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### **Women's Leadership**

#### *Single Country Project for Armenia*

Over the past decade, women's organizations in Armenia have emerged as a force for social change and democratic development. However, the low number of visible women leaders does not reflect the makeup of Armenian society. The Bureau is interested in proposals that will enhance women's participation in politics and promote their successful engagement in civil society by providing leadership training to aspiring women leaders, particularly those outside of Yerevan. Participants should include women who are politically active or who have leadership potential, including national and municipal officials. Programs would focus on developing management skills for organizational efficiency, building networks and coalitions, increasing visibility and effectiveness in the political sphere, and influencing decisions at all levels of government. Training should combine elements such as leadership fundamentals, the introduction or improvement of skills associated with campaign management, accountability to constituencies, voter outreach, networking, message development, working with the media, and fundraising. Proposals should emphasize government ethics issues and the importance of increasing public confidence in public institutions. Continuous communication, mentoring, and consultation between overseas participants and trainers/mentors should be described in detail and conducted throughout the life of the grant. Proposals must indicate a practical and sophisticated knowledge of the political and legislative environment in Armenia. Preference will be given to projects that do not exceed \$150,000.

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#### *Single Country Project for Azerbaijan*

Over the past decade, the number of women in leadership positions has increased in Azerbaijan. However, the low number of visible women leaders does not reflect the makeup of Azeri society. The Bureau is interested in proposals that will enhance women's participation in politics and promote

their successful engagement in civil society by providing leadership training to aspiring women leaders, both inside and outside of Baku. Participants should include women who are politically active or who have leadership potential, including national and municipal officials. Programs would focus on developing management skills for organizational efficiency, building networks and coalitions particularly at the local and regional levels, increasing visibility and effectiveness in the political sphere, and influencing decisions at all levels of government. Training should combine elements such as leadership fundamentals, the introduction or improvement of skills associated with campaign management, accountability to constituencies, voter outreach, networking, message development, working with the media, and fundraising. Proposals should emphasize government ethics issues and the importance of increasing public confidence in public institutions. Continuous communication, mentoring, and consultation between overseas participants and trainers/mentors should be described in detail and conducted throughout the life of the grant. Proposals must indicate a practical and sophisticated knowledge of the political and legislative environment in Azerbaijan.

Preference will be given to projects that do not exceed \$150,000.

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### **Training and Internships for Media Professionals From Belarus**

#### *Single Country Projects for Belarus Only*

ECA seeks proposals for programs that will provide training in Western-style journalism techniques and in effective business management for employees of independent media outlets in Belarus. Proposals must indicate a practical and sophisticated knowledge of the political and media environment in Belarus. Proposed activities should not duplicate the work done under recent or existing media training programs, but should complement those efforts. Proposals should include a U.S.-based training program for up to ten media professionals. (The Public Affairs Section in Minsk will select participants for this program; applicants should not propose participant recruitment or selection.) Participants may be reporters, editors, and/or media managers, and may be from broadcast and/or print media outlets. The U.S.-based component should begin with group orientation activities and

meetings, followed by a hands-on internship component at an appropriate host U.S. media outlet. Applicants should identify those outlets willing to host Belarusian participants. Internships should be developed for small groups consisting of not more than three persons. In addition to the U.S.-based component, other training activities may take place in Poland or Ukraine. If proposed, activities in Poland or Ukraine should provide Belarusian participants the opportunity to meet with representatives of independent media outlets in those countries and to learn about their professional experiences and successes. Continuous activities, including mentoring and consultations between the Belarusian participants and their U.S.-based trainers/hosts and new colleagues in Ukraine or Poland, should be conducted throughout the life of the grant and described in detail.

For this program, ECA will assign State Department interpreters for the U.S.-based internship component. Therefore, applicants should budget funds in accordance with the guidelines provided in Point 3, "Interpreters," under the section of this RFGP that identifies allowable program costs, including those associated with using State Department interpreters.

Preference will be given to funding requests that do not exceed \$150,000.

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### **Public Health Awareness**

#### *Single Country Projects for Georgia Only*

The Bureau welcomes proposals that will focus on promoting health awareness among Georgian youth. The target audience should be organizations and individuals that work with young people. Proposals should focus on creative initiatives that will promote greater awareness of health problems common to Georgians aged 12-25, specifically, drug and alcohol abuse, HIV/AIDS and venereal disease, and cigarette smoking, and that will promote positive behaviors in a way that resonates with, rather than alienates, Georgian youth. Proposals should provide practical, hands-on training to media, NGO, education, or government professionals on how to promote good health habits, overcome social attitudes that contribute to the prevalence of unhealthy behaviors, and manage grassroots mobilization and advocacy. Formal medical education and the provision of healthcare services or medication are outside the purview of