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Civil society organizations play a crucial role in guiding societies toward progress and fostering democratic ideals that they face challenge of building modern, independent civil institutions capable of fulfilling their mission. However, one of the primary obstacles activists and these organizations encounter is securing sustainable funding to carry out their societal roles effectively.

CSOs have access to various funding sources to support their operations and projects, such as collecting donations, generating income through specialized programs, and receiving support from the private sector and other contributors. However, reliance on international agencies poses challenges, as these sources often diminish over time due to the resolution of the crises they were established to address, including humanitarian emergencies, poverty, unemployment, illiteracy, and human rights violations.

Recognizing this need, Public Aid Organization (PAO) and its Fundraising Department have compiled and published an annual preliminary list of funding sources available to Iraqi organizations. This marks the six consecutive years of this initiative, aimed at supporting local efforts and initiatives. The 2026 list focuses on global and international institutions. PAO remains committed to continuing this publication in the years to come, providing valuable resources to empower local organizations.

تلعب منظمات المجتمع المدني دوراً حاسماً في توجيه المجتمعات نحو التقدم وتعزيز المثل الديمقراطية التي تواجه تحدي بناء مؤسسات مدنية حديثة ومستقلة قادرة على الوفاء بمهمتها. ومع ذلك، فإن إحدى العقبات الأساسية التي يواجهها النشطاء وهذه المنظمات هي تأمين التمويل المستدام للقيام بأدوارهم المجتمعية بشكل فعال.

تتمتع منظمات المجتمع المدني بالقدرة على الوصول إلى مصادر تمويل مختلفة لدعم عملياتها ومشاريعها، مثل جمع التبرعات، وتوليد الدخل من خلال برامج متخصصة، وتلقي الدعم من القطاع الخاص والمساهمين الآخرين. ومع ذلك، فإن الاعتماد على الوكالات الدولية يفرض تحديات، حيث تتضاءل هذه المصادر غالباً بمرور الوقت بسبب حل الأزمات التي أنشئت لمعالجتها، بما في ذلك حالات الطوارئ الإنسانية والفقر والبطالة والامية وانتهاكات حقوق الإنسان.

وإدراكاً لهذه الحاجة، قامت منظمة المساعدة العامة (PAO) وقسم جمع التبرعات التابع لها بتجميع ونشر قائمة أولية سنوية لمصادر التمويل المتاحة للمنظمات العراقية. ويمثل هذا العام ست سنوات متتالية من هذه المبادرة، التي تهدف إلى دعم الجهود والمبادرات المحلية. تركز قائمة 2026 على المؤسسات العالمية والدولية. وتظل منظمة PAO ملتزمة بمواصلة نشر هذا المنشور في السنوات القادمة، وتوفير موارد قيمة لتمكين المنظمات المحلية.

Source of fundings	Link to the funds	Grant amounts	Dates and deadlines	Area of focus
Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund	https://wphfund.org/call-for-proposals-for-rapid-response-window-i-rngo-partners/	\$1,000,000	23/01/2026	To enhancing women's participation in peace processes and the implementation of peace agreements.
Digital Rights Fund in the West Asia and North Africa	https://smex.org/digital-rights-fund-in-the-west-asia-and-north-africa/		31/01/2026	Surveillance and Spyware Innovative Approaches to Enhance Digital Rights Digital Labor AI Agents Mapping Digital Rights Violations Algorithmic Biases Militarization of AI Lack of Digital Sovereignty Arts and Culture Digital Infrastructure
International Peace Research Association	https://iprafoundation.org/grants-info/		Cycle 1: 28/02/2026	Peace research grand
International Peace Research Association	https://iprafoundation.org/grants-info/		Cycle 2: 31/07/2026	Peace research grand
The European Outdoor Conservation Association (EOCA)	https://www.eocaconservation.org/project-info.cfm?pageid=20	€30,000	March 2026	Wildlife conservation Protection of forests and wetlands Litter clean-up on trails and mountains Environmental education in local communities

Hungarian Institute of International Affairs (HIIA)	https://hiia.hu/en/call-for-applications-future-leaders-program-2026-spring-edition/	N/A	01/04/2026 – 30/06/2026	<u>Key research topics</u> Regional studies: Western Balkans, Eastern Europe, Visegrád cooperation, Transatlantic relations, Middle East, Turkic States, Asia-Pacific Thematic studies: Security policy, Energy policy, Multipolarity, Global geopolitical issues, Connectivity, Family policy in international context, Cultural diplomacy
CEPR	https://cepr.org/second-call-proposals-recipe-big-research-grants-brg	£100,000	27/01/2026	<u>Research project</u> Reducing Conflict and Improving Performance in the Economy programme
International Climate Initiative	https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/en/find-funding/small-grants/small-grants-2025/	60,000 and 200,000 euros	15/01/2026	Mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions Adaptation to climate change impacts Conservation of natural carbon sinks Biodiversity conservation.
International Climate Initiative	https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/en/find-funding/medium-grants/medium-grants-2025/	8 million euros	20/01/2026	Climate action through Circular Economy Towards locally-led ecosystem-based adaptation', with the aim of strengthening local capacities for action to adapt to climate change.
International Climate Initiative	https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/en/find-funding/large-grants/large-grants-2025/	12 to 20 million euros	17/02/2026	Strengthening electricity storage for renewable energy integration and electrification of end uses in Mexico Building resilience of India's forests, ecosystems and biodiversity against climate risks through effective and inclusive implementation of adaptation strategies highlighted in the National Adaptation Plan (NAP, currently under preparation) Climate-Smart conservation and restoration of South Africa's grassland landscapes and associated wetland ecosystems, to support long-term biodiversity protection and green economic development
Rainforest Trust	https://www.rainforesttrust.org/get-involved/apply-for-funding/#steps	\$250,000	March 2026	Environment Feasibility Awards and Protected or Conserved Area Creation Awards

