$ 50,000

To promote accountability of elected officials, the organization will train media and civic representatives to monitor and analyze elected officials' statements, track local government actions in ten municipalities, publish findings, and present recommendations to relevant officials.

# Promoting Transparency in Public Spending 9 \$ 45.000

To promote accountability in public spending, the organization will run an online portal to track procurements by government institutions, including emergency response bodies, with tools to visualize spending and detect irregularities and alleged fraud.

### Promoting Accountability and Transparency Through Investigative Reporting (1) \$ 50.000

To bolster investigative reporting, the organization will produce in-depth investigations, provide mentorship in investigative reporting, data journalism, and data visualization, and expand its database of judges' and prosecutors' assets to investigate and report potential abuses of power.

# Fostering the Accountability of Public Officials (11) \$ 48.000

To foster government accountability and amplify youth voices in policy, the organization will train young policy analysts to monitor youth-related policies, produce reports, and advocate with officials, legislators, experts, and civil society to promote recommendations for improving transparency and accountability

### Promoting Freedom of Expression and Protections for Journalists ① \$ 60.000

To raise awareness about freedom of expression and protect journalists and civil society, the organization will train journalists and leaders on their rights, provide legal aid through an online platform and mobile app, and advocate for legislative changes.

# Combating Corruption of Public Spending in the Health Sector ® \$ 50,000

To promote transparency and accountability, the organization will monitor healthcare funds, prepare recommendations, advocate for investigations on public spending, maintain an online reporting platform, and collaborate with civil society and journalists.

# Promoting Citizen Participation and Raising Awareness of Corruption ① \$ 50,000

To promote citizen engagement and public dialogue on transparency and corruption, the organization will use theater, public art exhibits, a video art competition, and share videos on the importance of free and fair elections ahead of the 2025 parliamentary election.

<sup>#</sup> denotes the length of the grant in months.

### Fostering Political Participation of Ethnic Minorities ® \$40,000

To promote active citizenship and political participation of the marginalized ethnic community, the organization will train community representatives, facilitate meetings with political candidates, host educational workshops, and provide recommendations to public institutions on voter engagement.

# Combating a Culture of Impunity Through Investigative Reporting 9 \$ 25.000

To promote transparency and enhance government accountability, the organization will create an online database tracking construction projects, support investigative journalism, and publish its findings.

# Promoting Transparency in Decision-Making and Active Citizen Engagement **40.000**

To enhance citizen engagement in democratic processes and promote transparency in public decision-making, the organization will empower citizens around the 2025 election, develop a nonpartisan educational online platform, conduct youth workshops on electoral processes, and organize public forums with candidates.

#### **Core Institute**

#### **International Republican Institute**

# Developing Citizen-Centered Policy and Campaigning in Municipal Party Branches (2) \$ 675,000

To enhance the governance capabilities of political parties and their municipal councilors, the Institute will support parties in developing evidence-based programs, communication strategies, issue-based policy recommendations, and empower young municipal leaders to promote citizen-centered governance.

#### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

# Empowering Citizens in Democratic Governance ® \$365,000

To enhance government responsiveness to citizen demands, the Institute will strengthen civic engagement mechanisms, support political party reforms, and promote accountability ahead of the 2025 elections.

#### **BELARUS**

# Supporting Independent Media in Crisis ① \$ 219,000

To strengthen the viability of independent media, the organization will provide emergency and core support to outlets affected by political repression, including those in exile.

# Providing Psychosocial Support and Strengthening Civil Society Resilience @ \$ 80.000

To strengthen civil society resilience, the organization will provide civic activists with safe meeting spaces, psychosocial support, and capacity building to help groups and leaders sustain their work and achieve long-term success.

# Sustaining and Building the Capacity of Regional Civil Society ${\scriptsize \textcircled{1}}$ \$ 58.000

To strengthen the capacity of local civic initiatives, the organization will support grassroots initiatives in developing and implementing projects, provide informational support and mentoring, and organize professional development events.

# Fostering Citizen Participation and Deliberation of Democratic Reforms ® 300.000

To foster citizen engagement, democratic reforms, and collaboration among civil society actors, the organization will facilitate public discussions on democratic changes, conduct advocacy initiatives with civil society groups, and organize public events.

# Supporting Independent Regional Media ② \$ 70.000

To provide regional audiences with independent reporting, the organization will run two outlets covering news and local developments, publish content across multiple platforms, and engage with readers on social media.

# Strengthening Citizen Participation in the Regions ① \$ 29.000

To promote civic engagement, the organization will collaborate with young citizens to address local issues, train and mentor leaders, and expand its alumni network.

# Promoting Transparency and Exposing Corruption 9 \$ 60.000

To raise citizen awareness about corruption in the healthcare system and strengthen a grassroots pro-democratic initiative, the group will investigate alleged corruption, publish its findings, and organize campaigns to support individuals affected by the regime's repressions.

# Promoting Political Awareness and Youth Civic Engagement ① \$ 119,000

To strengthen public understanding of political processes and civic engagement among youth, the organization will produce videos and articles on reforms with experts and organize online and inperson events.

# Strengthening the Digital Security and Resilience of Civil Society ① \$ 150,000

To enhance the digital and operational security of civil society, media, and human rights defenders, the organization will offer digital safety consultations, share resources and recommendations, and provide security assessments and training for key staff members.

# Fostering Civic Engagement Online **4** \$ 154,000

To promote accountable governance, the organization will maintain and enhance its online portal for citizens to share views on key issues, while hosting trainings and discussions on related topics.

# Supporting Former Political Prisoners (2) \$ 91,000

To address human rights violations and support former political prisoners, the organization will provide support, rehabilitation, and assistance to formerly jailed democracy advocates.

# Seeking Accountability for War Crimes 12 \$ 130,000

To investigate and document Belarusian war crimes, the organization will collect information on the illegal deportation of children, produce detailed reports, raise public awareness, and advocate for international legal action.

# Fostering Citizen Engagement to Address Community Issues ③ \$ 25.000

To build citizens' capacity to engage and mobilize communities in addressing local issues, the organization will educate residents on available mechanisms, publish information on social media, and support civic leaders in maintaining their online presence.

# Providing Legal Aid to Exiled Activists and Citizens ② \$ 100,000

To enhance legal support for citizens in exile, the organization will provide legal assistance through consultations, focusing on individuals who have experienced political persecution, and share legal information via social media.

# Supporting Independent Media Outlets in Exile (2) \$ 100,000

To sustain independent media platforms in exile, the organization will enhance their capacity and outreach through new content creation tools, audience engagement formats, and revenue strategies.

# Strengthening an Independent Digital Publication (3) \$ 98,000

To facilitate access to independent information, the organization will provide firsthand reporting and analysis on politics, social issues, and human rights and produce a weekly news digest.

# Advocating for Freedom of the Press and Freedom of Expression (3) \$ 108,000

To protect and support freedom of expression, the organization will monitor and document prosecution of independent media, publish reports, and share key data with the global advocacy community.

# Building a Democratic Community via Digital Channels ① \$ 100,000

To develop an online space for democratic engagement, the organization will connect pro-democracy communities—both exiled and within the country—on digital platforms to discuss social and political issues and encourage citizen participation in online community-building.

# Sustaining Independent Regional Reporting <sup>(1)</sup> \$ 50.000

To provide access to independent information, the organization will maintain its website, report on key developments in a strategic region, and expand its social media presence to increase outreach

# Bolstering the Capacity and Outreach of an Independent Media Outlet @ \$ 100,000

To foster freedom of expression and access to independent information, the organization will produce reporting and analysis on current events, focusing on political developments.

# Supporting Independent Investigative Reporting and Analysis ① \$ 80.000

To promote understanding of public interest issues, the organization will publish investigations and videos on political and economic topics.

# Fostering Justice and Accountability for Gross Human Rights Violations ① \$ 130.000

To promote accountability for human rights abuses, the organization will investigate human rights crimes, advocate with governments and international bodies, and collaborate with civil society for joint advocacy efforts.

# Promoting Belarusian National Identity and Countering Authoritarian Influence @ \$ 140.000

To strengthen the capacity of exiled democracy advocates in promoting national identity, the organization will run information campaigns, engage with civil society and international stakeholders, and support cultural initiatives.

# Supporting Access to Independent Reporting and Analysis ② \$ 100.000

To enhance citizens' understanding of key political and socio-economic developments and ensure access to independent reporting, the organization will publish multimedia content on major domestic, regional, and international events and developments.

# Preserving and Developing Civic Activism in the Regions ® \$38,000

To support civil society initiatives, the organization will host networking and civic education events, foster solidarity, support new leaders, and provide legal support and consultations.

# Promoting Awareness of Corruption and Sanction Evasion ® 100,000

To enhance the responsiveness of decision-makers and promote international pressure on the regime, the organization will leverage its network to produce investigative materials on key public issues, publish them, and share them with media partners and decision-makers.

# Defending Human Rights and Assisting Victims of Repression ② \$ 150.000

To monitor human rights violations and support victims of political prosecutions, the organization will document human rights abuses, raise awareness, offer legal aid to political prisoners, and track court cases.

#### **Core Institute**

#### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

# Fostering Sustainable Management and Communications Practices ① \$ 300,000

To strengthen internal management and citizen engagement of political groups, the Institute will provide organizational and communication support, working with groups to improve sustainability, communication frameworks, and coordinated outreach on public concern issues.

#### **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

# Advancing Transitional Justice and Historical Understanding ① \$ 64,500

To promote better understanding of 1990s war crimes, the organization will analyze legislation, propose amendments for civilian victims, recommend restorative justice for survivors, and collaborate with like-minded initiatives to strengthen advocacy.

### Promoting Civic Engagement Through Media ① \$75.000

To promote civil society-building and encourage broader civic engagement, the organization will produce TV episodes featuring local civic initiatives and civic leaders, sharing news from the sector, and encouraging participation in municipal elections to foster accountability.

# Promoting Democratic Values and Human Rights 12 \$ 45.000

To foster public debate on democracy and human rights, particularly among youth, the organization will host an annual film festival, run a traveling civic education program, and train students to use visual arts for promoting human rights and civic engagement.

