

Call for Proposals under UK Integrated Security Fund on Veterans' affairs in Ukraine

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The British Embassy Kyiv invites proposals from NGOs for project work under the UK's Integrated Security Fund (ISF) to strengthen national level policy, coordination and implementation on Veterans' affairs in Ukraine.

The British Embassy Kyiv invites proposals from non-profit organisations for project work under the UK's Integrated Security Fund (ISF) for the period from 1 July 2026 to 31 March 2027.

As part of the Security and Defence Reform (SDR) programming, the UK government will provide up to £1,500,000 to support national level policy, coordination and implementation on Veterans' affairs in Ukraine. The UK intends for this support to primarily be provided directly to the Ministry of Veterans Affairs (MoVA) with a strong emphasis on the need for coordination and integration with security and defence, and social recovery pathways across Government of Ukraine (GoU) line ministries, and informed by community-led service delivery.

This programming builds on previous work undertaken to support the capacity and capability of MoVA via the Delivery Office in MoVA and through UK funding to veteran CSOs on their input to national policy and laws/policies on veterans.

We would like to focus on the following outcome areas:

1. Capacity and capability support to MoVA in support of the National Veterans Strategy 2030. Key areas that could be focused on are: - Expansion of Veteran Pro digitalisation to add regional and community level functionality in support of veterans' inclusive access to support. - Strengthening needs assessment, and analytical capacity and capability to inform veteran policy, including to support MoVA scenario planning. This will likely require strengthening data collection from veterans to assess gaps, barriers and potentially develop new policy and delivery models with line ministries. - Embedding a strategic communication approach linked to the National level strategy, priorities and implementation on veterans, including close coordination with regions/municipalities; and - Strengthen capacity and capability of MoVA to coordinate and integrate veteran needs with GoU line Ministries across defence, security and social recovery issues, social recovery pathways and community level service delivery.
2. Involvement of CSOs and analytical centres in policy formulation, national level strategy and implementation to support veterans, including the linkages with the Ukraine Plan and other national level strategies.
3. Strengthening capability of the Ministry to mainstream gender equality, inclusion and disability across MoVA strategy development, analysis and implementation approaches, including implementation of gender budgeting (as mandated through the Law 12245 adopted in 2024. Article 20, section 10, of the Budget Code of Ukraine states that gender-responsive approach is part of program-based budgeting implemented throughout budget planning, execution and reporting. More information on the gender budgeting methodology is available in the Order by Ministry of Finance on Methodological Recommendations on Implementation of Gender-Responsive Approach to the Budget Process from 2019 (methodology is non-binding).

The UK is looking to fund one single project that covers most, if not all, of the above goals. Bids are

welcome from single organisations or from coalitions brought together for this purpose. The organisation(s) will be expected to work closely with other donors and structures that are supporting the Ministry of Veterans Affairs and/or engaging in this space. This will need to include working closely with the EBRD Reform Support Team supporting MoVA, and Canadian funded capacity support to the Ministry over the next three years. A flexible and agile approach will be necessary to align to the political context.

Please note, that the inclusion of veterans' families should be taken as included throughout the Call for Proposal documentation when veterans are mentioned.

Only non-profit organisations are invited to bid. This call for bids is open for International Organisations (IOs), International non-governmental organisations (INGOs) and local civil society organisations (CSOs), that can also apply in consortium of few CSOs. Successful projects should have sustainable outcomes and should clearly identify the change that will be brought about. Successful projects may also build on projects by other organisations, complementing their efforts. All bids should make clear how they complement existing activities supported by other donors and international partners, and how work in the regions, if suggested, complements national level activity.

The minimum indicative funding for projects is £1,000,000 and maximum £1,500,000. This may be in addition to co-funding and self-funding contributions; indeed, co-funding will be considered a merit. Projects must be implemented and all payments made by 31 March 2027. Bidders should make clear how they will plan for an exit stage of the project and the transfer of capacity and capability building provided through the project lifetime. Where appropriate, bidders are encouraged to describe how their project could be further scaled-up if additional funding became available

The British Embassy Kyiv will carry out due diligence of potential grantee/s, including seeking references, for successful bidders.

Bidding is competitive and only selected project(s) will receive funding. The Embassy reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without incurring any obligation to inform the affected applicant(s) of the grounds of such acceptance or rejection. Due to the volume of bids expected we will not be able to provide feedback on unsuccessful bids.

Proposals should be sent to the British Embassy Kyiv at Kyiv.Projects@fcdo.gov.uk by 17:00 (Kyiv time) on 15 May 2026. Please indicate the name of the bidder in the subject line. We aim to evaluate proposals by the end of May. Successful shortlisted bidders will be informed by the end of May.

1. Detailed Call for Proposals (ODT, 29.2 KB)
2. ISF_Project Proposal Template_Part A_Annex 1 (ODT, 60.8 KB)
3. ISF_Project_Activity-Based_Budget_Template_Annex 2 (ODS, 1.2 MB)
4. Programme Expenditure Eligible Cost Guidance_Annex 3 (ODT, 67.8 KB)
5. CSSF GESI Marker [Guidance]_Annex 4 (PDF, 582 KB, 33 pages)

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