

## ONGOING GRANTS

### OPEN DOOR GRANTMAKING PROGRAM

<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>Rehabilitation initiative for vulnerable groups</b>
<b>Project title:</b>	Save the Life
<b>Application ID:</b>	G02925
<b>Project duration:</b>	01/04/2021- 30/04/2022
<b>Grant amount:</b>	55,000 GEL
<b>Geography:</b>	Tbilisi

To contribute to youth suicide prevention through community mobilization and advocacy, the grantee intends to create a community volunteer program for suicide prevention, targeting vulnerable young people residing in Tbilisi. The grantee plans to support community volunteering and evidence-based advocacy, with aim to influence the targeted public institutions (e.g. Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, and the Office of Resource Officers of Educational Institutions) to improve their suicide prevention efforts, including through adopting measures developed by the project. To create safe environment for young people to talk, the grantee will train volunteers in identifying suicidal behavior, providing first aid support to vulnerable groups, and connecting them with professionals. An additional instrument to support the targeted youth will be an online platform, where young people and parents throughout Georgia will have access to information about suicide prevention and to free online consultations with a professional. The data gathered from the online platform will inform the grantee's advocacy efforts, so that relevant public institutions improve their suicide prevention programming based on the identified needs and priorities. The project envisions broader CSO partnership toward youth suicide prevention and close collaboration with the Office of the Public Defender.

<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>Biodiversity Conservation and Research Center Nacres</b>
<b>Project title:</b>	Conservation of biodiversity through the introduction of a community-based monitoring system
<b>Application ID:</b>	G02858
<b>Project duration:</b>	25/11/2020 - 25/12/2021
<b>Grant amount:</b>	68,365 GEL
<b>Geography:</b>	Borjomi, Akhlatsikhe, Adigeni, Kharagauli

The project is aimed at promoting participatory solutions to prevent poaching in Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park. To this end, the grantee will mobilize youth from the municipalities of Borjomi, Akhlatsikhe, Adigeni, and Kharagauli to unveil the project and to train the selected 15 young people on how to monitor and prevent poaching incidents in the National Park. To assist the youth in their monitoring efforts, the grantee will provide them with infrared and GSM cameras and teach them how to select sites for photo traps. The youth will also meet with representatives of Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park and Akhlatsikhe State University, so that they are prepared for complications that could arise as they monitor the territory. The pictures taken by the photo traps will be reviewed by the grantee and promptly provided to the management of the National Park, so that they take active measures to address the detected violations. At the same time, the grantee plans to inform the population of the targeted municipalities about legal and environmental consequences of poaching through video transmitted via local media outlets, as well as Facebook and Instagram pages. The project's closing event will involve a photo exhibition and an award ceremony to acknowledge the young people's contribution to addressing the problem of poaching in Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park. As a result of the project, the youth and other community members will see how their efforts have led to making the perpetrators accountable for their transgressions. In addition, the collaboration of the grantee, local

youth, Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park, and Akhaltsikhe State University will result in developing a practical training program for rangers at Akhaltsikhe State University.

**Applicant:** **Biological Farming Association Elkana**  
**Project title:** Maintaining agrarian biodiversity in Akhaltsikhe and Tianeti  
**Application ID:** G02879  
**Project duration:** 01/11/2020 - 31/12/2021  
**Grant amount:** 62,120 GEL  
**Geography:** Tianeti, Akhaltsikhe

The project is aimed at promoting and preserving the agricultural biodiversity in Akhaltsikhe and Tianeti regions through mobilizing local communities around sustainable farming of endemic species. To this end, the grantee will organize training sessions for 200 farmers from Tianeti and Akhlatsikhe, ensuring 30% female and 10% ethnic minority participation. Of these, 50 farmers will be selected to receive 100 kilos of the endemic wheat seed Dika and seeds from other legumes, which can be cultivated together with the main crops already planted on the land plots. Throughout the project, the grantee will conduct 10 training sessions for the farmers, to discuss any challenging issues that may come up during the farming process. After the harvest, the grantee will organize meetings in Tianeti and Akhlatsikhe, so that the farmers are informed about marketing strategies and meet with potential buyers. Potential buyers will also be cultivated during the final project presentation, which will involve a degustation of the bread prepared from the harvested seeds. To inform the population about the environmental and economic benefits of agrobiodiversity, the grantee will also collaborate with the local media outlets and canvass the regions with support from community mobilizers residing in Tianeti and Akhaltsikhe municipalities. Elkana's experience shows that once the community members see the financial benefits of cultivating endemic species, they are more likely to engage in conservation of local agrobiodiversity.