<sup>#</sup> denotes the length of the grant in months.

# Promoting Youth Engagement in Republika Srpska <sup>(1)</sup> \$ 60,000

To promote youth civic engagement and debate on social and political issues in Republika Srpska, the organization will run a youth activism center, conduct civic education, and launch a nonpartisan get-out-the-vote campaign for local elections.

# Fostering Objective Reporting on War Crimes Trials ① \$ 45,000

To advance transitional justice and the rule of law, the organization will monitor war crimes trials, provide daily coverage through an online magazine and television program, analyze past war crime cases and human rights abuses, and assess the implementation of the war crimes proceedings strategy.

# Promoting Youth Civic Engagement ③ \$ 73.000

To foster youth civic engagement ahead of and following local elections, the group will organize workshops to develop young activists' leadership skills, host public events on youth's role in democratization, produce multimedia materials on civic engagement, and run a nonpartisan get-out-the-vote campaign

# Fostering Public Debate on Local Community Issues ③ \$ 34,000

To strengthen media freedom and foster public debate in Republika Srpska, the organization will maintain its web platform as an independent media outlet and community forum, monitor elected officials, educate voters, and publish investigative stories on corruption and local issues.

### Promoting Elected Officials' Accountability ® \$80,000

To promote financial transparency and political accountability, the organization will produce and distribute investigative articles and multimedia content on elected officials' wealth, alleged abuse of power, and public spending

# Promoting Accountability Through New Technology and Media ① \$ 108,000

To strengthen political accountability ahead of local and general elections, the organization will maintain a web platform comparing political statements with policies, monitor local government performance, and host an annual conference to showcase innovative accountability initiatives.

# Promoting Public Debate and Accountability Through Online Media ① \$ 47,000

To promote democratic values and public debate, the group's news portal will provide an independent forum for discussions on government performance, analyzing campaign messages, monitoring officials, and demanding accountability.

# Promoting Accountability of Elected Officials and the Use of Technology in Election Monitoring 1

#### \$ 50,000

To promote transparency and fairness in local elections, the watchdog will evaluate political campaigns, monitor party and public institution financing, publish findings, establish a network of monitors, and leverage a mobile app to enhance citizen engagement in election oversight.

# Promoting Reconciliation Among Youth ® \$75,000

To encourage creative approaches to transitional justice and reconciliation among youth, the organization will train young people to document local stories, provide mentorship with media professionals, and implement a multi-ethnic youth school.

### Fostering Civic Engagement Through Online Media ① \$ 50.000

To raise awareness of local government performance and foster citizen engagement, the organization will produce news and analysis, offer a nonpartisan platform for civic dialogue, and collaborate with local coalitions to promote initiatives and facilitate dialogue with authorities.

# Fostering Civic Engagement in Republika Srpska ® \$39,000

To foster civic engagement and debate on key social and political issues, the organization will train civic leaders, conduct public outreach events on local issues, promote debate through cultural performances, satire, and social media, and run a nonpartisan get-out-the-vote campaign ahead of local elections.

### Promoting Youth Engagement and Reconciliation <sup>(1)</sup> \$ 45,000

To promote youth engagement in conflict resolution, the organization will hold workshops on transitional justice, raise awareness about recent past in the Prijedor region, lead commemorative events, and monitor the local assembly's work on human rights.

# Advancing Transitional Justice Through Memorialization (1) \$ 34,000

To advance transitional justice and reconciliation, the organization will expand its network of advocates, promote memorialization policies, document Srebrenica genocide survivors' experiences, and support peace movements to combat genocide denial.

# Advancing Youth Participation in Political Processes ® \$ 50,000

To promote youth engagement in democratic processes, the organization will conduct nonpartisan activities such as get-out-the-vote campaigns, workshops, debates, and a program on electoral participation, while monitoring government performance and producing a TV program to enhance transparency and accountability after local elections.

# Promoting Women's Participation in Local Decisionmaking ① \$75,000

To strengthen the political capacity of women's associations and promote greater participation of women in local decision-making, the organization will provide civic education, political leadership training, and support advocacy campaigns in neglected or divided municipalities.

# Promoting Innovative Approaches to Reconciliation <sup>(1)</sup> \$ 155,000

To foster innovative approaches to promoting inter-ethnic understanding and reconciliation among youth, the organization will create a multimedia archive of personal stories from the 1992-95 war, educate students, and present exhibitions nationwide.

### Fostering Public Debate Through Online Media 9 \$ 45.000

To strengthen media freedom and foster public debate on political and socio-economic issues, the organization will maintain its media outlet and discussion platform, inform citizens about public officials' responsibilities, monitor elected officials' performance and media freedom, and publish investigative stories on corruption.

# Fostering Tolerance and Pluralism Through Legal Mechanisms **4** \$ 60.000

To strengthen protection mechanisms against hate speech and hate crimes, the organization will enhance the capacities of prosecutors, judges, and law enforcement, train journalists and students on hate speech issues, and foster broader discussions on the matter.

# Promoting Citizen Participation in Local Government ® \$50,000

To promote local government accountability and transparency, the organization will strengthen communication between councils, officials, media, and citizens, facilitate networking and training on civic participation, and advocate for increased civic engagement.

# Promoting Accountability Through Online Media ② \$ 65,000

To encourage public debate on social, political, and economic challenges, the organization will maintain a web platform for independent news and discussion, track politicians' performance, and investigate alleged corruption cases

# Advancing Democratic Values and Active Citizenship Among Youth (4) \$ 37,000

To foster active citizenship and empower youth leaders, the organization will train participants on democratic topics, civic engagement, human rights, and critical thinking, while building skills through research projects, campaigns, group work, and a debate tournament on democracy-related issues.

# Improving Transparency within Public Institutions ® \$36,000

To promote public institution transparency, the organization will gather evidence of corruption in public hiring and property leasing, raise awareness through media, advocate for transparency regulations, and take legal action against corrupt officials.

# Challenging a Culture of Impunity for War Criminals **(2)** \$88,000

To raise awareness of 1990s war crimes and hold perpetrators accountable, the organization and its Banja Luka partner will gather evidence, publish a comprehensive database of prosecuted individuals, and use it to advocate against the acceptance of perpetrators in political life.

#### **Core Institute**

#### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

# Supporting Youth and Women in Politics ® \$ 300,000

To enhance multi-party collaboration across ethnic and partisan lines, the Institute will provide technical assistance to youth and women politicians to improve their advocacy skills and transparency in political party financing, analyze public financing for electoral campaigns and party operations, and develop recommendations to increase opportunities for women and youth candidates.

#### **KOSOVO**

# Promoting Civic Engagement and Human Rights Through Film 6 \$ 37,000

To foster civic engagement and raise human rights awareness among youth, the organization will promote its civic education program featuring human rights documentaries, support youth cinema clubs, and train students in documentary production.

# Promoting Independent Journalism ① \$ 73.000

To promote access to independent information on Kosovo's political and social developments, as well as the normalization of relations between Kosovo and Serbia, the project will support a media portal offering analysis, investigative reporting, and news.

# Promoting Youth Participation in Public Institutions ② \$ 50.000

To promote youth participation in strengthening democratic institutions, the organization will pair students with parliament members through a fellowship program, publish analytical reports, and facilitate meetings between legislators and students to encourage youth involvement in political processes.

# Fostering Cross-Border Media Cooperation and Dialogue ① \$ 52,500

To foster cross-border media cooperation and inter-ethnic dialogue, the organization will collaborate with media outlets in Kosovo, Serbia, and correspondent in Brussels to produce a news and discussion program featuring diverse perspectives on normalization, the EU proposal, and transitional justice issues.

# Promoting Independent Journalism ② \$ 45,000

To promote independent journalism, the organization will maintain an online platform providing verified information on political and socio-economic issues, while training young journalists in media standards and research methods.

# Supporting Ethnic Minority and Independent Media ① \$ 50.000

To foster freedom of expression, the organization will support independent and ethnic minority broadcasters through joint events promoting multi-ethnic communication, while defending members' rights and advocating for democratic reforms in the legal and regulatory framework.

# Supporting Independent Media ① \$ 36.000

To strengthen independent media and provide objective information to minority communities, the organization will produce a news program and media content on key political developments, focusing on the normalization of Kosovo-Serbia relations and human rights issues affecting minority communities.

### Fostering Civic Oversight of Local Government ① \$ 48.500

To promote civic oversight of local government institutions, the organization will work with local partners on transparency reforms, address legal barriers, develop recommendations for local councils, and promote them through workshops and advocacy.

# Promoting Interethnic Cooperation Among Youth ② \$ 34,000

To promote interethnic understanding, the organization will expand a regional youth forum, train youth in communication, advocacy, and conflict resolution, and work with the forum's leadership council on advocacy initiatives, study visits, and capacity-building in the Mitrovica region.

# Fostering Political Participation of Women ® \$52,000

To strengthen the political participation and representation of women, the organization will build the capacity of current and prospective councilwomen through political representation, interparty collaboration, mentorship, and skills training.

### Encouraging Reconciliation Through New Approaches to Transitional Justice ① \$ 58,000

To promote reconciliation among youth, the organization will bring together human rights defenders and socially engaged artists to discuss peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and transitional justice, and produce plays to engage audiences in open dialogue.

# Promoting Government Transparency Through Media ① \$ 40,000

To promote transparency and accountability, the organization will develop an online platform to map institutional openness and highlight areas for improvement using accessible data visualizations.

# Fostering Civic Engagement and Inclusion of Ethnic Minorities (3) \$ 52,000

To foster constructive engagement of Kosovo's Serb minority in civic and political processes, the organization will train young leaders and community representatives to address local needs.

# Promoting Critical Thinking and Active Citizenship Among Youth ① \$ 45.000

To promote civic engagement and multi-ethnic cohesion among youth, the organization will create a non-formal education curriculum on civic activism, establish clubs in rural areas, facilitate political debates, and engage public officials and experts on youth and democracy issues.

