

RUSSIA

The SPARK! grant will be given to non-profit charitable organizations as defined as the following: Definition under Federal Law No 135-FZ dated August 11, 1995 “On Charitable activity and Organizations”.

The Law provides that a charitable organization shall be a non-governmental non-commercial organization created for implementation of purposes stipulated in the Law, by carrying out charitable activity in the interests of society in general or on behalf of certain categories of persons.

Purposes of charitable activities:

- Social support and protection, including the improvement of the material conditions of the poor, social rehabilitation of the unemployed, the disabled and other persons who because of their physical or mental abilities or other circumstances are not able to independently realize their rights and legitimate interests;
- Prepare the population to overcome the effects of natural disasters, environmental, industrial and other accidents, to prevent accidents;
- Assistance to victims of natural disasters, environmental, industrial and other catastrophes, social, national and religious conflicts, victims of repression, refugees and internally displaced persons;
- The promotion of peace, friendship and harmony among nations, prevention of social, ethnic and religious conflicts;
- Help strengthen the prestige and role of the family in society;
- Promote the protection of motherhood, childhood and parenthood;
- Promoting activities in the field of education, science, culture, art, spiritual development of the individuals;
- Promote activities in the field of prevention and protection of public health, and promote healthy lifestyles, improving the morale of the citizens;
- Promoting activities in the field of physical culture and sports;
- Environmental protection and animal welfare;
- Protection and proper maintenance of buildings, objects and areas of historical, religious, cultural or environmental significance, and burial sites.

Some Specific Examples Include:

- Charity Foundations
- Charity NGOs
- Social projects
- Non-profit organizations and partnerships
- Unions and associations of charity organizations
- Additional charity categories may be eligible based on local practices

We Are unable to Approve Requests for Individuals or Projects that:

- Pose a potential conflict of interest for DDI
- Are not aligned with DDI corporate values
- May involve DDI in controversial issues
- Pose safety or security risks for employees (e.g. clean-up work at disaster site, construction or remodeling work not under the supervision of a trained professional); or any type of volunteer activity not under the supervision of an eligible charity or school
- Are related to fundraising, such as walking or running in a fundraising race
- Consist of fundraisers for individuals rather than registered charities
- Benefit charities with the sole purpose of providing support to a named individual or a named family
- Influence legislation or involve electing candidates to public office
- Involve religious programs of churches, temples, mosques or other sectarian organizations
- Involve volunteer activities of programs offered by clubs, membership associations or fraternities/sororities
- Are non-profit state universities or health care/ hospital systems

Types of Charity organizations

Charity organizations fall into several categories (135-FZ) including social organizations (associations), foundations, institutions, and in other forms as provided by federal laws for charitable organizations.

Social organizations (associations) (Civil Code, Art. 117, Para 1) are voluntary associations of citizens, in accordance with the law together on the basis of common interests to meet the spiritual and non-material needs. Social and religious organizations are non-profit organizations. They are entitled to carry on business only for the purposes for which they were created, and corresponding to these purposes.

Foundations (funds) are recognized (Civil Code, Art. 118, Para 1) as non-membership non-profit organizations founded by citizens and (or) legal entities on the basis of voluntary property contributions, pursuing social, charitable, cultural, educational and other socially useful purposes.

Institutions (Civil Code, Art.120, Para 1) are non-profit organization created by the owner for the implementation of governance, socio-cultural or other non-profit functions.

Associations (Unions) are the unions of legal entities and (or) of the citizens, based on the voluntary or in cases specified by law on mandatory membership and created to represent and protect the common, including professional interests, to achieve socially beneficial, and not inconsistent with other laws and non-commercial purposes.