**Applicant:** **International Association Civitas Georgica**  
**Project title:** Mobilizing youth for improved environmental protection  
**Application ID:** G02861  
**Project duration:** 05/11/2020 - 04/10/2021  
**Grant amount:** 63,600 GEL  
**Geography:** Lanchkhuti Municipality

The project is aimed at promoting participatory solutions to environmental pollution problems faced by the seaside communities in Guria. To this end, the grantee will mobilize youth and adults from the villages of Chochkhati, Shromisubani, Kokati, Guliani, Khidmaghala, Tskaltsminda, Supsa, Ghrmaghele, Chkuni, Orneti, Moedani, and Khorkheti, informing them about the planned activities and soliciting their feedback on the proposed action plan. Following the initial meetings, the grantee plans to train 72 youth (6 per village) on how to monitor and report the incidents of Supsa River pollution with non-biodegradable waste. In their monitoring efforts, the youth and adults from the targeted villages will be supported by a special web application developed by the grantee, where they will be able to upload and accumulate the photo evidence of all monitoring results. This web application will be available through the grantee's websites, as well as through the websites of Lanchkhuti municipal authorities. The latter have made a commitment to support the project, as they see the value of using the gathered data to create an effective and efficient garbage disposal system. To do so, the information uploaded by the targeted community members will be analyzed by the project geographic information system (GIS) expert and relevant municipality specialists, to identify best locations for installing garbage bins, best times and routes of garbage removal, etc. It is expected that through citizen mobilization and cross-sectoral cooperation, the targeted villages of Lanchkhuti municipality will set an example of good waste management practices, which the grantee plans to replicate in other parts of Guria.

**Applicant:** Accessible Tourism Center Parsa  
**Project title:** Rights of Persons with Disabilities - International and Local Standards for Access to Environment and Services, Errors Prevention and Monitoring Mechanisms  
**Application ID:** G02560  
**Project duration:** 01/12/2020 - 31/12/2021  
**Grant amount:** 48,099 GEL  
**Geography:** Tbilisi, Telavi

The project aims at improving accessibility of tourist and public infrastructure in Tbilisi and Telavi through joint advocacy measures of CSOs and DPOs. Toward this end, the grantee will train representatives of local authorities, museums, and business community, to increase their knowledge about the new legal and technical requirements related to making touristic sites and government buildings more accessible to the public. At the same time, the grantee will train local CSOs and DPOs, so that they are better organized to advocate for the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (PWDs), with focus on how the targeted municipalities are supporting inclusive tourism and adapted infrastructure. The grantee will support the beneficiary CSOs and DPOs in cooperating with the Disability Rights Council at Tbilisi City Hall, to participate in the development of the city's accessibility strategy. In Telavi, the grantee will support the establishment of the accessibility information center at the Telavi Center for Civic Engagement, to better serve the needs of Telavi residents and municipal authorities. The relevant experience of the two municipalities will be exchanged throughout the project and covered by the journalists and media outlets targeted by the grantee to enhance public awareness of the issue. The project will also contribute to the long-term sustainability of the grantee CSO, positioning it as the resource hub for accessibility audit.