# Fostering Youth Participation in Political Processes ① \$ 50,000

To promote youth civic engagement and political participation, the organization will build young leaders' capacity to run for local office, establish youth cooperation hubs, launch an online debate platform, and host an annual conference for newly elected local councilors to enhance their skills in addressing citizen concerns.

# Promoting Freedom of Information and Government Transparency (4) \$ 33.000

To promote government transparency, the organization will develop a digital platform for freedom of information requests, train local civil society and journalists on its use, monitor government compliance with public information access laws, and advocate for improvements.

# Fostering Transitional Justice, Dialogue, and Historical Understanding ® \$105,000

To raise awareness of historical facts from past conflicts and encourage dialogue, the organization will educate citizens and youth on transitional justice through public events and a summer school, while training judicial officials, analyzing war crimes trials, and advocating for transparency in transitional justice.

### Promoting the Rule of Law and Accountability of Judicial Institutions ① \$ 60.000

To promote transparency and accountability in the judicial system and the implementation of the National Strategy on the Rule of Law, the organization will monitor public institutions, publish reports, convene judicial representatives to discuss findings, and produce television shows on the rule of law.

# Strengthening Interethnic Cohesion and Independent Local Ethnic Minority Media @ \$ 40,000

To promote independent reporting and interethnic collaboration, the organization will produce investigative and analytical stories on key social, economic, and political developments impacting various communities, distribute content, and offer training to partner media outlets

# Strengthening Youth Civic Participation in Political Processes **4** \$ 60.000

To strengthen youth civic engagement in the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue, the organization will train and mentor a multiethnic group of researchers, produce policy briefs, engage experts and youth in scenario forecasting, publish research, and organize an annual conference and events.

### Fostering Constructive Public Debate and Social Cohesion Through Media ① \$ 50.000

To foster public debate on key political, economic, and social issues, the organization's online platform will host discussions by experts, civic leaders, and intellectuals, promoting practical solutions and democratic values.

# Supporting Independent Ethnic Minority Media and Interethnic Dialogue ① \$ 50.000

To foster independent reporting and interethnic dialogue, the organization will support a platform for ethnic communities, conduct video interviews, and produce content highlighting people-centered perspectives on the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue and relations.

### Fostering Interethnic Dialogue and Reconciliation Among Youth ① \$ 40.000

To increase civic activism and promote reconciliation among youth of different ethnic backgrounds, the organization will conduct storytelling workshops on wartime experiences, organize public exhibitions, and host commemorative events to challenge divisive narratives.

# Fostering Political Dialogue on Interethnic and Social Cohesion @ \$ 60,000

To foster multiparty dialogue and political leadership on inter-ethnic cooperation, the organization will research citizens' perceptions of inter-ethnic relations, organize dialogues, advocate for policy changes, and engage youth and the Kosovo Serb community.

#### **Core Institute**

#### **International Republican Institute**

### Supporting Women and Youth Candidates in Political Engagement @\$ 660.000

To elevate the role of women and youth in political institutions and strengthen political party responsiveness, the Institute will train parties and individual candidates on campaign strategies and policy development, support newly elected officials, and serve as a resource for them.

#### **MOLDOVA**

# Bolstering the Effectiveness and Capacity of Investigative Journalism \$\mathbb{Q}\$ \$59.000

To promote investigative journalism, the organization will train young journalists and video editors in investigative reporting, publishing findings on its website and social media.

### Strengthening the Capacity of the Russian-Language Media ① \$ 45,000

To enhance access to independent reporting and strengthen independent media, the group will produce news, articles, and videos on topics such as corruption, reforms, EU integration, human rights, and developments in southern regions.

# Strengthening Independent Media in Gagauzia ① \$ 45.000

To enhance access to independent Russian-language news in Gagauzia, the organization will launch a weekly talk show covering topics like the economy, reforms, local governance, and the Russian war in Ukraine.

# Supporting Regional Independent Media Coverage ® \$ 50.000

To enhance access to independent news in northern regions, the organization will expand its news portal, producing daily content in two languages, covering accountability, corruption, and ongoing reforms.

# Fostering the Adoption and Implementation of Key Reforms ① \$ 50.000

To strengthen democratic processes, the organization will monitor and provide recommendations for reforms, produce policy analyses, and counter authoritarian narratives with accessible videos for the public.

# Promoting Human Rights Protections in the Regions ① \$ 98.500

To strengthen human rights protections, the organization will provide legal assistance and strategic litigation, engage in developing and monitoring national policies, and promote its work through media, events, and publications.

# Bolstering Civic Participation in Monitoring Local Governance ① \$70,000

To empower civic oversight of local governance and encourage discourse on political matters, the organization will expand its online portals for citizen engagement, provide resources on legal entities, facilitate public voting on key issues, and analyze parliamentary and other legislative sessions.

# Promoting Efficient Use of Open Data for Transparent Governance @ \$ 50.000

To promote access to information and transparent governance, the organization will conduct research, develop policy recommendations on the newly enacted access to information law, and monitor its implementation while training civil society on open data monitoring.

# Fostering Judicial Transparency Through Digital Tools ① \$ 54,000

To strengthen judicial accountability and transparency, the organization will maintain an updated database of judges and prosecutors, publish a monthly news brief, and collaborate with investigative media on corruption cases within the judiciary.

### Fostering Public Administration Reform in the Regions ① \$ 64.000

To strengthen local government accountability, the organization will host regional forums on public administration reform, monitor community efforts, and produce media stories and educational materials showcasing best practices and success stories.

# Promoting Accountability and Transparency in Public Procurement ① \$ 50.000

To foster accountability and transparency of government spending, the organization will monitor public procurement cases, scrutinize the National Agency for Settling Complaints, hold roundtables on public procurement reforming, and expand its public procurement portal.

# Fostering Transparency of Local Government ① \$ 70.000

To strengthen the implementation of transparency laws by local governments, the organization will monitor public authorities, assess compliance, advocate for improved mechanisms, and share lessons with regional civil society.

# Educating Voters Ahead of the Constitutional Referendum 6 \$ 130,000

To educate voters about the country's prodemocratic course and strengthen their resilience to Kremlin propaganda, the organization will establish a school for micro-influencers and run a nonpartisan voter education campaign ahead of the country's constitutional referendum.

# Enhancing Electoral Transparency Through Investigative Reporting ① \$ 110,000

To inform and engage citizens during elections, the organization will publish nonpartisan investigative reports on election processes and candidates and produce videos to analyze anti-democratic narratives.

### Strengthening Independent Russian-Language Reporting ① \$ 78.000

To support independent reporting and promote public discussions on political developments, the organization will maintain its Russian-language website and social media, produce news, and expand its content in other languages.

# Empowering Public Sector Leaders (2) \$ 60,000

To enhance the capacity of public sector leaders, the organization will provide leadership training for national and local officials, facilitate cross-national exchanges, and organize a competition for participants to design action plans supporting democratic reforms.

# Ensuring Accountability Through Investigative Reporting ② \$ 71.000

To monitor government accountability and anti-corruption efforts, the organization will track reforms, investigate alleged corruption, and share reports and publications.

# Advancing Democratic Reforms Through Independent Media ① \$75,000

To strengthen public understanding of democratic reforms among the Russian-speaking population, the organization will produce a weekly Russian-language analytical talk show featuring political analysis, interviews, and debates.

# Supporting Independent Media ① \$ 70,500

To promote access to independent political news, the organization will broadcast a weekly, nonpartisan Russian-language TV show covering domestic developments, including the 2024 presidential and 2025 parliamentary elections.

#### **Core Institute**

#### **International Republican Institute**

### Building Moldovan Diaspora Engagement Through Elections ® \$ 600.000

To mobilize and engage a politically active diaspora, the Institute will support diaspora civil society groups, run nonpartisan get-out-the-vote campaigns, train political parties to engage with the diaspora, and organize regional conferences and post-election consultations.

#### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

### Building the Capacity of the State Chancellery ® \$465.000

To support the Moldovan State Chancellery in improving public consultation processes, the Institute will collaborate with the government agency to develop a consultation mechanism and gauge public opinion on territorial-administrative reform.

<sup>#</sup> denotes the length of the grant in months.

#### **MONTENEGRO**

# Fostering Public Debate on Accountability **6** \$ 26.000

To foster a culture of political accountability and promote policy dialogue among public officials, the organization will monitor parliamentary committees, engage experts to improve transparency and accountability, develop a media strategy to share findings, and organize advocacy meetings, while holding trainings for parliamentary staff.

# Advancing the Process of Transitional Justice ® \$60,000

To advance transitional justice, the organization will monitor war crimes investigations and trials, oversee victims' compensation rights, and recommend improvements for state compliance with international conventions.

# Enhancing Political Parties' Transparency During the Election Cycle @ \$ 100,000

To strengthen oversight of the financing of political parties and public institutions before and after elections, the watchdog will monitor relevant financing and procurement activities, assist citizens in reporting financial misconduct and conflicts of interest, and run a public awareness campaign to highlight findings

# Fostering Multiparty Dialogue ① \$ 60.000

To enhance citizen involvement in political processes and promote the resolution of political polarization, the organization will develop and implement a methodology to increase citizen engagement, foster a culture of prioritizing citizens' needs in decision-making, and engage youth political leaders to promote nonpartisan cross-party collaboration and dialogue.

# Promoting Accountability Through Online Media ① \$ 50,000

To promote financial transparency and accountability of political leaders regarding domestic and foreign investments, the organization will produce investigative articles and a podcast on alleged corruption, sharing content with media, civil society, and government agencies.

### Strengthening the Capacity of Investigative Media 9 \$ 20,000

To strengthen investigative media capacity and promote financial transparency, the organization will publish analyses on underreported financial risks, collaborate with local media and civil society to distribute and republish its findings, and enhance capacity through training and strategic planning.

<sup>#</sup> denotes the length of the grant in months.

# Fostering Public Dialogue on Transitional Justice **4** \$40,000

To foster public dialogue on transitional justice, the organization will host lectures, seminars, and training for university students and youth political party members, promoting awareness of the 1990s wars and bolstering youth engagement in reconciliation.

