Fundusz Obywatelski im. Ludwiki i Henryka Wujców

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We Act Together!

Ludwika and Henryk Wujec Civic Fund grant call
for social initiatives of refugees in Poland (2026/2027)

Deadline for submitting proposals: December 14, 2026 by 2:00 pm.

The aim of the competition is to support initiatives undertaken by refugees* for other refugees staying in Poland or for local communities in which they are staying. In this way, we want to support self organization of refugees, assuming that they themselves know best about the needs of people in similar situations and, having similar experiences, can support each other. We also want to give refugees the opportunity to launch initiatives aimed at local residents, supporting integration, cooperation and getting to know each other, and working together for the common good.

**For the purposes of this competition, by refugees/persons with refugee experience we mean people who are outside their country of origin as a result of armed conflict or a well-founded fear of persecution because of their race, religion, nationality, belonging to a particular social group or because of their political beliefs, and for whom it is too dangerous to return home (cf. Refugee Convention and UNHCR).*

Who can apply for support in the competition?

The competition is aimed at people with refugee experience who - due to war, conflict, violence, or persecution - have left their country of residence or whose safety may be threatened if they return to their country. We do not require formal confirmation of such a situation of applicants.

Those who wish to submit initiatives in the competition are eligible to do so:

- The refugees* operating in informal groups (at least 3 people who have a common goal for which they act), in which the majority are refugees,
- Organisations (associations, foundations) run by people with refugee experience, i.e. organisations with, amongst others, refugee members sitting in their governing bodies and whose activities are at the same time carried out by refugees;
- Local national or ethnic minority organizations or local migrant organizations (or local branches of such nationwide organizations) in which refugees carry out activities.

What will we support in the competition?

In the competition we plan to support local activities initiated and led by refugees staying in Poland, carried out in cooperation with and for the benefit of:

- refugees in Poland;
- a local community in Poland where the applicant stays.

We are looking for initiatives that are in the following areas:

- **Organization of support groups responding to the needs of refugees**: e.g., organization of self-help groups to create a safe environment/space for conversation or exchange of experiences, intervention support for new comers, adaptation in the new environment, information activities, child care, job activation/training, organization of integration, leisure time, cultural activities;
- **Strengthening the capacity of refugees to self-organize or cooperate with the local community:** the possibility of covering costs which will enable the applicant to carry out its activities in a more systematic, sustainable or professional way, such as: costs of training/consultancy, e.g. on formal issues of running activities in Poland or fundraising, translation, purchase of equipment, administrative costs, transportation/ travel/accommodation, coordination and networking with partners and e.g. other refugee groups, salaries of coordinators,
- **Integration of refugees and the local community:** activities carried out by refugees with/for the local community in cooperation with local partners and with the inclusion of other residents, supporting mutual learning and intercultural education of refugees and the local community (including resolving conflicts) and the sharing of experiences regarding preparation for and coping with crisis situations (informal groups of citizens/citizens, local organizations and public institutions may be partners),
- **Conducting and supporting civic activities of refugees**, speaking out on important matters, acting to protect the rights of refugees and improve the situation of refugees in Poland.

If justifiable, the activities may be trans-local or trans-regional.

When evaluating the proposals, the Committee will take into account: the proposal's compliance with the competition guidelines described above, including **whether the initiative is created and run by refugees (mandatory criteria—if not met, the application will be rejected),** the importance of the issue, whether the proposed activities address the needs and provide an adequate response to them, and whether the budget is appropriate for the planned activities.

Preference will be given to activities:

- that have little chance of funding from other sources;
- which address the significant needs and challenges faced by people with refugee experience in a particular group or place,
- integration activities that genuinely involve both refugees and the local community in cooperation,
- applicants that cooperate and coordinate their activities with other groups, organizations and institutions that support refugees or carry out activities in cooperation with local partners (informal groups, organizations, institutions, etc.)

Even if you have little experience in running social initiatives, what matters is who you work for and with, and what your idea is. Those who want to start with something small are encouraged to apply for lower amounts .

What support can be applied for?