**Applicant:** Ilia's Legal Institute  
**Project title:** Supporting introduction of social and emotional learning in the schools of Georgia  
**Application ID:** G02719  
**Project duration:** 05/11/2020 - 04/10/2021  
**Grant amount:** 51,190 GEL  
**Geography:** Tbilisi, Zugdidi and Kutaisi Municipality

To combat violence and bullying against and among children in Georgia's educational institutions, the grantee will advocate for institutionalization of social and emotional learning (SEL) program in public schools, so that children and adults understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. To this end, the grantee will identify and train 120 teachers from at least 80 public schools of Tbilisi, Kutaisi, and Zugdidi and, with their help, pilot the SEL program in the targeted schools. The program will be further refined based on the feedback of the teachers and participating children. In partnership with Anti-bullying Multidisciplinary Civic Group, the grantee will bring together CSOs and parents' associations that are concerned about violence against children, teachers, child development specialists, and psychologists, so that together they advocate for the SEL program in front of the Ministry of Education, Science, Sport and Culture of Georgia and the Parliament's Education, Science and Culture Committee, as well as representatives of various political parties and other stakeholders. The grantee's advocacy efforts will be backed by a rigorous communication campaign carried out in partnership with national and local media outlets, which will raise awareness of key stakeholders and the general public about the importance of institutionalizing SEL as an effective

instrument for combating bullying against and among children. As a result of these efforts, the grantee expects that the SEL program to be included in the existing civic education component in at least half of the targeted schools, which will lay a foundation the country-wide institutionalization of SEL in Georgian educational institutions.

**Applicant:** Human Rights House  
**Project title:** To empower and support Human Rights Defenders and Activists in the regions/remote areas of Adjara and Kvemo Kartli of Georgia  
**Application ID:** G02689  
**Project duration:** 01/08/2020 - 31/08/2021  
**Grant amount:** 62,842.00 GEL  
**Geography:** Adjara and Kvemo Kartli Regions

The project is aimed at improving the human rights situation of ethnic, religious, and sexual minorities residing in Adjara Autonomous Republic and Kvemo Kartli region of Georgia, through strengthening and empowering human rights defenders (HRDs) and activists working on minority issues. To this end, the grantee will mobilize 15 human rights activists residing and working in the targeted regions and offer them 2 rounds of extensive trainings on how to effectively utilize the anti-discrimination law, as well as on project design, fundraising, advocacy and lobbying. Following the international best practice, the grantee will also organize anti-burnout trainings providing stress management strategies to the targeted HRDs and activists, who are under psychological pressure because of their human rights work. To support the trained activists in putting the acquired knowledge into practice, the grantee will announce a closed grants competition and fund two locally-driven initiatives aimed at protecting the rights of minority groups residing in the target regions. Furthermore, the grantee will provide legal counseling and coaching to at least two trained HRDs, so that they are able to represent their clients and engage in strategic litigation of anti-discrimination cases.

**Applicant:** Georgian Down Syndrome Association  
**Project title:** Establishment of the Supportive Methodological Approaches to the Development of Children and Adolescents with Intellectual Disabilities  
**Application ID:** G02693  
**Project duration:** 01/07/2020 - 30/11/2021  
**Grant amount:** 122,275 GEL  
**Geography:** Tbilisi

The project aims at contributing to improved inclusion of children and adults with Down syndrome in the country's life, through introducing and institutionalizing a targeted development program in Tbilisi Municipality. Initially, the grantee will engage qualified specialists to review and revise the methodology of its current support and development program for children and adolescents with Down Syndrome and amend the existing training modules following the specialist's recommendations. The grantee will then train 30 child development specialists working with children with special learning needs and pilot the revised program in a small group of 12 children and adolescents with Down Syndrome. The program will be further refined based on the feedback of the service recipients and their families. To ensure institutionalization of the program by Tbilisi municipality, the grantee will launch an advocacy campaign, involving a series of inter-agency meetings with duty-bearers and child development specialists, as well as hold meetings between the parents, CSOs, and DPOs. The grantee's advocacy efforts will be backed by a rigorous communication campaign carried out in partnership with national and local media outlets, to raise awareness of key stakeholders and the general public about the importance of providing extensive support and development programs to children and adolescents

with Down Syndrome. As a result of these efforts, the grantee expects that the program will be included in the 2021 Tbilisi municipal budget and replicated in at least one non-targeted municipality.