#### **Core Institute**

#### **International Republican Institute**

Combating Political Polarization Through Municipal Party Development and Cross-Party Collaborations ①

#### \$ 500,000

To strengthen political parties and reduce polarization, the Institute will foster cross-party collaboration on issue-based policy solutions, build internal party capacities, improve women and youth participation in politics, and provide tailored training based on party needs.

#### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

### Advancing Democratic Governance Through Political Party Integrity ① \$ 355,000

To strengthen the capacity of political parties to operate effectively and pursue systemic reform, the Institute will identify reform strategies, conduct research on democratic challenges, assess integrity gaps, and provide capacity-building and mentorship programs.

#### **NORTH MACEDONIA**

# Promoting Accountability Through Investigative Reporting ① \$ 64,000

To bolster investigative reporting on transparency and accountability in local governance, the organization will promote public debate, expand its digital newsroom, develop a network of local reporters, and provide investigative coverage of political events and their impact on local communities.

# Fostering Youth Engagement Through Online Media ① \$ 68,000

To promote civic engagement and ethnic relations among youth, the organization will produce news, reports, and live blogs on political events and interethnic issues, train youth activists, and host an annual event on new media and youth engagement.

# Promoting Youth Engagement in Multiethnic Communities ① \$ 54,000

To promote youth civic engagement in multi-ethnic communities, the center will train high school students in advocacy, digital campaigning, and leadership, mentoring them to implement campaigns on human rights and conflict resolution.

# Fostering Good Governance and Public Administration Reforms ① \$76,000

To foster good governance and promote public debate on accountability and transparency, the organization will monitor public administration reforms, produce reports, and organize consultations and advocacy events with ministries, civil society, media, parliamentary committees, and political parties.

# Promoting Human Rights Awareness \$\mathbb{Q}\$ \$60.000

To promote civic engagement and human rights awareness, the organization will integrate human rights documentaries into high school curricula, train students in documentary production, and organize traveling cinema events in remote communities.

# Encouraging Civic Engagement in Local Governance ① \$ 70.000

To encourage civic engagement in local governance, the organization will support community groups, provide them with capacity-building training, assist in advocacy efforts, and maintain a community media platform

# Fostering Debate on Accountability and Anti-Corruption ① \$ 48.000

To facilitate public understanding of accountability and promote policy responses to corruption, the organization will support political parties in integrating anti-corruption recommendations into their election programs, train youth within political parties, produce research and analysis, collaborate with members of parliament, and conduct media outreach.

### Promoting Local Accountability and Transparency ® \$50,000

To promote accountability and transparency in local institutions and raise citizens' awareness of local issues, the organization will conduct capacity-building workshops for municipal officials in the southern region and raise awareness through television and online media.

# Promoting Accountability Through Independent Journalism (2) \$ 60,000

To support independent and investigative media, the organization will work with journalists, especially women and youth, on news stories, investigative analyses, and video documentaries related to good governance and corruption, and host its annual media festival with public discussions.

# Promoting Civic and Youth Engagement ① \$ 52,000

To promote youth civic engagement, the organization will train youth leaders to develop their skills, support alumni-led community actions, continue a national campaign, and host a youth conference.

<sup>#</sup> denotes the length of the grant in months.

#### Promoting Political Participation and Civic Engagement in Electoral and Political Processes

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#### \$ 48,000

To foster civic engagement, the organization will facilitate civic education workshops on young leaders' skills, convene public events on youth's role in democratization, and organize a nonpartisan get-out-the-vote campaign ahead of the elections.

# Promoting the Use of New Technology in Local Government Decision-Making @ \$ 60.000

To encourage citizen participation and promote new technology in local governance, the organization will upgrade its web platform, advocate for data-driven decision-making, conduct needs assessments for selected municipalities, and provide capacity-building training for local authorities to better address community concerns

# Strengthening Media Literacy Among Youth ② \$ 50,000

To strengthen media awareness among youth, the organization will train youth and teachers in analytical approaches to political developments and the media landscape, featuring educational videos, training, and a board game tournament.

# Fostering Integrity Among Political Party Youth ® \$55,000

To bridge political polarization and promote integrity among young political leaders, the organization will run a nonpartisan capacity-building program on accountability and good governance for young politicians and develop a political integrity index to guide future advocacy.

### Promoting Youth Engagement in Accountability of Public Institutions ① \$ 50,000

To strengthen youth engagement in promoting transparency in higher education, the organization will train students to identify and combat corruption, produce a university transparency report, and host a national student forum to advocate for student rights and accountability.

# Promoting Objective Reporting in Ethnic Minority Language ① \$ 60,000

To provide reliable independent information to ethnic minority communities, the organization will produce reports, analyses, and expert interviews on democratic reforms, rule of law, transparency, and anti-corruption efforts.

#### Promoting Accountability Through Independent Reporting **(4)** \$ 90.000

To support independent reporting and enhance public official accountability, the organization will produce a semiweekly television program with analyses and investigative stories for the public broadcaster and promote it on its website and social media.

### Empowering Citizen Engagement and Participation in Accountability ® \$50,000

To strengthen citizen oversight and promote accountability, the organization will engage citizens, organize town halls and media briefings, monitor healthcare sector corruption, and advocate for legislative reforms.

#### **Core Institute**

#### **International Republican Institute**

# Enhancing Local Governance and Party Transparency ① \$ 500,000

To foster citizen trust in democratic institutions, the Institute will strengthen government leaders' and political parties' ability to address citizen concerns and operate transparently, improving the effectiveness, communication, and responsiveness of local governments, while empowering political parties to promote transparency, efficacy, and better service delivery among their candidates.

#### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

# Countering the Alleged Abuse of State Resources in Elections ① \$ 300.000

To enhance civil society's capacity to monitor state resource abuse in elections, the Institute will equip domestic actors to identify, monitor, and report abuses, reduce their frequency, and build confidence in democracy, while providing technical and financial support to effectively monitor the 2024 parliamentary and presidential elections.

#### **SERBIA**

# Promoting Civic Oversight of the Security Sector ® \$40.000

To foster civic oversight of the security sector, the organization will monitor relevant reforms, collaborate with journalists and experts on an advocacy campaign, and offer fellowships for displaced Ukrainian civic leaders to promote their work.

# Fostering Youth Engagement in Vojvodina ① \$ 48,500

To promote civic education and youth engagement in Vojvodina, the organization will hold workshops, public debates, and events, while also equipping youth with skills to engage with local officials.

# Raising Awareness on Foreign Authoritarian Influence ① \$40,000

To raise awareness of foreign authoritarian influence, the organization will monitor media, conduct polling and research on public opinions, and produce bi-monthly reports, promoting key findings through media and debates.

# Promoting Professional Digital Journalism ② \$ 66,000

To promote professional journalism and strengthen local media outlets, the organization will offer a digital journalism school, internships, and mentorships, report on media trends, and award subgrants to local digital media for outreach and engagement.

# Promoting Accountability and Civic Participation in Local Decision-Making @ \$ 50.000

To promote civic participation in Southern Serbia, the organization will map citizens' needs in multiethnic municipalities, organize public events, promote accountable institutions, and run a nonpartisan get-out-the-vote campaign for the 2024 elections.

# Promoting Civic Engagement in Local Communities ① \$ 40.000

To foster active citizenship and build the capacity of grassroots initiatives, the association will train grassroots organizations in communication, advocacy, and program development, host events on socio-political topics, provide technical assistance, and produce multimedia content on innovative approaches to social change.

# Strengthening Independent Local Media ① \$ 108,000

To strengthen independent reporting and foster greater interaction between citizens and local media, the organization will enhance its online portal with nonpartisan multimedia content, distribute subgrants for investigative stories and provide bilingual news for Serbian and Albanian-speaking audiences.

#### Fostering Public Debate and Independent Reporting ① \$ 58.000

To foster public dialogue on reforms in Serbia and promote fiscal transparency and accountability, the organization will initiate discussions on political issues, produce policy recommendations, and conduct investigations into the economic impact of rule of law issues.

# Strengthening Civic Participation in Eastern Serbia ® \$50,000

To promote active citizenship and civic participation, the organization will strengthen its network of civic leaders and initiatives, provide capacity-building trainings, and launch outreach events to promote democracy and civic engagement across the region.

### Challenging a Culture of Impunity for Past Atrocities ® \$ 50.000

To raise awareness of 1990s war crimes and contribute to reconciliation, the organization will research and gather evidence on perpetrators, using reports, an interactive website, and digital narratives for outreach, while urging state and international institutions to pursue criminal proceedings.

# Fostering Youth Civic Engagement in Promoting Tolerance ® \$49,000

To foster active citizenship and enable young leaders to promote tolerance and pluralism, the organization will develop students' civic and leadership skills, create an educational network of students, educators, and cultural workers, and organize activities where participants design and implement advocacy initiatives in their communities

# Promoting Creative Approaches to Public Dialogue and Historical Understanding @ \$ 55,000

To foster creative approaches to public dialogue, historical understanding, and reconciliation, the organization will produce exhibits on antiwar and civic movements in the 1990s, host discussions, create educational resources, and organize traveling exhibitions.

### Encouraging Critical Thinking and Open Debate ® \$60.000

To foster public discussion and provide credible analysis on socio-political and economic challenges, the organization will produce original content, translate articles from leading global media, and host expert commentary on its website.

# Supporting Transparency and Accountability Through Investigative Reporting ③ \$ 39.000

To promote financial accountability and transparency, the organization will update its political financing database, train journalists and activists, publish investigative stories, and share outputs through social media and expert panels.

# Strengthening Independent Media and Interethnic Dialogue ① \$ 53,000

To strengthen independent media and foster inter-ethnic dialogue on democratization, the organization will maintain its media as nonpartisan bilingual platforms for independent news, while expanding its content.

