

Grant Budget Allocation

(OSI BP Version)

BP Network Program Allocates to National Foundation

To: Victor Ursu, Executive Director, SF Moldova
Varvara Colibaba, Deputy Director, SF Moldova
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Date: 5/26/2014
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Budget Year	2014
Network Program Title	Office of the President: Chairman's Activity
Program Code, Project code (if applicable)	Chairman's Grants (59952), Event Code (to be used for all type of payments): UA003 Moldova Capacity Building
Category of Work	Field: Good Governance and Democratic Practice: Engaging Regional and Global Institutions in Support of Open Society Values
National Foundation Name and Code	SF Moldova MOLF
Fund Class (T4)	3 /NP thru foundations, NON-Lobby
Amount of this Network Program Allocation	\$815,000.00
Amount of National Foundation Allocation, If matching program (Enter Manually)	\$0.00

Dear Victor Ursu and Varvara Colibaba :

Batch ID: Nor140004

I am pleased to inform you that on the basis of our agreement the SF Moldova has been granted the amount of \$815,000.00 to be used for the Office of the President: Chairman's Activity: Chairman's Grants (59952), Event Code: UA003 Moldova Capacity Building. This amount allocated by the Network program can solely be used for the types of activities, and according to the procedures described in the "OSI Budget Allocations". Fund Class: 3 /NP thru foundations, NON-Lobby. The actual expenditure of the amount should be carried out by your Finance Department by charging this amount to the above-mentioned Office of the President: Chairman's Activity: Chairman's Grants (59952) Budget and reported to OSI Finance in section representing OSI activity (OSI Match/Allocations or Budget Type 3).

This project is designed to provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Education in the Republic of Moldova to deliver its educational policy agenda as spelled out in the Moldova Education Reform Project (MERP).

The objective of MERP, financed by the World Bank and to be implemented by the Ministry of Education and the World Bank between April 2013 and August 2018, is to strengthen the quality of education while supporting the efficiency and effectiveness of the reform steps being implemented in the education sector. MERP has three core components: (1) Strengthening the quality of education in the general education sub-sector in Moldova; (2) Improving the efficiency of the education sector by eliminating excess capacity and creating a learner-centered education system, which will be better equipped to provide education that meets the demands of a modern economy and (3) Improving the Ministry of Education's (MoE) capacity to monitor the education reform program.

In addition to the Technical assistance to the Ministry of Education provided by the 4-member international consultancy team (hired at the beginning of March 2014, outside this grant) who work out a road map of the policy and curriculum reform for the Ministry of Education, securing OSF funding for the following 3 components is important:

1- Establishing local curriculum development teams (\$265,000)

This component would ensure that teachers are meaningfully engaged in the envisioned fundamental changes. It is likely to further widen the scope of educational stakeholders', especially teachers' engagement in the policy processes of education reforms. It would also help further use and transfer of the international consultants' expertise to local policy structures.

2- Social Compact for Education Reform (\$250,000)

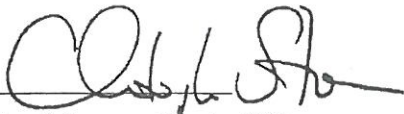
The aim of this component is to supplement the technical assistance to the Ministry of Education with civil society engagement in policy consultations and education policy efforts. The MoE, Soros Foundation Moldova and OSF agreed that the optimal way forward is to issue an open call for proposals for educational civil society partnerships. The objective of the

call for proposals is to provide structural support to educational policy think tanks in the Republic of Moldova to engage and support policy dialogue among various education policy stakeholders during the implementation of the comprehensive policy reforms by the Ministry of Education. Activities would include, for instance, bringing to the policy discussion public opinion on various education policy reform measures, organizing policy roundtable discussions to ensure citizen dialogue and formulation of opinion towards envisioned policy action.

3- Learning laboratories and English language instructors for district schools (\$300,000)

The government is closing approximately 300 local schools because of a shrinking student population in rural areas and the setting up of 100 district schools to replace them is underway. To support this socially difficult process OSF has agreed to provide \$300,000 for the purpose of setting up learning laboratories for these schools to help kids develop digital and entrepreneurial skills through online learning. In accepting this grant allocation by countersigning this memorandum below you undertake full responsibility for carrying out the project and to report the project related expenditures monthly to OSI Finance.

With best regards,



Network Program Director/Officer
OSI

Countersigned by:



Varvara Colibaba
Program Director/Coordinator
SF Moldova



Victor Ursu
Executive Director
SF Moldova