**Applicant:** Indigo Fund  
**Project title:** Reflections from the Municipal Movie Theatres  
**Application ID:** G02707  
**Project duration:** 01/09/2020 - 31/05/2021  
**Grant amount:** 47,156 GEL  
**Geography:** Bolnisi

The project aims at contributing to enhanced citizen participation in cultural life in Bolnisi municipality, by bringing together local cinema enthusiasts, civic activist, and local authorities for resurrecting the defunct Bolnisi cinema. To this end, the mobilized residents will complete a workshop on models for local cinema management and, together with representatives of Bolnisi municipal government, will devise a participatory management model and an operational plan for Bolnisi municipal movie theater. To spark the interest among the local community and to complement the project's advocacy efforts, the grantee will prepare multimedia materials on the history, state, and significance of municipal movie theaters for six Georgian cities, including Bolnisi. Once the immediate objective of allocating municipal funds for minimal rehabilitation of Bolnisi cinema building is reached, the grantee will organize a concluding event – a two-day art and film festival, to introduce the works of modern Georgian artists to Bolnisi residents and to connect the Bolnisi movie theater management with Georgian art and film industry representatives, so that the movie theater continues to operate independently in the post-project period. To ensure the project's replicability, the grantee will develop a database of municipal movie theaters in Georgia, which will include information on their ownership, legal status, functionality, and the infrastructural state of each building. The grantee will make sure that diverse generational, linguistic, and gender needs and interests are taken into consideration while planning and implementing the project.

**Applicant:** Association Anika  
**Project title:** Alternative Program for Overcoming the Crisis Related to COVID-19  
**Application ID:** G02820  
**Project duration:** 01/05/2020 - 30/04/2021  
**Grant amount:** 22,858 GEL  
**Geography:** Tbilisi

The project aims at reducing the negative impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the children and adults with intellectual disabilities by ensuring their remote access to vital development services. To this end, the grantee will digitize and adapt three of its development services for remote provision. To ensure access of economically vulnerable beneficiaries to the services, the grantee will purchase tablets to lend to the families that do not own computers and will also provide internet access vouchers to those beneficiaries, who cannot afford internet services. In the short-term, the remote provision of these development services will help mitigate the negative impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the PWDs and their families. In the long-term, it will support the grantee's efforts to grow institutionally and to improve its service provision to the children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

**Applicant:** Charity Humanitarian Center Abkhazeti  
**Project title:** IDP Community - New Vision and Resource  
**Application ID:** G02620  
**Project duration:** 09/12/2019- 09/10/2021  
**Grant amount:** 111,550 GEL

**Geography:** Shida Kartli, Mtskheta-Mtianeti, Imereti, Samegrelo

For better integration of Georgia’s internally displaced people (IDPs) in public life, the grantee will target IDPs residing in Shida Kartli, Mtskheta-Mtianeti, Imereti, and Samegrelo with aim to create and empower a network of 20 community-based organizations (CBOs) set up to serve the interests of the IDP community. Initially, the grantee will assess the capacity of the network member CBOs, facilitate the development of their individual organizational development plans, and support their capacity building through trainings tailored to their needs. Additionally, the CBOs and civic activists will be provided hands-on instruments for budget development, storytelling, civic participation and advocacy. The trained CBOs then will be mobilized in four IDP and Host CBO Networks, which will focus on addressing common concerns of IDP and host populations, including through conducting needs assessments in all target communities and present their findings to key stakeholders. The networks will be supported by four Consultative Groups working on the issues of IDP and host communities. Simultaneously, the grantee will complete a brief institutional analysis of Social and Infrastructural Departments of 4 local self-government bodies, to identify their capacity gaps in terms of working with IDP population and responding to their needs, which the established networks can use as they advocate for mainstreaming IDP concerns in the work of local authorities. To showcase effective models of civic engagement and networking, the grantee will issue four micro-grants for the formed networks to implement participatory initiatives aimed at addressing the identified problems. As a result of these actions, the grantee expects to address at least 4 pressing local issues of IDP and host communities and set an example of civic activism for other CBOs and CSOs to emulate. Both women and men residing in the targeted municipalities will benefit from this action, as enhanced civic activism among IDP and other vulnerable groups will contribute to enhanced accountability of public authorities and to more responsive public policies. As a recipient of EPF’s strategic grant support, the grantee will have a chance to acquire additional funding for its organizational development (OD) efforts, which will involve baseline and final CMI assessment and concomitant support to develop and implement OD strategic action plan.