In the competition you can apply for support in the amount of:

- informal groups - up to PLN 5 700,
- organizations (associations, foundations) - up to PLN 15 000,

which will be transferred by Wujec Civic Fund in the form of a grant or a purposeful donation (in the case of informal groups, the donation will be given to its representative - an individual).

A total of PLN 155,000 from the Civic Fund is allocated to support the activities. We expect to support about 15-18 initiatives. The Civic Fund reserves the possibility of increasing the amount of funds allocated for support in case of a large number of well-rated applications.

The support received will cover costs directly related to the proposed activities and necessary to carry them out and spent between February 16, 2027 and July 15, 2027 (the period for carrying out activities may be shorter).

We do not require a contribution of your own, you can apply for 100% funding of costs.

Costs not to be covered include:

- food, medicine, hygiene products, clothing, equipment and other items sent to Ukraine and their transportation, and such costs paid in Poland, if these purchases are not part of a broader project and are not accompanied by other activities;
- providing for the needs of individual people or families, e.g., providing work for a single person, renting housing for individuals/families, financial assistance except in exceptional cases agreed upon with the Foundation after the contract has been signed;
- related to the applicant's business and profit-making activities, costs related to party and religious activities, penalties, fines, fines, taxes (excluding VAT if it is not recoverable, personal income tax and tax on any donation from the Fund), costs related to loans and interest, regranting and transferring money to third parties not agreed in writing with the Foundation;
- activities, products and services related to military and war activities in the broadest sense.

What is the process for submitting and selecting the initiatives like?

Would you like to find out more about our competition, ask questions? We are inviting you to attend an **information meeting, which will be held online on 16 November 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** To participate in the meeting, please register here => https://forms.gle/y4vztcg9ABvD4XYz6

The meeting will be held in Polish, but it will be possible to ask questions in English, Ukrainian and Russian.

We invite informal groups and organizations to submit proposals in the Witkac system (check HOW to create an account).

The application form is available AFTER you log in to the Witkac system under the following address: https://www.witkac.pl/contest/view?id=44389

You can also read the questions included in the application form at the end of this document.

The completed electronic version of the application must be submitted (after registration and obtaining confirmation of registration) in the Witkac system by December 14, 2026 at 14:00.

Applications can be submitted in Polish, English, Belarusian, Russian or Ukrainian.

One informal group/local organization/branch of a nationwide organization can submit only one application in the competition.

One informal group/organization may act as a partner of the initiative in only two applications submitted to the competition.

Groups and organisations that had received support in a previous edition of the competition and had their report accepted, may also apply in this edition.

Applications submitted in a form other than through the Witkac system will not be considered. If an applicant submits several applications with the same title in the Witkac system, the latest registered version will be evaluated.

At the stage of formal evaluation, it will be verified, on the basis of the data and statements provided, whether the applicant is an eligible entity to participate in the competition (in accordance with the provisions of this announcement). Applications that will successfully pass the formal evaluation will be evaluated on the merits.

Applications will be analyzed by the Evaluation Committee established for the competition. At the merit evaluation stage, representatives of the Evaluation Committee may interview the applicant. The Committee may indicate changes/suggestions for changes to be made to the application and the outline of the initiative.

The decision of the Evaluation Committee to grant support is made after discussion of the applications accepted for merit evaluation (the decision of the Evaluation Committee is final and cannot be appealed). After it is accepted by the Foundation for Poland, which manages the Ludwika and Henryk Wujec Civic Fund, the decision of the Evaluation Committee will be communicated to applicants by

email by 12th February 2027.

Information about the awarded support (including the names of informal groups and organizations) will be published on the Fund's website and social media.

What happens after support is awarded?

The grant or purposeful donation agreement will be signed from the side of the Fund by the Foundation for Poland (as the entity managing the Ludwika and Henryk Wujec Civic Fund). Before signing the agreement, the Foundation may ask the applicant for copies of documents certifying the data and statements contained in the application and making changes to the application suggested by the Evaluation Committee, or may take action to support the applicant in finalizing the application in accordance with the Committee's recommendations.

The application is part of the grant agreement for the support provided by the Fund.

The support will be transferred by the Foundation after signing of the agreement, within the deadlines specified in the agreement. Expenditures under the initiative can be made only between the dates indicated in the application (start date - end date of the initiative) and in accordance with the accounting and tax law rules in force in Poland.

