



## STRENGTHENING COOPERATION BETWEEN CIVIL SOCIETY AND CITIES IN COUNTERING & PREVENTING VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

### Call for Proposals

#### About the Strong Cities Network (SCN)

Launched at the UN General Assembly in September 2015, the SCN is the first ever global network of local policymakers and practitioners working together to build social cohesion and resilience to counter violent extremism in all its forms. With a membership of 120 cities drawn from every major global region, it is led and facilitated by the [Institute for Strategic Dialogue](#) (ISD).

For more information, visit [www.strongcitiesnetwork.org](http://www.strongcitiesnetwork.org) or email [info@strongcitiesnetwork.org](mailto:info@strongcitiesnetwork.org).

### Description

The Strong Cities Network (SCN) is pleased to announce an opportunity for the award of a local innovation grant for civil society organizations (CSOs) to implement projects and activities aimed at preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE) at the local level across the Western Balkans. Through this grant, the SCN aims to help enhance partnerships between CSOs and local government to develop inclusive and collaborative projects and activities to strengthen community resilience and social cohesion against violent extremism. The innovation grants aims to support specific prevention initiatives driven by local civil society actors (such as local youth, women, religious and community leaders and NGOs), as well as to support the broader capacity of those stakeholders to undertake such work.

### Requirements and funding priorities

Proposals that meet **all** of the following criteria will be considered.

*Proposals should:*

- Seek to partner and/or collaborate with local government or city representatives in the development and/or implementation of the P/CVE project;
- Be submitted by a non-profit entity or organization formally registered in one or more of the following countries: **Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia**;
- Include a budget not exceeding \$12,500 USD;
- Have a specified timeline of 6-8 months and must be completed by August 2018;
- Include monitoring and evaluation measures to assess proposed activities and results
- Be **submitted in English only**, with the requirement that progress and final reporting must also be submitted in English.

Applications must be submitted by 23:00GMT on 18 December 2017  
to Ms. Rafia Bhulai at [rbhulai@globalcenter.org](mailto:rbhulai@globalcenter.org)



## ISD and Global Center Involvement

This grant will be awarded by ISD on behalf of the Strong Cities Network. ISD will formulate the final award conditions with each successful applicant, including any specific reporting requirements and when and how often funding will be transferred. The Global Center on Cooperative Security will oversee the implementation, monitoring and evaluation the successful projects. By submitting an application, the applicant acknowledges ISD and the Global Center's substantial involvement in the design and implementation of their projects, including compliance with any monitoring and reporting activities deemed necessary. ISD and the Global Center reserves the right to request changes to project concepts or to work with successful applicants to better align budgets with project activities, if necessary. Applicants may also be requested to provide any recently completed financial audits and will be informed of any such requests well in advance. The final selection of grantees will be at the discretion of the program donor.

Please note that we aim to notify successful applicants by the end of January 2018.

## Application Guidance

To apply for the SCN local innovation grant, please address all of the following prompts. Applications should not exceed five pages (not including budget), 12 pt font, and 1 inch margins.

### 1) Background

- a) Project activity/title
- b) Organization name and address
- c) Contact details of main implementer/project manager
- d) Duration of proposed project (in months)
- e) Funding requested

### 2) Project/activity description

- a) Key objectives and outcomes
- b) Specific activities proposed
- c) Target audience, including demographic breakdown (gender, age, geography, etc.)
- d) Theory of change - how will proposed activities lead to the intended outcomes/produce the intended results?
- e) How does this project add value, address unmet local needs, or is unique from other efforts?

### 3) Implementation plan

- a) Project timelines
- b) Feasibility assessment - can the entirety of the project's goals be accomplished in the proposed timeframe?



4) **Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) plan**

- a) Benchmarks – what is the standard/criteria against which the project outputs/outcomes will be measured?
- b) Key indicators (means to measure project outputs/outcomes) – may include number of institutions engaged, number of individuals trained, etc.

5) **Sustainability plan**

- a) What are the risks associated with this project and how do you intend to mitigate them?
- b) How will this project produce significant and sustainable results? Can the project be replicated on a larger scale, and if so, how?
- c) If applicable, how can this project be sustained in conflict-affected areas?

6) **Qualifications and staff**

- a) Applicant's past experience/expertise relevant to proposed project
- b) Composition of the project team
- c) Identification of potential partners (if applicable)

7) **Detailed budget** (Excel template attached)