



UNVFVT Circular n° 1/2014: Call for 2015 Applications

The Secretariat is pleased to announce that the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (UNVFVT) will accept requests for funding from **15 January to 1 March 2014** for grants that will be used between 1 January and 31 December 2015. **Requests for funding received after the deadline will not be considered.**

Grants will only be awarded to organizations that provide direct assistance to victims of torture and their family members. Such assistance may be in the form of medical, psychological, legal or social assistance. Applications from all regions will be accepted. All applications must be submitted in English, French or Spanish, but instructions for the submission of applications in Russian are available upon request to the secretariat.

Please note that only applications which strictly comply with the Guidelines of the Fund will be considered. Before submitting an application, applicants are strongly invited to read the Guidelines, which are available on the webpage of the Fund:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Torture/UNVFT/Pages/WhattheFundis.aspx>

Applications should be entered and submitted through the on-line grants system which is available from the webpage of the Fund:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Torture/UNVFT/Pages/Onlineapplicationsystem.aspx>

A user's manual about the on-line grants management system is also available on the website to assist organizations in using the system and preparing their application. In order to report technical problems or request additional assistance while completing the application, applicants should address the Secretariat by e-mail to the following address of the Fund grantstechsupport@ohchr.org.

Attention is being drawn to the following:

The application form has been upgraded compared to past years. The new application aims at better understanding the project's methodology and impact, the in-take and discharge policy for victims and the target groups assisted. Kindly note, that automatic pasting from previous applications is no longer possible. Applicants are advised to secure sufficient time to fill the application prior to the expiration of the deadline.

As of 2015, the project portfolio of the Fund will be restructured with a view to reducing the number of grants per year and raising the average grant size. Project proposals will be reviewed in a competitive manner taking into particular account the merit of the proposal, the needs and the number of years of continuous support received from the Fund.

For organizations that have projects funded by UNVFVT in 2013

- Reports on the use of 2013 grants are to be submitted through the online grants system of the Fund, which will be open to users between **15 January and 1 March 2014**.
- **New request for funding from an organization that has overdue reports will not be considered.**

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