

USAID Rule of Law Project in Serbia

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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

for Civil Society Organizations (CSO)

The USAID Rule of Law Project is a USAID-funded four-year project with the main goal to support justice sector reforms to enhance the timely and more effective delivery of justice for Serbian citizens. The Project provides assistance in the following areas:

- a) drafting a new strategic framework for the judicial reform in Serbia;
- b) implementing a select portfolio of initiatives under the strategic umbrella governing judicial reform in Serbia, targeting, among others, court efficiency activities, including E-justice initiatives, the service of process in Serbian courts, court fee calculation/collection, and the role and career path of judicial assistants;
- c) providing support to more timely, consistent, and reliable process of enforcement of judgments; and
- d) strengthening institutional capacities of the State Attorney's Office to improve performance and reduce the time and cost associated with cases brought against the State.

Through a grants program, the Project is promoting the role of civil society in the overall reform process.

The Project invites interested CSOs to submit project proposals within the areas of:

- I. **Initiatives for streamlining court operations** – identification and assessment of different modalities and innovations for improving and streamlining the work of courts, including proposing measures for shorter and less costly procedures. This could also include conference(s) promoting regional peer-to-peer exchange or knowledge sharing related to E-justice innovations, court administration innovations, measuring court efficiency, and/or other related latest developments.
- II. **Initiatives for rendering the work of judicial institutions more accessible for citizens** – identifying and implementing initiatives for making court and other judicial institutions operations, decisions and jurisdictions more visible and comprehensible for the general public and/or support more effective public educational citizen interactions with courts or other judiciary-related institutions. This includes the innovative use of new media and social networking tools or other methods/events to improve court transparency.
- III. **Initiatives for strengthening cooperation between judiciary and law faculties**– enhance legal education through the promotion of legal professions to enable better understanding of the workings of an effective and responsive judiciary.
- IV. **Any other proposals that help support the Project's explicitly stated objectives (which could include trainings, conferences, innovative competitions, etc.).**

Grant awards will be in the range of \$10.000-\$70.000.



The Application, in English, should be sent to:

USAID Rule of Law Project
Development Professional Inc.
Bulevar kralja Aleksandra 28, 11000 Belgrade
Republic of Serbia

The deadline for submission of Applications is October 25, 2019 (hand-deliveries must be received by 16:00 on that date). Instructions for Applicants and the Grant Application Package with a set of supporting materials are available upon request to grants@rolps.org. For more information please contact Igor Mandic, Grants Manager at +381 63 233479, from 9:00-17:00 hours.