#### ENGAGE AND MONITOR FOR CHANGE

**Applicant:** Georgian Rural Council  
**Project title:** Civic Monitoring for Improved Municipal Services  
**Application ID:** G02703  
**Project duration:** 01/09/2020 - 31/08/2022  
**Grant amount:** 49,467 GEL  
**Geography:** Kashuri, Senaki, Lanchkuti

To contribute to open and inclusive public decision making in Khashuri, Senaki, and Lanchkhuti municipalities, Georgian Rural Council (GRC) will mobilize and empower CSOs and active citizens, including women and youth, to conduct civic monitoring of municipal non-entrepreneurial legal entities (NELEs) engaged in publicly-funded service delivery. The project’s monitoring efforts will involve a user survey to assess the quality of the services provided by the selected NELEs, which together with other civic monitoring efforts, will provide an evidence for a targeted advocacy campaign aimed at improving municipal service delivery. Throughout the project period, the grantee will liaise with local authorities and municipal NELEs to sensitize them about the importance of gathering citizen feedback on their work and provide them with the training and tools they need to do so in the post-project period. A tangible result of the project will be concrete action plans developed by the municipal NELEs and approved by Sakrebulo, which will address the pitfalls and challenges identified by citizens during their monitoring work.

**Applicant:** PMC Research Center  
**Project title:** Participatory Monitoring of State Rural Support Program  
**Application ID:** G02766  
**Project duration:** 10/08/2020 - 10/09/2021  
**Grant amount:** 55,553 GEL  
**Geography:** Phari and Tskhumari administrative units, Mestia Municipality

To contribute to more inclusive civic engagement and evidence-based decision making in Mestia municipality, the PMC Research Center, in close cooperation with the Upper Svaneti Local Action Group (LAG), will mobilize and empower Mestia residents, most importantly women and youth, to ensure that the voices of citizens are heard when planning and implementing state-funded rural infrastructure projects. To this end, the grantee will develop a detailed guidebook on how to monitor and evaluate rural infrastructure projects and train the selected monitoring group members from Phari and Tskhumari administrative units on how to monitor and evaluate rural infrastructure projects and how to plan, organize, and facilitate village assembly meetings. Once the project M&E reports are completed, they will be presented at the village assemblies for feedback and development of recommendations for the 2021 rural support program budget. As a result of the project, the residents and local authorities of Phari and Tskhumari will learn how to assess the quality of the completed infrastructure projects and start discussions about lessons learned and future needs. The project will also ensure that the village assemblies, as mechanisms of inclusive civic participation, are properly planned and organized to serve their function. Project local media partner SvanetiNews will ensure that all project activities and results are covered and spread out through various tools, including video covers, lives from meetings, etc.

**Applicant:** Lagodekhi Development Group  
**Project title:** Preventing early marriage for a healthy and successful future  
**Application ID:** G02736 (small grants)  
**Project duration:** 15/08/2020 - 14/03/2021  
**Grant amount:** 12,245 GEL  
**Geography:** Lagodekhi

To contribute to the prevention of early marriages among the ethnic majority and minority residents of Lagodekhi municipality, the grantee will mobilize and empower young people, their parents and teachers, as well as representatives of other interest groups and local authorities, in support of a holistic advocacy campaign designed to address the issue. To reach ethnic minority residents, all media products will be provided in Azeri language and all meetings will be carried out with interpretation. Throughout the project, the grantee will increase the community's awareness of the legal and non-legal problems caused by early marriages and together with the community members advocate for the inclusion of early marriage preventive measures in the action plan of the local Gender Council. At the same time, Lagodekhi LAG will work closely with local school administrations and teachers to include the topics of reproductive health, sexual life, and early marriage in the existing curriculum of Lagodekhi public schools. To empower young women by setting positive examples, the project also intends to support 8 pre-selected young women in early marriage through provision of vocational training and employment opportunities.

