



## Call for Arts and Culture project proposals

Switzerland provides development assistance to Armenia through the implementation of the Swiss Cooperation Programme for the South Caucasus for the period 2022-25. Through its “Regional Arts and Culture in the South Caucasus” project, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC contributes to fostering a pluralistic, innovative and inclusive cultural sector in the South Caucasus by promoting contemporary art forms through regional intercultural dialogues and exchanges.

In this framework, the SDC calls for proposals for small, transformative projects in the field of contemporary arts (including painting, sculpture, photography, video art, installation art, performance art, digital art, etc.). This call aims to provide funding for creative and innovative initiatives that significantly contribute to the development of contemporary arts in the Republic of Armenia.

Proposed projects should not only focus on advancing the arts but also specifically address critical issues of inclusiveness and societal cohesion in Armenia. We highly encourage co-creation, and applications are welcome from both individual artists and groups of artists working collaboratively.

**Geographical focus:** projects should primarily be implemented in Armenia, in and outside the capital city Yerevan.

**Duration of projects:** maximum 6 months.

### Who can apply?

Applicants can be organizations, teams or individuals representing all types of contemporary arts. Applicants should not be linked to a political party, nor should their proposal have any relation or interaction with political activities.

### Application requirements

Applicants shall submit a project proposal of maximum 5 pages in the provided templates and format containing:

- Project context and clear description of the idea;
- Detailed budget (the template provided is to be used);
- Communication and visibility issues related to the project (e.g. closing exhibitions, film screenings, etc.).

### Financial and other conditions

- Maximum grant provided by the SDC is equivalent to max. 2'200'000 AMD per individual project and max 4'400'000 AMD per collaborative project.
- Co-funding of at least 20% from the applicant and/or other donor is a compulsory requirement. Projects with higher percentage of co-funding are preferred. Information on co-funding is to be provided in the project proposal, as well as in the budget sheet.
- Applicants shall be responsible for all taxes and social insurances of staff, in accordance with the relevant legislation.

## Submission process

The project proposal together with its detailed budget sheet must be submitted electronically in PDF format to [yerevan.media@eda.admin.ch](mailto:yerevan.media@eda.admin.ch) subject line “Arts and Culture Small Project Proposal 2024” until 12.00, **30/09/2024**. The size of the attachments should not exceed 10MB. Receipt of the submissions will be acknowledged by e-mail; only selected applicants will be contacted the latest by **15/10/2024**. No questions will be answered by phone or mail during the selection process.

### Award criteria

**Relevance of the objective(s), its potential transformative impact,** as well as the originality, practicality, and innovativeness of the proposed project.

*Weighting: 30%*

**Proposal Quality and Methodology:** The overall design and presentation of the proposal, including a clear articulation of both the problem (context) and the solution (activities), with an emphasis on concrete results expected within 6 months. Assessment of the methodology, participation of key stakeholders and partners, and the sustainability, including monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

*Weighting 30%*

**Capacity and Experience of the Organization:** Capacities of applicant's staff. Relevance of resources and stakeholders participation. Expertise and experiences needed for the project.

*Weighting: 20%*

**Quality of finance and administrative aspects**

*Weighting: 20%*