# Promoting Transparency in Government Infrastructure Projects ① \$ 42,000

To promote government transparency and accountability, the organization will expand its interactive database on infrastructure project management, produce investigative multimedia stories on illegal construction and money laundering, and share its findings

# Promoting Civic Engagement Among Youth ① \$ 65,000

To promote civic engagement and participation, the organization will educate youth on civic duties, run nonpartisan get-out-the-vote campaigns, host public events, conduct outreach, and organize a large cultural event to mobilize voters nationwide.

<sup>#</sup> denotes the length of the grant in months.

### Promoting Youth Engagement in Political Processes (1) \$ 45,000

To promote civic participation and public debate ahead of elections in Vojvodina, the organization will run a nonpartisan get-out-the-vote campaign for young voters, organize public debates, expand multimedia projects on 1990s human rights abuses, and increase outreach through events.

# Strengthening the Capacity of Local Media ② \$ 70.000

To strengthen independent local and regional media, the organization will offer free legal aid, tailored consultations, and training for journalists and editorial boards, organize roundtable discussions on emerging challenges, conduct research on media freedom, and advocate for improved regulatory framework.

# Fostering the Accountability of Elected Officials ① \$ 65.000

To foster greater public demand for accountability, the organization will run an interactive online platform and organize offline activities to improve communication between citizens and elected officials, and conduct outreach and educational events for youth and first-time voters.

# Supporting Youth Engagement in Eastern Serbia ② \$ 60.000

To promote youth civic engagement, the organization will strengthen civic education through school parliament elections, support youth advocacy on key issues, and facilitate community projects and campaigns to foster democratic values and good governance.

# Fostering Public Debate on Key Issues Affecting Democracy (4) \$ 50,000

To foster public debate on the state of democracy, the organization will produce analytical articles, host discussions on key issues, and share weekly summaries and social media updates, focusing on challenges to democratization.

#### **Core Institute**

#### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

# Strengthening Citizen Empowerment and Engagement @ \$ 378,000

To improve local government responsiveness, the Institute will strengthen the ability of municipal officials to address citizen needs, support civil society initiatives in advocacy, facilitate discussions between officials and civil society, and run public awareness campaigns to inform citizens about how to contact municipal authorities.

<sup>#</sup> denotes the length of the grant in months.

#### **UKRAINE**

# Supporting Independent Video Journalism ② \$ 70.000

To strengthen independent video reporting and promote access to independent information, the organization will produce original content for its social media, offering analysis, journalistic investigations, interviews, and civic education videos on key political developments.

# Strengthening Public Sector Accountability Through Investigative Journalism ① \$ 59,000

To promote accountability and raise awareness of corruption, the organization will investigate allegations of misuse of funds and power, using open data and investigative techniques, and publish its findings as multimedia content.

### Advancing Awareness of Human Rights Violations and Access to Justice ① \$ 64.000

To document and raise awareness of human rights violations and war crimes, the organization will investigate enforced disappearances and the use of filtration camps, conduct field missions, monitor court trials, and raise public awareness through investigations and advocacy efforts.

# Supporting Independent Reporting in War-Affected Southern Ukraine ① \$75,000

To support independent media in southern regions and enhance access to independent reporting, the organization will produce news, analysis, photos, and videos on political, economic, and security developments in the war-torn Kherson region.

# Promoting Citizen Engagement and Media Awareness ® 150,000

To foster media awareness and public discussion, the organization will produce weekly satirical news episodes on social media, analyzing political developments in Ukraine and Russia's invasion, while providing essential information to citizens during the war.

# Amplifying Advocacy for War Crimes Victims' Justice ① \$ 170,000

To strengthen wartime accountability and access to justice, the organization will partner with human rights defenders to raise international awareness of Russian war crimes and launch communication campaigns to support victims' pursuit of justice.

# Promoting Activism and Reconstruction Through Storytelling (2) \$ 100,000

To strengthen the capacity of grassroots civic initiatives, the organization will produce podcasts with activists and civil society representatives to highlight best practices and run a public communication training program for activists, particularly in newly occupied and de-occupied areas.

# Strengthening the Media Community and Supporting Journalists During the War ${\color{red} \mathbb{O}}$ \$ 322,000

To strengthen the capacity of regional media and foster professional networking, the organization will provide capacity-building and emergency support for war-affected outlets, organize a media conference and meetings, and convene strategic sessions and retreats for civil society and media partners.

# Bolstering Investigative Journalism for Accountability and Justice @ \$ 115,000

To promote government accountability and counter Kremlin narratives, the organization will investigate alleged corruption, challenge and expose Russian authoritarian propaganda, and share frontline reports.

# Expanding Access to Independent Reporting @ \$ 330,000

To promote access to independent information and news, the organization will produce daily reports for its Ukrainian TV channel, create multilingual programs, and distribute them to a broader audience.

# Bolstering Independent Media in Central Ukraine ① \$ 80.000

To strengthen local media resilience and promote access to independent reporting, the organization will produce and broadcast news content, provide resources to journalists from frontline and occupied territories, and serve as a media hub for professionals affected by war and occupation.

# Increasing Regional Awareness of Local Governance (§) \$80,000

To strengthen civic oversight of local governance and enhance regional investigative reporting, the organization will conduct investigations, publish news and analysis, offer governance reform recommendations, and run an internship program.

# Strengthening the Resilience of Civil Society Organizations @ \$ 50,000

To strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations, the group will organize events and consultations to address activists' psychosocial challenges and build skills for managing war-related issues.

# Monitoring Progress Towards Democratic Reform and European Integration ① \$ 124,000

To facilitate informed public discussion of reforms, the organization will publish data-driven analysis on reform processes and wartime legislation, advocating for legislative and policy decisions that support economic development and strengthen the country's European integration.

### Promoting Justice and Strengthening Accountability Efforts ® \$90.000

To strengthen accountability and justice for war crimes, the organization will provide legal counseling to survivors, support precedent-setting legal cases in courts, and bolster civil society advocacy for improved legal frameworks.

# Promoting Human Rights Coalition Building ® \$50,000

To strengthen the coalition of human rights defenders and facilitate civil society cooperation, the organization will coordinate Civil Solidarity Platform members, produce policy papers, host side events at international forums, and provide consultations to decision-makers.

# Fostering Leadership and Sustainability of Regional Media @ \$ 90.000

To support the strategic development of independent media and foster a network of media leaders, the organization will mentor regional outlets to enhance organizational capacity and audience engagement, while facilitating industry events for collaboration.

# Fostering Cross-Sectoral Collaboration for Reconstruction Efforts ® \$45.000

To promote good governance and transparency in wartime reconstruction, the organization will convene cross-sectoral leaders to discuss policies, establish reform priorities, produce a report with recommendations, and host a good governance event.

# Supporting Independent Reporting and Research on Eastern Ukraine \$80.000

To promote independent news and information on regional developments, the organization will produce reports and analysis on the situation in occupied territories and the war in eastern Ukraine, publishing them on its website.

### Mobilizing Civic Initiatives to Promote Government Accountability in Eastern Ukraine ① \$ 60.000

To strengthen civic engagement and local governance accountability, the organization will build grassroots capacity, facilitate citizen participation, monitor war-related environmental damage, and contribute to new policies and legislation.

# Supporting Independent Radio Reporting ① \$ 90,000

To facilitate access to independent information and strengthen an independent radio station, the organization will maintain FM and online broadcasts, produce news on socio-political issues, and report on developments related to the war.

# Promoting Transparency and Citizen Oversight 9 \$ 60.000

To facilitate citizen oversight in healthcare, the group will work with ten local coalitions of activists, officials, and medical professionals, organizing study visits, cross-sectoral discussions, and supporting practical solutions to address corruption and misuse of public funds.

### Empowering Civil Society to Promote Financial Integrity ① \$ 55.000

To strengthen civil society's expertise in anti-money laundering and promote financial integrity, the organization will build the capacity of local partners for research and publications, organize conferences and policy forums, and facilitate engagement with international institutions.

# Strengthening Civic Activism and Cross-Sectoral Dialogue ① \$ 90.000

To promote civic engagement and cross-sectoral collaboration, the organization will build a network of activists, business representatives, university members, and local officials, organize small grants competitions and training programs, and host networking events.

# Increasing Access to Independent Radio Reporting in Eastern Ukraine ② \$ 170.000

To strengthen access to independent reporting and build the capacity of an independent radio station, the organization will report on local developments, broadcast via FM and online channels, and maintain a website with news and updates from the war region.

### Strengthening Civic Actors and Building the Capacity of New Initiatives ① \$ 73.000

To enhance the capacity of activists and foster citizen engagement in civic life, the organization will train and mentor activists, strengthen civic initiatives, and cultivate a new generation of leaders to collaborate with local authorities on reconstruction and war-related issues.

# Supporting Regional Investigative Journalism ① \$ 55.000

To strengthen investigative journalism at the local level and foster accountability of public officials, the organization will publish stories and videos on alleged corruption in the Rivne region, file claims with law enforcement, and monitor criminal proceedings and government responses.

# Promoting Civic Engagement and Supporting Grassroots Initiatives ① \$ 121,000

To strengthen civic engagement and support grassroots initiatives, the organization will run civic education sessions and outreach camps for displaced and marginalized groups, offering training on capacity building and project management, while fostering collaboration with local leaders and volunteer groups.

# Strengthening the Capacity of Regional Media and Sustaining Civic Engagement (5) \$ 32,000

To strengthen independent media and promote civic participation in the Poltava region, the organization will expand multimedia coverage of key developments, offer journalist training, and enhance investigative reporting on corruption and the misuse of reconstruction funds.

# Bolstering Local Reporting on War-Related Developments in Eastern Ukraine @ \$ 100,000

To strengthen the capacity of an independent online news outlet, the organization will produce multimedia content on local developments in Kharkiv and surrounding regions, including reporting, investigations, and interviews.

<sup>#</sup> denotes the length of the grant in months.

# Promoting Accountability Through Investigative Media Reporting in the Volyn Region @ \$ 78,000

To foster investigative reporting, the organization will publish multimedia investigations and articles on political and social developments in Volyn, create content for citizen oversight of public institutions, and use social media to expand its reader community.