**Applicant:** Community Council of Tushetians  
**Project title:** Organizational Strengthening and Engagement of Tusheti Community Council in Community Governance  
**Application ID:** G02737 (small grants)  
**Project duration:** 15/08/2020 - 14/03/2021

**Grant amount:** 15,000 GEL  
**Geography:** Zemo Alvani, Akhmeta Municipality

To support citizen engagement in public decision making in Akhmeta municipality, Europe Foundation will be supporting a newly established community-based organization, the Community Council of Tushetians, to improve its institutional capacity and to mobilize and empower its constituency around preservation of local culture and traditions, including the Tushetian language. To reach the project goal, a series of capacity building activities will be organized to strengthen the staff and membership capacities in mobilization and advocacy. The project team in close cooperation with other members of Tsova-Tusheti community will advocate for allocation of local budgetary funds for long-term sustainability of the Tushetian House, which they have established in the village of Tbatana with monthly financial contributions from the Council members and donations from other Tushetians living outside of Akhmeta. The Tushetian House, envisioned as a cultural-traditional and educational center, will contribute to the preservation of Tushetian language and traditions through running annual summer school for youth. It will also be a touristic destination for visitors, who want to learn more about local rich culture and tradition.

**Applicant:** Gori Community Radio Mosaic  
**Project title:** For Transparent Self-Governance (amendment to the ongoing project)  
**Application ID:** G02758\_G02498  
**Project duration:** 15/02/2019 - 14/02/2021  
**Grant amount:** 5,146.19 GEL  
**Geography:** Gori

The amendment to the project is aimed at reducing the negative impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the residents of Gori municipality, through raising their awareness about prevention and containment of the novel Coronavirus and the responsibilities of each citizen in supporting the fight against the virus. To this end, the grantee will launch a rigorous information campaign, which will include daily news broadcasts covering the COVID-19 situation in the country and especially in Gori municipality. The grantee will also develop radio blogs, through which duty-bearers will provide accurate and reliable responses to the citizens' questions and a new program Advice featuring interviews with public health experts, local authorities, and other specialists with aim to provide expert opinion and evidence-based information on how ordinary citizens can contribute to the fight against the pandemic and maintain physical and mental health during the crisis.

## WATCHDOG REPORTING FOR CHANGE

**Applicant:** Social Justice Center  
**Project title:** Collusion, corruption and conflict of interest cases surrounding Namakhvani HPP Cascade project  
**Application ID:** G03049  
**Project duration:** 07/07/2021 - 07/08/2022  
**Grant amount:** 87,027 GEL  
**Geography:** Imereti

The project aims at promoting transparent and accountable governance practices through fact-finding, reporting, and advocacy activities geared toward bringing violations to the forefront and effecting



changes that will improve the lives of citizens of Georgia. To this end, the Social Justice Center and its partner media organization iFact will work jointly to assess the Namakhvani Hydropower Plant (HPP) project and the extent to which it is benefiting narrow interests of certain public officials and business representatives, in violation of national interests of sustainable economic development and energy security. During the grant period, team of legal experts and investigative journalists will prepare one 40-minute video, 5 multimedia materials, and 4 analytical articles, which will be posted on the grantee's and its partner media organization's Facebook pages, as well as shared with other media outlets. Online events will be organized for target audiences to further inform them regarding the key findings. The grant support envisions targeted advocacy to address the identified problems and to ensure fair, transparent, and accountable implementation of the Namakhvani HPP project. As part of the advocacy, policy document will be prepared regarding feasibility, cost-efficiency and transparency of the resource management and presentation will be organized to discuss the findings of the policy paper and questionable government practices related to feasibility, cost-efficiency and transparency of the resource management. As a result of fact-finding, reporting and advocacy activities of the grantee and its partner media organization, Namakhvani HPP project violations are well-identified, litigated and wider social engagement with the topic is ensured.