Rainforest Trust	https://www.rainforesttrust.org/get-involved/apply-for-funding/#steps	\$250,000	July 2026	Environment Feasibility Awards and Protected or Conserved Area Creation Awards
Rainforest Trust	https://www.rainforesttrust.org/get-involved/apply-for-funding/#steps	\$250,000	October 2026	Environment Feasibility Awards and Protected or Conserved Area Creation Awards
National Endowment for Democracy	https://www.ned.org/apply-for-grant/en/	N/A	26/01/2026	Promote and defend human rights and the rule of law Support freedom of information and independent media Strengthen democratic ideas and values Promote accountability and transparency Strengthen civil society organizations Strengthen democratic political processes and institutions Promote civic education Support democratic conflict resolution Promote freedom of association Strengthen a broad-based market economy
National Endowment for Democracy	https://www.ned.org/apply-for-grant/en/	N/A	02/06/2026	Promote and defend human rights and the rule of law Support freedom of information and independent media Strengthen democratic ideas and values Promote accountability and transparency Strengthen civil society organizations Strengthen democratic political processes and institutions Promote civic education Support democratic conflict resolution Promote freedom of association Strengthen a broad-based market economy

Funding opportunities through email request 2026

Source of funds	Area	Link of sites
The pollination project	The Pollination Project seeks to unleash goodness and expand compassion all over the world. To that end, through our pioneering Daily Grant program, we make micro grants 365 days a year to grassroots global change agents who seek to spread compassion in their communities and in the world for the benefit of all.	https://thepollinationproject.org/pre-screen-quiz/
Ford Foundation	Addressing inequality	https://www.fordfoundation.org/work/our-grants/grant-opportunities/
Open Technology Fund	The Internet Freedom Fund is OTF's primary way to support projects and people working on open and accessible technology-focused projects that promote human rights, Internet freedom, open societies.	https://apply.opentech.fund/
Urgent Action Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Security Grants – The safety and security of women or trans* human rights defenders/activists/organizations is threatened due to their human rights work. 2. Opportunity Grants – An unexpected moment or opportunity for advocacy or mobilization that may result in advancements for women's and LGBTQI's rights, such as changes in legal decisions, policy and laws, or a shift in public attitudes and practices in their local context. 	https://urgentactionfund.org/
Front Line Defenders	Protection Grants can pay for provisions to improve the security and protection of human rights defenders and their organizations	https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/en
Digital defenders' partnership	(1) Increased safety for critical internet users under attack (2) Increased capacity of the digital emergency response ecosystem	https://www.digitaldefenders.org/
Global Fund for Women	To prevent violence, advance women's political and economic empowerment, and further sexual and reproductive health and rights	https://www.globalfundforwomen.org/
The Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation	To find social entrepreneurs with dynamic ideas and nurture them at the early stages with maximum leverage and total commitment.	https://www.drkfoundation.org/apply-for-funding /
French Development Agency's Fund for Innovation in Development	Education, health, climate change, and gender equality for innovations	https://fundinnovation.dev/en
FP2020 Rapid Response Mechanism	Family planning	https://www.fp2030.org/
Global Fund for Children	Children and young people	https://globalfundforchildren.org/for-community-based-organizations/
Global Fund for Women	Gender equality and human rights	https://www.globalfundforwomen.org/

Global Innovation Fund	Social innovations that aim to improve the lives and opportunities of millions of people	https://www.globalinnovation.fund/
JTI Foundation	Disaster risk reduction	https://projects.jtifoundation.org/en
L'Oreal Fund for Women	Projects which help women; out of poverty	https://www.loreal.com/en/news/commitments/supporting-highly-vulnerable-women/
Medica Mondiale	Combating and preventing sexualized and gender-based violence against women in war and conflict zones	https://medicamondiale.org/en/grants-programme/how-to-apply
Wellcome Trust Innovator Awards	Health research	https://wellcome.org/

Fundings from Embassies and Consulates in Iraq 2026

Embassies / Consulates	Links	Type of funding	Area of fundings
The U.S. Embassy and Consulate in Iraq	https://iq.usembassy.gov/grant-opportunities/	Program based grants (\$1.5 – \$4 million)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic and professional lectures, seminars, and speaker programs. • Youth leadership programs. • Professional and academic exchanges and non-research projects. • Entrepreneurship and innovation in technological or other fields. • Promoting Awareness and Understanding of Shared U.S. and Iraqi Values • Strengthening Governance, Democracy, and the Rule of Law • Encouraging Environmental Awareness • Strengthening Civil Society and Promoting Civic Engagement • Enhancing Professionalism in the Media • Combatting Disinformation • Countering Violent Extremism • Promoting Innovation and Entrepreneurship