# Ensuring Access to Local Independent News ① \$ 100,000

To facilitate access to local independent news and information, the organization will provide operational support to local radio stations, primarily in de-occupied and frontline regions, offering expert guidance on improving operations and outreach

# Empowering Youth Engagement in Civic Activism and Reconstruction Activities \$\mathbb{Q}\$ \$120.000

To strengthen active citizenship among youth, the organization will lead volunteer activities, organize educational events on war-affected community reconstruction, engage local representatives in project design, and offer project management training for youth councils.

# Fostering Cross-Sectoral Engagement in Grassroots Civil Society ® \$ 50.000

To strengthen civil society's capacity to collaborate across sectors in implementing social initiatives, the organization will run training and mentorship programs for grassroots leaders in war-affected regions.

# Fostering Government Accountability and Public Awareness of Economic Issues ® 60.000

To enhance citizen understanding of reforms and foster government accountability, the organization will produce weekly media content explaining the impact of policies on economic issues such as taxation, state budget allocations, and public services in an accessible format.

# Promoting Media Professionalism and Quality Reporting ① \$ 60,000

To promote editorial standards and strengthen media awareness, the organization will analyze media reporting quality, publish its findings and features, collaborate with national media groups to uphold editorial standards, and use social media and professional conferences to promote its findings.

# Building the Capacity and Resilience of Regional Initiatives ① \$ 50,000

To enhance the resilience of local civil society during the war, the organization will support civil society organizations and leaders through training, a small grants competition, educational content, and a retreat focused on addressing operational challenges.

### Strengthening Civil Society's Capacity to Promote Social Cohesion ① \$ 120.000

To sustain and expand a network of psychosocial rehabilitation centers, the organization will train and mentor civic initiatives in facilitating self-help support groups for veterans, their families, and internally displaced people.

# Promoting Transparency and Accountability in the Defense Sector ① \$ 140,000

To strengthen civil society's role in promoting anti-corruption reforms, the organization will support the Ministry of Defense's civic anti-corruption council with communication and technical assistance, publish reports on accountability policies, and advocate for their adoption.

# Expanding Independent News Coverage in Eastern Ukraine @ \$ 100.000

To promote access to independent information in war-affected regions, the organization will produce daily news articles, create a platform for discussions on the post-war future, and involve the audience in content creation.

### Providing First-Hand Reporting from the Frontlines and Liberated Territories (5) \$ 120.000

To raise awareness of the ongoing war and ensure access to independent reporting, the organization will produce original content from combat zones, frontline territories, and liberated areas.

# Documenting Alleged War Crimes and Promoting Justice and Accountability ① \$ 128,250

To document and promote accountability for alleged war crimes, the organization will conduct field missions to gather evidence, investigate and report on Russian war crimes, and coordinate documentation efforts with law enforcement agencies.

# Improving Independent Analytical Coverage of Reforms Towards Euro-Atlantic Integration ① \$ 118.000

To enhance media coverage of the country's European and Euro-Atlantic integration and facilitate public dialogue on reforms, the organization will produce news and analysis, and serve as an expert platform offering content in both Ukrainian and English.

# Strengthening Access to Independent Reporting via Radio and Online Broadcasting ① \$ 75.000

To foster democratic discourse and ensure access to information during the war, the organization will produce independent news on political and war developments for FM and online radio broadcast.

# Bolstering Independent Regional Media in War-Affected Northern Ukraine 1 \$ 62.000

To strengthen independent reporting, the organization will launch an online news platform, produce video content on local and war developments, and expand audience outreach.

# Cultivating a New Generation of Journalists ® \$100,000

To enhance the professional capacity of novice journalists and media professionals and bolster the independent media community, the organization will hold mentorship and training programs focused on developing skills and improving both practical and theoretical knowledge.

# Enhancing the Resilience of Civil Society for Justice and Accountability (§ 89,000

To bolster civil society resilience and promote accountability for war crimes, the organization will launch an online platform with resources for civic leaders and media activists, support documentation field missions, and disseminate findings both domestically and internationally.

# Fostering Responsive Governance in Local Reconstruction Efforts ® \$69,000

To enhance local government accountability and transparency in wartime, the organization will monitor reconstruction projects and public spending, produce analytical reports and media content, and publicize findings to boost public awareness and advocacy efforts.

### Fostering Public Oversight of Judicial Reform (1) \$ 70.000

To ensure civic participation and public oversight of judicial reform, the organization will monitor the judge selection process, oversee qualification assessments, review financial statements, analyze performance, and share findings with the public, filing legal complaints when alleged misconduct or corruption is found.

# Empowering Local Communities to Implement Anti-Corruption Policies ® \$ 70.000

To promote anti-corruption efforts, the organization will analyze local corruption, research best practices, consult communities on anti-corruption plans, train officials, and collaborate with media to raise awareness.

### Promoting Awareness of Corruption Through Investigative Reporting (3) \$ 50.000

To foster accountability and advance regional investigative journalism, the organization will investigate alleged abuses of power, corruption, and war crimes, sharing findings through original content, while training independent media on investigative tools and approaches.

# Increasing the Capacity and Outreach of Regional Media ① \$75,000

To build the capacity of regional media and facilitate their networking, the organization will maintain a platform for local outlets, assist them with capacity building and development, and strengthen communication within the network and with international media.

# Promoting Civic Engagement and Human Rights Through Film ® \$150,000

To foster civic engagement and raise awareness of human rights, the organization will maintain its network of film clubs nationwide, hosting documentary screenings and public discussions, while working with civic leaders to facilitate advocacy campaigns.

# Strengthening the Wartime Capacity of Local Civil Society Organizations (§ \$74,000

To develop the capacity of local civil society organizations and volunteer initiatives, the organization will train civic leaders in management and communications, support grassroots leadership development, and provide small grants for local projects.

# Supporting Independent Analytical Reporting During the War 🚯 \$ 230.000

To promote independent reporting and public discussion on democratic processes, the organization will produce reports on political developments, fostering debates on the country's democratic trajectory.

# Empowering Emerging Leaders to Address War-Related Challenges (4) \$ 120.000

To build a network of grassroots leaders, the organization will identify emerging civic actors, provide training in communication and policymaking, foster trust-building activities, and create opportunities for engagement with policymakers and media.

# Building the Capacity of Regional Initiatives and Volunteer Movements ${\mathfrak A}$ \$ 200.000

To strengthen local civic engagement, the organization will train grassroots non-profits and volunteer groups, foster collaboration with local authorities, and engage in research, training, and advocacy on social entrepreneurship.

# Ensuring Accountability for War Crimes ① \$ 150,000

To protect the rights of forcibly displaced Ukrainian children and political prisoners, the organization will produce analytical materials and policy recommendations on children's rights, raise awareness of war crimes, advocate for accountability, and provide legal assistance to victims of political persecution.

# Strengthening Human Rights Protection for War-Impacted Civilians ® 72,000

To advance civilian protection and accountability for war crimes, the organization will monitor human rights violations, prepare policy briefs, provide legal counseling to war-impacted civilians, and share its analysis for advocacy and awareness.

# Enhancing Investigative Reporting for Accountability and War Justice ② \$ 300,000

To foster accountability for war crimes, the organization will produce multimedia investigative stories and documentaries on war crimes, corruption, and human rights violations, organize public screenings with facilitated discussions.

<sup>#</sup> denotes the length of the grant in months.

# Building Capacity of Local Communities <sup>(1)</sup> \$78,000

To strengthen the capacity and resilience of local communities, the organization will conduct learning activities for civil society and local government actors, facilitate study visits and networking events, and award small grants.

# Empowering Cross-Border Media Collaborations ⑦ \$80,000

To foster media development and resilience through cross-regional collaborations, the organization will arrange visits to Ukraine for journalists and editors, including meetings with civil society leaders, policymakers, journalists, and visits to war-affected communities.

### Enhancing Data-Driven Reporting on the Impact of Russian Aggression ① \$ 80.000

To ensure access to independent reporting and raise awareness of Russian aggression, the organization will establish a data department to complement frontline reporting, produce multimedia content on underreported regions, and document the destruction of inaccessible border areas.

### Increasing Transparency and Accountability in Public Procurement ① \$ 70.000

To strengthen civic oversight in public spending, the organization will monitor procurement, investigate alleged corruption, report findings to law enforcement, submit appeals, and train local officials, civic leaders, and business representatives on online procurement efficiency.

### Strengthening Reporting on Judicial Accountability and Facilitating Access to Justice ① \$ 55.000

To promote judicial accountability and access to justice for war crime victims, the organization will produce reports and analyses on legal cases, document war crime trials, and advocate for judicial reform and justice mechanisms.

# Fostering Independent Reporting and Building Social Cohesion in Eastern Ukraine ① \$ 110,000

To promote independent reporting and grassroots activism, the organization will produce news reports on the Kharkiv region, publish materials, expand its press club audience, and engage the community members in local activism.

# Fostering Independent Reporting in War-Affected Southern Ukraine ① \$ 70,000

To ensure access to independent reporting, the organization will produce and publish news and multimedia content on regional developments, including occupied territories.

# Strengthening Access to Independent Information ① \$ 100,000

To promote access to independent information, the organization will produce multimedia content on reforms and civil society, highlight civic engagement efforts, and host events to engage readers and community leaders.

# Promoting Financial Integrity and Cross-Sectoral Collaboration ① \$ 125,000

To enhance civil society's capacity to oversee financial reforms and promote accountability, the organization will produce research, convene a task force on public-private partnerships, and engage with stakeholders in Ukraine and Europe to advance policymaking on financial integrity.

# Bolstering Independent Media and Sustaining Civic Engagement in Northeast Ukraine ① \$70,000

To ensure access to independent reporting and support civic engagement, the organization will publish news in multimedia formats, expand audience outreach through local communities and influencers, and enhance its organizational capacity.

# Strengthening Regional Civil Society Networks ® \$68.000

To amplify the role of civil society organizations in policymaking, the organization will convene a series of trainings and conferences, foster grassroots networks, and support regional advocacy initiatives through new and existing associations.