Implementation of the agreement, activities and budget included in the application will be subject to monitoring and evaluation by the Foundation. We also plan to provide additional non-financial support (e.g. on formal issues) tailored to the needs of applicants, to be agreed at the agreement signing stage.

The grantee/person or group being supported will be required to submit a report to the Foundation on the completion of the agreement, budget and activities carried out. Reporting requirements will be included in the agreement.

If you have any questions about the competition, please contact Agnieszka Gajek at 881 603 700 on weekdays between 10:00 and 14:00 (in Polish and English). If you need to contact us in other languages, please email us at agnieszka.gajek@funduszobywatelski.pl. Before that, however, please read the **Answers to Frequently Asked Questions** that we have prepared for you in connection with the competition.

Information about the processing of applicants' personal data can be found in the Appendix to the application in the Witkac system.

Answers to frequently asked questions:

1. Can administrative costs be included in the budget? Is there a limit set for administrative costs?

Yes, as part of the implementation of the initiative, the support can cover costs directly related to the

proposed activities and necessary to carry them out, which means that the budget can also include costs related to the administration of the project, such as accounting costs, office supplies, coordination, bank fees, etc. There is no set limit on such costs, but their justification and amount will be analyzed by the Commission evaluating the proposals.

2. Why won't be covered the costs of food, medicines, hygiene products, clothing, equipment and other items sent to Ukraine and needed by refugees in Poland as well as support for individuals/ specific families?

We are aware that humanitarian aid is badly needed in both Ukraine and Poland. The Civic Fund supported such projects in the first months of the war in Ukraine. Now, as an organization that supports civic initiatives, we want to take the next step and enable refugees to carry out projects they have created. This is the intention of this competition, it is not a competition for humanitarian aid.

3. I am a person with refugee experience. Can the organisation I work for, which is supporting refugees, apply if there are no people with refugee experience on its board and it is not a minority/migrant organisation?

Unfortunately, no. In this situation, if you are a person with refugee experience and you act with other refugee people, you can apply as an informal group.

4. What activities are not eligible for funding?

- food, medicine, hygiene products, clothing, equipment and other items sent to Ukraine and their transportation, and such costs paid in Poland, if these purchases are not part of a broader project and are not accompanied by other activities;
- providing for the needs of individual people or families, e.g., providing work for a single person, renting housing for individuals/families, financial assistance except in exceptional cases agreed upon with the Foundation after the contract has been signed;
- related to the applicant's business and profit-making activities, costs related to party and religious activities, penalties, fines, fines, taxes (excluding VAT if it is not recoverable, personal income tax and tax on any donation from the Fund), costs related to loans and interest, regranting and transferring money to third parties not agreed in writing with the Foundation;
- activities, products and services related to military and war activities in the broadest sense;

We encourage you to explore the possibility of a free use of a room or venue for meetings, e.g., at a school, cultural center, or the premises of an NGO.

Questions included in the application for support from the Ludwika and Henryk Wujec Civic Fund

ATTENTION!!! THE APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND REGISTERED IN THE WITKAC SYSTEM.

I (we) declare that I am (we are):

[] an informal group where refugees are in the majority,

[] an ngo (association, foundation) which at the same time has refugee members on its governing body and whose activities are run by refugees,

[] a local national or ethnic minority organisation or a migrant organisation (or a local branch of such a nationwide organisation) in which refugees are active.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Questions for an informal group	**Questions for organisations:**
1. Full name of the applicant	1. Full name of the applicant
Representative(s) of the informal group First name	Select register
Surname	[ ] National Court Register
E-mail	[] Other - which one?
Telephone	Phone
Town, municipality, district (poviat), voivodship where the informal group operates	E-mail
Voivodship	Website, link to social media profile
District (poviat)	Address of organisation's registered office Voivodship
Municipality	District (poviat)
Town	Municipality
	Postcode
	Post office
	Town
	Street
	House number
	Flat number
	Person responsible for preparing the application and for cooperation with the Fund (name, e-mail, telephone)
	First name
	Surname
	E-mail
	Telephone

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

2. Title of the initiative

3. Start date of the initiative

4. End date of initiative

5. Summary of the initiative [max. 500 characters].

6. Describe the informal group/organisation that will carry out the initiative. How many people are active in your group/organisation? How many of them are refugees and from which countries do they come from? Who are the members of the group involved in the activities described in the application and what do you have in common? In which area/location do you operate? [max. 2000

characters].