**Applicant:** Gori Community Radio Mosaik  
**Project title:** Advocacy campaign for the reorganization of N(N)LEs of Gori municipality  
**Application ID:** G02902  
**Project duration:** 01/12/2020 - 31/12/2021  
**Grant amount:** 62,860 GEL  
**Geography:** Gori Municipality

The project aims at promoting transparent and accountable governance practices in Gori municipality through fact-finding, reporting, and advocacy activities geared toward bringing violations to the forefront and effecting changes that will improve the lives of residents of Gori municipality. To this end, the grantee will conduct at least six journalistic investigations to identify cases of ineffective or inappropriate spending of budgetary resources or to expose other governance-related issues in Gori, focusing on the activities of non-entrepreneurial non-commercial legal entities (N(N)LEs) set up by the municipality. To ensure follow up on the conducted investigations, the grantee will partner with local civil society organizations, so that together they devise and implement an effective advocacy campaign to arm Georgian citizens with information and to effect real changes for families and communities across Georgia. Specifically, a working group consisting of at least 7 representatives of civil society organizations will be formed both to support identification of issues to be investigated and to prepare a strategic document for the reorganization of N(N)LEs of Gori municipality. A radio talk-show consisting of three blocks will be produced to discuss the issues identified within the project. Representatives of specific N(N)LEs and/or the City Hall will be invited to appear in the talk-show to respond to the findings and to discuss ways forward. As a result of the project, the grantee and its partner CSOs project identification of at least 6 instances of poor governance in Gori municipality and see the resolution of at three problems identified through journalistic investigations. At the same time, the grantee will improve its institutional capacity as a watchdog media, by gaining practical experience in designing and implementing effective journalistic investigations.

**Applicant:** Studio Monitor  
**Project title:** Studio Monitor  
**Application ID:** G02907  
**Project duration:** 01/11/2020 - 30/11/2021  
**Grant amount:** 75,866 GEL  
**Geography:** Imereti, Kakheti, Kartli

The project aims at promoting transparent and accountable governance practices through fact-finding, reporting, and advocacy activities geared toward bringing violations to the forefront and effecting changes that will improve the lives of citizens of Georgia. To this end, the grantee will conduct two in depth journalistic investigations and prepare two TV stories (20-25 minutes each) to identify and expose instances of ineffective or inappropriate spending of budgetary resources on procurement contracts awarded to improve water supply and sanitation systems in Imereti, Kakheti, and Kartli municipalities of Georgia. These investigative journalism stories will be aired on TV Formula, as well as on the website and Facebook page of Studio Monitor and Radio Freedom and on the YouTube channel of Radio Freedom. Each TV story will be followed up by shorter Facebook reports that will reflect on the main findings of these investigations, as well as on the advocacy campaigns waged to demand change. The project's advocacy efforts will be led by the partner CSO, Georgian Young Lawyers' Association, and supported by civic activists from the targeted regions of Imereti, Kakheti, and Kartli. As a result of the project, residents of these regions will be armed with information about public spending on water supply and sewage systems and procurement practices for water and sanitation systems are changed to address the identified issues.

**Applicant:** Telecompany Pirveli  
**Project title:** Promote accountability of public officials through journalistic Investigation and advocacy  
**Application ID:** G02908  
**Project duration:** 20/10/2020 - 30/11/2021  
**Grant amount:** 77,020 GEL  
**Geography:** Tbilisi

The project aims at promoting transparent and accountable governance practices through fact-finding, reporting, and advocacy activities geared toward shining light on systemic corruption and exposing instances of poor governance in Georgia, in order to effect positive changes for citizens of Georgia. To this end, TV 1 and Democracy Index Georgia (DIG) will identify and expose cases of voter intimidation during elections and political malfeasance among members of the Parliament of Georgia through six journalistic investigations which will be aired throughout the project period. Each investigation will be followed through by the partner CSO DIG, which will wage targeted advocacy campaign aimed at increased accountability of public officials. As a result of the project, precedents will be created when elected officials, as well as management of government-associated businesses, are held liable for their misconduct, and elected public officials will be more accountable to their constituencies.

## SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

**Applicant:** Social Enterprise Babale  
**Project title:** Supporting Development of Social Enterprise *Babale*  
**Application ID:** G02956  
**Project duration:** 10/08/2021 - 09/08/2023  
**Grant amount:** 51,400 GEL  
**Geography:** Tbilisi

The project aims at contributing to the long-term sustainability of the grantee CSO *For Real Changes* so that it can foster socio-economic integration of people with disabilities (PWDs) and empower the community of parents and family members of PWDs through increasing profitability of its social enterprise (SE) *Babale*. With support from Europe Foundation, the grantee will be diversifying the

product line of the SE, which produces and sells eco-friendly and handmade wooden souvenirs, pottery, and textile items. Namely, the grantee will target new customer segments by developing a new and professionally designed and packaged convenience product line of kitchen accessories. In cooperation with a consulting company, the grantee will also develop a new communication strategy with a focus on digital marketing channels. Within 16 months after the project completion, the grantee expects a significant increase in its annual profits, which will allow it to employ at least two new full-time staff, thus, contributing the socio-economic inclusion of people with disabilities.

**Applicant:** Step for Development  
**Project title:** Development of Social Enterprise *Leader Kids*  
**Application ID:** G02959  
**Project duration:** 01/07/2021 - 30/06/2023  
**Grant amount:** 36,560 GEL  
**Geography:** Gori Municipality

The project aims at improving the long-term sustainability of the grantee CSO – *Step for Development* – so that it can empower the community of socially vulnerable women in Gori Municipality, through increasing profitability of its social enterprise (SE) *Leader Kids*, which produces clothing for children aged 2-12. With support from Europe Foundation, the grantee will purchase new equipment to create new product lines, which will be developed by a professional fashion art director. At the initial stage, the grantee will train 30 socially vulnerable women in sewing, so that at least 11 are then employed full-time at the enterprise. Another three socially vulnerable women will be recruited on a part-time basis for the following positions: designer, social media manager, and accountant. Before organizing sales, the grantee will rebrand its enterprise by updating its name, logo, and brand identity to become more attractive to its target audience. During the project, the grantee will develop a rigorous marketing strategy with a focus on a digital direction to reach its target audience efficiently and to mitigate the risks related to the COVID-19 pandemic. With support from the Foundation, the grantee will create an e-commerce website and improve its social media pages to conduct campaigns and increase sales. Sales will be organized through digital channels (website, Facebook, Instagram) and physical spaces (shops, exhibitions, and shopping mall stands). Within 1.5 years after the completion of the project, the grantee expects to increase its annual net profit by up to 250%, and retain all 14 employed women.

**Applicant:** Qveli Sakme  
**Project title:** SE Redo's Multi-Functional Production  
**Application ID:** G02789  
**Project duration:** 01/10/2020 - 31/03/2022  
**Grant amount:** 25,000 GEL  
**Geography:** Ozurgeti Municipality

The project aims at contributing to long-term sustainability of the Ozurgeti-based CSO Qveli Sakme, so that it can foster socio-economic integration of former inmates and persons in conflict with law through increasing profitability of its social enterprise (SE) Redo. With support from EPF, the grantee will equip and modernize its social enterprise, develop new product lines, and expand its clientele base, targeting large construction companies that execute municipal infrastructure projects in Ozurgeti municipality. These efforts will ensure that the SE reaches a breakeven point within a year of the completion of the project. At least five former inmates and persons in conflict with law will be employed by the SE Redo at the end of the grant period.