# Promoting Transparent and Accountable Land Management Under Martial Law **4** \$43.000

To bolster community-based solutions and enhance legislative frameworks for transparent land management during the war, the organization will monitor wartime legislation, investigate land misuse, provide capacity-building consultations, and lead advocacy efforts through media partnerships.

#### **Promoting Cross-Regional Democratic Solidarity** ®

Russia in the World

#### \$ 150,000

To encourage dialogue and build pro-democratic alliances, the organization will lead field visits for journalists and opinion leaders, facilitate meetings with political and civil society leaders on democratic resilience and human rights, develop media partnerships, and organize thematic workshops in selected countries.

# Enhancing Investigative Reporting on Regional Wartime Governance ® \$ 80.000

To foster accountability of public officials, the organization will investigate local governance, produce multimedia content, monitor authorities, and share its findings.

# Strengthening Human Rights Protection for Displaced People ① \$75,000

To enhance government responsiveness on human rights protection for internally displaced people (IDPs), the organization will conduct research and consultations, develop policy recommendations, and share recommendations with relevant institutions and media.

# Supporting Truth-Seeking and Pursuing Justice ® \$150,000

To promote justice for human rights violations and freedom of expression during war, the organization will collect evidence, update an online memorial, organize events, and arrange journalist visits for dialogue on war crimes and accountability.

# Promoting Judicial Accountability and Transparency ® \$100,000

To increase civic oversight of judicial reform, the organization will monitor legislative and policy changes, develop recommendations to improve access to justice, and engage with government officials, parliamentarians, and international stakeholders.

# Promoting Accountability and Protecting Human Rights Under Occupation **(24)** \$ 100,000

To enhance legal assistance for citizens in occupied areas and strengthen responses to human rights violations, the organization will monitor abuses, provide free legal aid, publish analytical reports, and advocate for policy changes.

#### **Core Institute**

#### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

# Supporting Business Leadership in Economic Resilience & Reconstruction ® \$1.336.130

To strengthen the private sector's role in economic resilience and reform, the Center will enhance business community participation in decision-making on growth, resilience, anti-corruption, and EU accession, and support Ukrainian SMEs in aligning with international standards.

#### **EUROPE REGIONAL**

#### Fostering Independent and Objective Journalism ① \$ 40.000

To support independent journalism and strengthen cross-regional collaboration, the organization will expand its reporting on politics and will feature key foreign policy issues in the region, including the war in Ukraine.

# Countering Authoritarian Influences ® 80.000

To track, analyze, and counter authoritarian influences, the organization will research Russian and Chinese propaganda, monitor related policy initiatives, publish findings, and raise youth awareness on authoritarian narratives.

<sup>#</sup> denotes the length of the grant in months.

# Supporting Accountability Journalism ② \$ 110,000

To promote accountability at the local level, the organization will investigate public concerns, highlight alleged fraud, publish a print bulletin for rural audiences, and expand outreach through a monthly podcast and weekly interactive videos

# Fostering Democratic Values and Civic Engagement ® 13,000

To foster democratic values and civic engagement in rural areas, the organization will run a coaching program for local leaders and support initiatives on community organizing, human rights, and civic participation.

### Fostering Investigative Journalism ① \$ 162.000

To strengthen investigative journalism, the organization will expand its investigative portals, conduct cross-border investigations into corruption and Kremlin-driven propaganda narratives, and strengthen journalist networks, including in the Baltic States.

# Supporting Independent Journalism <sup>(1)</sup> \$ 40.000

To support independent regional media, the organization will produce content on municipal governance, collaborate with local media on public fund spending, and share citizens' feedback on local developments with relevant authorities.

# Raising Awareness of Authoritarian Influence ① \$ 72.500

To increase awareness of external efforts to undermine democracy in Central and Eastern Europe, the organization will produce reports on CCP and Kremlin influence in Europe's energy sector and advocate for policy changes through events and media campaigns.

# Promoting Local Government Transparency and Accountability 9 \$33,000

To promote good governance at the municipal level, the organization will conduct transparency diagnostics, draft policy recommendations, and engage local officials in committing to transparent governance.

# Promoting Local Government Accountability ® \$80,000

To promote government accountability and transparency, the organization, with its partners, will organize activities to strengthen civil society capacity and expand regional networks, focusing on transparency, good governance, and civic engagement at the local level.

### Strengthening the Capacity and Cooperation of Investigative Journalists ① \$ 100.000

To raise the capacities of regional media professionals and foster cooperation, the organization will train journalists in investigative reporting, expand a regional network for crime and corruption investigations, and support mentoring, internships, and cross-border reporting.

# Promoting Social Cohesion and Democratic Norms ® 110,000

To foster dialogue and social cohesion in response to the war-driven refugee situation, the organization will collaborate with schools and trainers to organize workshops and debates on democratic society.

# Promoting Electoral Accountability and Integrity ① \$ 79.000

To strengthen electoral integrity, the organization will promote accountability based on international democratic standards, conduct media monitoring, raise awareness of youth and women's political participation, and foster regional networking.

# Fostering Citizen Engagement in Promoting Free and Fair Elections ® \$55.000

To promote political accountability and human rights, the organization will offer legal aid to monitors and voters, strengthen civic leaders' monitoring capacity, document fraud, and advocate for improved electoral laws.

# Supporting Independent Local Journalism ② \$ 40.000

To promote access to independent reporting, the organization will produce multimedia materials on regional and national news, publish investigative stories on public interest issues, and host community meetings to discuss current affairs.

# Strengthening Societal Resilience to Authoritarian Influence ® \$181,000

To enhance societal resilience to hybrid threats from authoritarian actors, the organization will conduct public opinion polls, monitor authoritarian narratives, convene events, and publish analytical content on key geopolitical issues.

# Strengthening Independent Digital Media ① \$ 100,000

To strengthen independent digital media, the organization will expand English-language reporting on key issues, host workshops for regional media cooperation, and maintain a portal and website to share materials.

### Fostering Democratic Values in Central Europe ① \$ 120.000

To foster regional dialogue that promotes and defends core democratic values, the organization will produce reports on democratic resilience, create multilingual media content, publish in key outlets, and strengthen its network of pro-democratic opinion leaders through regular events.

### Increasing Civil Society's Resilience and Strengthen Cross Border Learning ® \$44.250

To strengthen civil resilience and cross-border learning, the organization will bolster civil society networks, provide peer-to-peer mentorship and connections for civic leaders.

### Strengthening Media Resilience and Collaboration in Central and Eastern Europe ① \$ 98,000

To foster media resilience and advocate for media freedom, the organization will develop a regional network of media partners to share knowledge, counter threats, and address common challenges.

# Supporting Civil Society Efforts in Strengthening the Rule of Law <sup>(1)</sup> \$ 70,000

To safeguard the rule of law as a fundamental principle of constitutional democracy, the organization will enhance its legal expertise, expand monitoring, analysis, and advocacy efforts, and produce multimedia content on the importance of the rule of law.

# Promoting Policy Debate at the Local Level (4) \$ 40,000

To promote local policy debate, the organization will create a network of rural decision-makers from diverse political backgrounds, share analytical content, facilitate communication through its platform, and host forums to discuss local developments and strengthen community resilience.

# Supporting Electoral Reforms ② \$ 51,000

To strengthen electoral financial integrity, the organization will convene civil society leaders to analyze party finances and reporting, draft legal amendments, and communicate key findings.

# Supporting Civil Society's Participation in Restoring Rule of Law Standards ① \$ 55.000

To promote public debate on the rule of law, the organization will produce podcasts, articles, and videos on judicial reform and public accountability, while advocating for policy recommendations.

# Fostering Press Freedom and Independent Reporting ① \$ 60.000

To strengthen the sustainability of independent media, the organization will undergo a digital transformation, expand online outreach, and organize interactive events with readers on key political and socio-economic issues.

# Strengthening Civil Society's Collaboration with Investigative Media ① \$ 60.000

To strengthen collaboration among non-profit watchdog organizations and investigative media, the organization will investigate alleged corruption cases, host nationwide webinars on effective collaboration, and organize a conference on the future of local media.

# Promoting Understanding of Chinese and Russian Autocratic Influence @ \$190,000

To monitor and respond to Chinese and Russian influence, the organization will collaborate with local partners to analyze and report on Chinese and Russian-Chinese policies in the region, while running awareness and advocacy campaigns to promote adjustments in foreign policy.

# Supporting Independent Journalism <sup>(1)</sup> \$ 40,000

To strengthen independent media resilience, the organization will enhance protection platforms for journalists, expand legal and psychosocial support, and offer training on legal awareness, cybersecurity, and personal safety.

# Strengthening Youth Engagement and Social Cohesion @ \$ 60.000

To foster youth engagement and social cohesion, the organization will work with Polish, Ukrainian, and Belarusian youth, building leadership and communication skills through workshops and study visits, while supporting them in implementing community initiatives.

# Strengthening the Capacity of the Public Spending Monitors ® 87,000

To strengthen citizen oversight of public spending, the organization will partner with NGOs to monitor funds, analyze data, share findings with policymakers and media, and advocate for transparency solutions.

# Strengthening Independent Journalism ② \$ 124.000

To promote independent journalism, the organization will manage its website, develop story ideas, foster cross-border collaborations, and host events to establish partnerships.

# Supporting Civil Society Efforts in Enhancing Democratic Resilience (4) \$ 71.250

To strengthen civil society's resilience and safeguard the rule of law, the organization will scale up monitoring and analysis, provide legal assistance to civil society, conduct legislative advocacy, and promote civic engagement.

# Increasing Media Awareness ② \$ 100.000

To enhance seniors' understanding of the digital information environment, the organization will assess literacy skills, adapt teaching methodologies, develop educational materials, and conduct workshops.

# Expanding Resources and Innovation for Independent Media ① \$ 50,000

To strengthen independent regional media, the organization will collaborate with regional outlets to assess their needs, provide technical assistance and support for new content formats, and launch a resource portal for media groups.