7. What activities (in particular for refugees) have you as a group/organisation undertaken so far? If there is information about them available on the internet, please provide links to it. [max. 1200 characters].

8. Why do you want to undertake this initiative? And what is the problem that you want to address? How do you know about it (your own experience, conversations with the recipients, contacts with the local community)? [max. 2000 characters].

9. Who and where do you want to reach with your initiative? Approximately how many people will this be? How do you plan to attract them to participate? How will they co-create the initiative, how will they be involved in its preparation and implementation? [max. 1500 characters].

10. What will change as a result of your initiative? [max. 1200 characters].

11. What does the initiative involve? Please describe the activities you want to carry out with support from the Civic Fund and where they will take place. [max. 3500 characters].

12. With whom (individuals, groups, organisations, institutions) will you cooperate in the initiative? What role do these partners have in the preparation and delivery of the initiative? [max. 1200 characters].

13. Budget - please describe what type of costs you need to cover as part of the support - type of cost, reasons for it (explain why this expense is needed, e.g., "the salary of an expert, there is no person in our group who can teach xxx, we want to organize a course that will include 5 meetings with such an expert), specify the number of hours and the estimated amount.

	Type of cost	Reasons for the cost (explanation why it is needed)	Estimated amount (in PLN)
1			
2			
		Requested amount of support:	

14. Has the initiative been, is or will it be funded from other sources? [max. 500 characters].

15. Other information which may be relevant for the evaluation of the application/budget. [maximum 500 characters].

Declarations of the person submitting the application:

[ ] The initiative proposed in the application is entirely within the scope of the applicant's statutory activities (applies to organisations only).

[ ] All information provided in the application is in accordance with the current legal and factual situation.

[ ] I/we declare that I/we have read the information clause concerning the processing of personal data.

[ ] I (we) declare that the proposed initiative originated from the initiative of refugees and the majority of people involved in the preparation of the application are refugees residing in Poland.

Name, surname and function of the person(s) submitting the application entitled to represent the applicant (organisation - in accordance with the KRS; representative of an informal group).

First name

Surname

Function

Information clause:

1. The administrator of your personal data is Fundacja dla Polski (Foundation for Poland, hereinafter referred to as "ADMINISTRATOR"), with its registered office: 5/3 Szpitalna Street, 00-031 Warsaw. The Administrator can be contacted in writing, by post to the address: ul. Szpitalna 5/3, 00-031 Warsaw or by e-mail: fdp@fdp.org.pl.

2. The Administrator has not appointed a Data Protection Officer.

3. Personal data are processed on the basis of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons in relation to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) and the Act of 24 April 2003 on public benefit activities and voluntary work.

4. Processing shall be carried out in purpose of:

a) the acceptance and processing of an application for support under the Civic Fund and, if support is granted, for the publication of information about the beneficiary (name or first name and surname) on the website and social media of the Civic Fund and the Foundation for Poland and for the agreement to be signed and to be implemented and to ensure proper contact - Article 6(1)(b) RODO;

b) billing and reporting - Article 6(1)(c) of the RODO Regulation.

5. Personal data does not originate from third parties.

6. The Administrator does not intend to transfer data to a third country or international organisation.

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8. The Administrator will process personal data:

a) in case of granting support for 5 years counting from the beginning of the year following the year in which the the contract was completed;

b) in case of refusal of support until the end of the reporting period.

9. The person to whom the data relate has the right to request from the Administrator access to the personal data, their rectification, erasure or restriction of processing and the right to object to the processing, as well as the right to the transfer of data.

10. A complaint against the actions of the Administrator may be filed with the President of the Office for Personal Data Protection.

11. The submission of personal data is a requirement for the performance of the Administrator's duties. Their failure to do so will result in the inability to submit an application for support. 12. The Administrator does not provide for automated decision-making.