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowering Women, Youth, or Religious and Ethnic Minorities • Protecting and Preserving Iraqi Cultural Heritage
Australian Embassy Iraq	https://dap.smartygrants.com.au/	Yearly based grants (AUD 30,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Small scale infrastructure • Sanitation • Rural development • Environmental development • Gender equality • Economic empowerment • Cultural and sporting activities • Community health
The Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Erbil	https://mzv.gov.cz/erbil/en/humanitarian_aid_and_development/index.html	Yearly based grants (\$8,000 - \$22,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and health sector, renovating or upgrade, support of development activities
The Embassy of the Czech Republic in Baghdad	https://mzv.gov.cz/baghdad/en/trade_and_economy/call_for_proposals_small_scale_projects.html	Yearly based grants (\$8,000 - \$22,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and health sector, renovating or upgrade, support of development activities
The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI)	https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/funding-financement/cfli-fcil/index.aspx?lang=eng	Yearly based grants (\$31,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive governance, including diversity, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. • Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. • Peace & security, with a focus on conflict prevention and building peace. • Growth that works for everyone, including women's economic rights,

			<p>decent jobs and entrepreneurship, investing in the poorest and most vulnerable, and safeguarding economic gains.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environment & climate action, focusing on adaptation and mitigation, as well as on water management.• Human dignity, covering health, education and nutrition.
UK International development funding	https://www.gov.uk/international-development-funding	Program based grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most sectors

Global Deadline Free Grants for 2026

Source of Funding	Link of site	Funding amounts	Area of focus
STDF	https://standardsfacility.org/project/apply	\$50,000 - \$1,000,000	Project Preparation Grants Project Grants
SwedBio Funding Program for CSOs, International Organisations, Institutes & Universities	https://swed.bio/	\$10,000 to \$100,000	Livelihood, food & health; Cities & biodiversity; Biocultural diversity; Climate change & ecosystems; and Values & governance
Rapid Response Facility	https://rapid-response.org/	\$40,000	UNESCO Natural World Heritage Sites
Search For Common Ground	https://www.sfcg.org/she-wins/apply-for-the-rapid-response-fund/	Small grants: \$500 to \$25,000 Medium grants: \$25,000 to \$100,000 Large grants: \$100,000 to \$250,000	Women empowerment Global Women, Peace and Security Rapid Response Fund
Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund	https://wphfund.org/rrw/	\$10,000 to \$100,000	Women Empowerment Rapid Response Window on Women's Participation
Global Environment Facility (GEF)	https://www.thegef.org/	US\$5.25 billion for 2022-26	Support sustainable development and climate resilience projects globally
Adaptation Fund	https://www.adaptation-fund.org/	N/A	Environment

Global Green grants Fund	https://www.greengrants.org/	N/A	Climate Justice, Healthy Ecosystems and economy, Livelihoods, Women Empowerment
OMCT	https://www.omct.org/en/	EUR 5,000 to EUR 15,000	Consolidating operational capacities of local human rights organizations. Expanding capacities to implement local innovative activities and projects. Longer-term torture rehabilitation to human rights defenders' victims of torture.
Wikimedia Community Fund	https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Grants:Programs/Wikimedia_Community_Fund/General_Support_Fund	10,000 – 550,000 USD	General
The National Endowment for Democracy (NED)	https://www.ned.org/apply-for-grant/en/	\$50,000 - \$100,000	Promote and defend human rights and the rule of law Support freedom of information and independent media Strengthen democratic ideas and values Promote accountability and transparency Strengthen civil society organizations Strengthen democratic political processes and institutions Promote civic education Support democratic conflict resolution Promote freedom of association Strengthen a broad-based market economy
Environmental Research and Education Foundation	https://erefdn.org/research-grants-projects/how-to-apply-for-grant/	\$15,000 - \$500,000	Research: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of life-cycle/process models to evaluate solid waste • Evaluating specific applications of pyrolysis/gasification to manage niche/minor waste streams • Development of specific gasification/pyrolysis techniques or technologies • Using algae to create biofuels from waste
Grants.gov	https://simpler.grants.gov/search?utm_source=Grants.gov	N/A	General
International Union for Conservation of Nature	https://iucn.org/	N/A	Environment
European Commission (EC	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportuni	N/A	General (Call for proposal and Tenders)

	ties/calls-for-proposals?isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502,31094503&order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate		
Common Fund for Commodities	https://www.common-fund.org/ACT-Fund	\$300,000 - \$1.5 M	Sustainable Development Goals Climate related projects
United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking	https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking-fund/unvtf-funding.html	\$10,000 to \$100,000	Women and Children; and those most left behind, including underserved groups
Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders (EMHRF)	https://emhrf.org/category/grants/	N/A	Huan Rights