### Providing Independent Regional Coverage as a Mechanism of Accountability ① \$ 50.000

To provide independent coverage and foster government accountability, the organization will send reporters to remote municipalities to produce original content, engage residents, and hold local governments accountable.

#### **Core Institute**

#### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

# Enhancing the Role of the Central European Private Sector in Ukraine Reconstruction ① \$ 397,006

To strengthen democratic public-private dialogue and foster cross-regional collaboration on reconstruction, the Center will equip businesses with resources on cross-border trade and investment, provide platforms for engaging with policymakers, and inform economic policy decisions.

#### **International Republican Institute**

# Revitalizing Infrastructure of Parties in Electoral Regions ① \$ 200,000

To improve political parties' ability to engage with rural voters, enhance responsiveness, and compete in elections, the Institute will support regional political party leadership in connecting with voters, addressing concerns during and after elections, and providing tools and resources to strengthen organizational capacity.

#### **International Republican Institute**

# Bolstering Europe Against the Subversive Tactics of the Chinese Communist Party @ \$ 500,000

To enhance European parliaments' ability to counter the authoritarian influence of the Chinese Communist Party, the Institute will assist legislators in Central and Eastern Europe in developing policies on issues such as transnational repression, the Belt and Road Initiative, rule of law, and human rights, by connecting them with policy experts and conducting targeted workshops.

#### **International Republican Institute**

# Strengthening Institutions Against Foreign Authoritarian Interference ① \$ 700,000

To strengthen institutions against foreign authoritarian interferences, the Institute will work with its civil society network to produce regional analyses, brief policymakers on findings, and promote the development of stable institutions.

#### **International Republican Institute**

# Strengthening Political Parties and Fortifying Regional Security ① \$ 1,200,000

To fortify democratic systems and institutions in Central and Eastern Europe and empower decision-makers in the security space, the Institute will host in-country workshops, deliver skills-building trainings, and foster networks of emerging leaders across parties, think tanks, and the private sector.

#### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

# Advancing Legislative Integrity in Southeastern Europe ① \$ 347,000

To strengthen parliamentary ethics, oversight, and transparency, the Institute will support institutional development in Southeastern European parliaments and promote best practices through peer learning and exchanges with EU legislatures.

#### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

### Advancing Political Participation and Leadership Development ® \$ 905.000

To foster leadership development among women and youth and strengthen participatory outreach, the Institute will coordinate regional and national programs to support democratic resilience and actors in politically restricted spaces, building the capacities of political leaders, including youth, women, and municipal officials.

#### **Solidarity Center**

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#### \$ 450,000

To develop the capacities of trade unions and civil society organizations in Europe and Central Asia in advancing anti-corruption efforts and promoting transparent, democratic governance, the Center will implement anti-corruption programs, foster dialogue, and promote transparency through information sharing.

#### SOUTHEAST EUROPE REGIONAL

# Fostering Regional Cooperation Among Youth Political Leaders ® \$ 50.000

To encourage cooperation among young political leaders from the Western Balkans, the organization will convene nonpartisan meetings, strengthen networks of youth leaders from various political parties, and equip participants to promote democracy, human rights, and reconciliation.

# Countering Chinese Influence in Southeast Europe ® \$46.000

To monitor and respond to Chinese influence, the organization will collaborate with local partners in the Western Balkans to improve policymaking on China-related issues, conduct research, organize workshops for officials, and deliver evidence-based policy interventions.

# Promoting Anticorruption Mechanisms ① \$ 130.000

To strengthen a regional anticorruption network and foster accountability in Southeastern Europe, the organization will lead an initiative to enhance whistleblower legal rights, support efforts for political and public backing of whistleblower laws, and improve public perceptions of whistleblowing as an accountability tool.

# Fostering Cross-Border Dialogue and Civic Engagement in Southeast Europe @ \$ 57,000

To foster cross-border dialogue and social cohesion, the Serbia-based organization, in partnership with its Kosovo counterpart, will bring together peacebuilding program alumni, organize exchange visits, and facilitate joint initiatives that support the Kosovo-Serbia normalization process.

# Fostering Enhanced Media Standards ① \$ 130,000

To promote media standards and ensure access to independent news, the organization will collaborate with regional watchdogs and investigative groups in Serbia and Montenegro to analyze media trends and publish the findings on a shared regional online platform with country-specific versions.

# Fostering Improved Institutional Transparency ® \$100,000

To promote transparency and accountability in legislative bodies, the organization will analyze legislatures, support watchdog groups in the region, and maintain platforms to help civic groups monitor parliamentary sessions and officials, advocating for legislative changes.

# Increasing Media Awareness ② \$ 190.000

To enhance media awareness among senior citizens, the organization will collaborate with local partners in Bulgaria, Montenegro, and Bosnia and Herzegovina to build their capacities for conducting media awareness trainings and establishing sustainable media education programs.

# Promoting Objective Media Reporting About Ethnic Minority Groups 1 \$ 41,000

To foster regional collaboration and independent media reporting, the organization will research biases in media coverage of ethnic minorities in Serbia and Kosovo, raising awareness of perceptions and misconceptions of Albanians and Serbs.

# Promoting Reconciliation Among Youth ① \$ 43,000

To encourage new approaches to transitional justice and reconciliation, the organization will host civic education trainings, workshops, and film screenings, facilitate collaboration between filmmakers and civil society, and conduct regional youth outreach.

### Fostering a New Generation of Advocates for Regional Transitional Justice and Reconciliation

#### \$ 50,000

To advance transitional justice and historical understanding, the organization will host educational events on 1990s war crimes, foster public debate, and offer workshops and internships.

### Fostering Regional Cooperation in Journalism ® \$ 90,000

To counteract the abuse of emerging technologies that threaten democratic processes, the organization will collaborate with watchdog groups to expose AI-generated political manipulation, equip partners to investigate technological threats, and advocate for responsible standards in journalism to address this issue.

# Advancing the Process of Transitional Justice and Regional Reconciliation @ \$ 100,000

To advance transitional justice and promote understanding of 1990s war crimes, the organization will collaborate on a compendium of war victims in former Yugoslavia, organize regional presentations, and advocate for victims' rights.

# Promoting Government Transparency and Accountability in Interethnic Dialogue ® \$55,000

To promote government transparency and accountability in restoring interethnic dialogue, the organization will create an early-warning system to flag tensions, prompt government action, and advocate for a transparent approach to the EU-facilitated dialogue with Serbia.

### Promoting Constructive Dialogue Through Online Media ① \$ 32.000

To facilitate public discourse on key political, social, and economic challenges hindering regional democratization and reconciliation, the organization will collaborate with regional partners to produce a radio talk show, podcasts, and commentary on its web platform and online media.

# Leveraging Technology to Promote Institutional Accountability and Transparency @\$ 72,500

To promote government transparency, the organization will collaborate with Southeast European watchdogs to create a regional online database, conduct monitoring, and organize a regional conference.

# Fostering Tolerance and Understanding Among Youth 9 \$ 350,000

To foster tolerance among youth and promote constructive dialogue with policymakers, the organization will produce a weekly television series encouraging youth in deeply divided communities to challenge stereotypes and extremist narratives.

# Enhancing Cross-Border Cooperation and Strengthening Regional Media (§) \$ 150,000

To strengthen the capacity of media professionals and promote media collaborations, the organization will work with media groups to engage young journalists in analyzing media manipulation, have senior journalists assess reporting quality, and convene journalists and editors to collaborate on joint stories addressing cross-border media issues.

### Fostering Cross-Border Cooperation Among Independent Online Media ① \$ 208,928

To promote cross-border collaboration and raise awareness of ethnic minority rights, the Croatiabased organization will partner with its Bosnia and Herzegovina counterpart to produce and exchange articles on key political and social issues affecting these communities.

### Promoting Cross-Border Media Cooperation and Innovative Journalism ① \$72,000

To strengthen collaboration between independent media, the organization will work with its partner group to adopt innovative approaches, train and mentor journalists, produce multimedia content, and develop outreach strategies.

# Promoting Youth Engagement and Solidarity (2) \$ 100,000

To empower youth in developing policy responses to democratic and peace challenges in the region, the organization will convene a Youth Summit, produce policy recommendations and a joint peace declaration, launch an awareness campaign, and train young leaders in advocacy and regional cooperation.

# Promoting Political Accountability Through Investigative Reporting **(4)** \$ 72.000

To promote the transparency and accountability of public officials, the organization will expand its nonpartisan database of political leaders' assets, while media partners produce investigative articles documenting potential misuse of power.

#### **Core Institute**

#### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

Strengthening Business Advocacy ① \$ 369.981

To enhance the private sector's capacity to drive democratic governance reforms and economic growth, the Center will assess regional private sector organizations to identify institutional challenges and support their growth and leadership.

#### **International Republican Institute**

# Promoting Regional Solutions to Foreign Authoritarian Influence, Corruption, and Ethnonationalist Extremism 1 \$ 625,000

To strengthen regional mechanisms against foreign authoritarian influence, extremism, and corruption, the Institute will work with a task force to facilitate policy changes and support democratic reforms.

#### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

# Enhancing Electoral Integrity ① \$ 150.000

To improve election observation and advocacy for electoral integrity, the Institute will develop a peer-learning network, engage civil society in monitoring electoral frameworks, advocate for reform, foster regional collaboration on election observation methodologies, and strengthen civil society's oversight capacity in partisan and authoritarian environments.

<sup>#</sup> denotes the length of the grant in months.

#### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

### Promoting Political Party Integrity ① \$ 600.000

To improve parties' public responsiveness, decision-making, and representation, the Institute will support up to 250 representatives from 45 political parties in 10 countries to identify and advance internal reforms, strengthen organizational culture and anti-corruption efforts, focus on party finance and transparency, and promote women's political participation and leadership.

#### **Solidarity Center**

# Building the Capacity of Workers and Unions to Address Democracy Deficits <sup>(2)</sup> \$ 1,256,297

To build the capacity of unions to bridge gaps between governments and civil society, the Center will host seminars, train journalists on freedom of association, support worker-led coalitions, and strengthen collective bargaining efforts in the labor and media sectors.

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