

OPEN CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

Supporting Democratic Participation in Austria

Action for Democracy (A4D) is a US based 501(c)(4) non-profit organization that empowers democratic actors to defend and rebuild their democracies. We believe that now more than ever, we need to defend our freedom, human dignity, and democracy, all of which are under assault. We strive to build and mobilize a global pro-democracy solidarity movement committed to promoting democratic values and institutions and pushing back against the rising threat of autocracy around the world.

We focus on empowering democratic actors in battleground states for the global fight for democracy: from Brazil to Hungary, from Italy to Poland. We partner with frontline democracy organizations on the ground to broaden democratic participation, promote genuine elections, encourage transparency and accountable governance, and combat hate, fear, and exclusion.

We are pleased to invite applications for our grant call: 'Supporting Democratic Participation in Austria'. This grant is open to Austrian civil society organizations committed to expanding democratic participation, enhancing citizen engagement, and supporting free and fair elections.

The Grant

Action for Democracy plans to award grants of up to USD 50,000 which must be used to cover specific activities related to the grant's main objectives. Our grant support will also in some cases include in-kind professional advice and consultation to enhance the grantees' capabilities. The grant financing should not exceed 75% of the project's total cost.

Objectives

Austria's next general election is scheduled for September 29, 2024. With the rise of autocratic tendencies worldwide, it is crucial for Austrian citizens to exercise their right to vote and have a say in their country's future. Increased voter participation ensures that the elected government truly represents the will of the people, fostering a more inclusive and responsive political system.

We aim to support non-partisan, values-based civil society organizations with projects that:

1. Raise awareness about the importance of voting and encourage mobilization before the September elections.
2. Empower underrepresented voters to participate.
3. Implement innovative and impactful measures to counteract disillusionment and disengagement.
4. Support local communities in defending democratic values and institutions.

Who can apply?

Non-governmental civil society organizations (CSOs) that:

- are non-partisan
- are not affiliated to any political group or entity
- have a national reach and/or operate in a rural setting
- support an enabling environment and ecosystem for civil society to grow and thrive
- comply with all Austrian and US rules and regulations, including any relevant electoral and campaign finance laws
- communicate in a fully transparent manner about the support they receive.

Timeline

Proposed projects should start by August 30 and end by September 30 of 2024.

The deadline for our first round of applications is August 9, 12 pm CET. We will evaluate applications on a rolling basis and thus encourage applicants to submit proposals as soon as possible.

Application guidelines

Applicants can apply here:

Google Form

→ <https://shorturl.at/St7gL>

If you have additional questions,
please email us at:

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