

## **Grant Application Small Grants Program**

*Tirana Country Office, WORLD BANK*

**Executive Summary** (Please type using no more than one page)

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**7. Mission statement of the applicant organization:**

The mission of the MJAFT Movement is to raise active citizenship, strengthening of the communities, proper governance and the improvement of the Albanian image in the world through: i) promotion of citizen participation in the decision making process through influencing and controlling policies at the local and national level, ii) promotion of volunteerism and the improvement of cooperation within communities, iii) rehabilitation of the sense of protest.

**8. Purpose of funding request and how this activity relates to civic engagement and social accountability:**

One of the objectives of MJAFT has been and still remains that of support for citizen engagement and promotion of social responsibility. Many students have found the MJAFT movement to be a stable source of support in their efforts to influence policies and other decisions that affect the interests of students' groups. These are the same students that have often raised their voices to denounce corruptive practices on the part of the administrative and teaching staff in their Faculties. Since the phenomenon of corruptive practices continues to be a big issue in the different faculties of the University of Tirana, the MJAFT movement intends to give its contribution in the engagement and self-organization of the students in order to solve this problem.

**9. Target population and number benefiting from the proposed activity:**

The groups that will be the focus of this project are: University Students and Lecturers, who will be more than 3000 in number and the main and direct target group; also the Community, as a group that will be targeted indirectly, which will be affected by the publicity and will learn their lessons from this new practice.

**10. Expected outcomes from the activity:**

- Better-informed and more aware students about their skills in fighting corruption
- Denunciations and prosecution of the proved cases of corruption

**11. Plans for learning and knowledge sharing:**

This will be a pilot program, which aims to be adopted in all the high schools and universities of the country, with the help of the citizens clubs and debate clubs in Albania, in the same time transferring the program from MJAFT to local groups.

12. Period this funding request will cover: **March-July 2006**
13. Amount of request (Details under Activity Income): **4890 USD**
14. If your organization has received previous support from the World Bank, please list the year, amount, and describe for what purpose: **N/A**
15. **Authorizing signature of the applicant organization's executive director or board chair:**

Signature:

Name (print): Endri Fuga

Title: Executive Director

## **Purpose of the Grant**

### **16. Describe briefly the need or issue you will address. Include a description of the constituency served (including number participating) and how they will participate/benefit?**

The MJAFT movement will undertake an initiative for raising awareness and encouraging students to fight and denounce corruptive practices in Universities. For this, we will implement a pilot project which will offer the necessary technical facilities to the target group through placement of a post box in which students and professors can denounce cases of corruption. This initiative of the MJAFT movement aims to contribute in the strengthening of a civic culture which solves social problems through pro-active engagement and turns them into effective practices. The engagement of students in this new initiative of the MJAFT movement will raise their sense of responsibility about the respective educational institutions, making these students important actors in the transformation of the reality in these institutions.

The communities that will be involved in this project will be the student community which will be the most active part of the project and in a broader sense, all the Albanian youth, without disregarding the professors who can help in denouncing corruption cases. This community will become aware that the potential to change the status quo of the education in Albania is inside them, and it should start with the denouncements of corruptive cases.

To achieve the aim of this project, two working groups will be created and will be composed of seven students from the University of Tirana. This group will be joined by 2 members of the MJAFT Movement. The main effort in the beginning of this project will be directed towards the awareness-raising and information of students. This will be implemented through a poster which will be put in Faculties, flyers which will inform the students' community about the ways of denouncing corruptive cases. The awareness campaign will be accompanied with public debates within the faculties. Later, 8 boxes will be put in 8 different faculties: Social Sciences, Law, Economy, Philology, Nature Sciences, Engineering, Nursery and Medicine. The final step will be the denouncement and solving of corruptive cases. They will be denounced at the State Attorney Office to be prosecuted.

### **17. How will the proposed activity promote civic engagement and social accountability?**

The student community will be not only the main actor of this project, but will also be the main beneficiary. The project will impact raising the sensitivity about the dangers of corruption at the University education, making them active in the fight against this negative phenomenon. They will come to understand that only by raising their voice and finalizing the reporting of corruptive cases, they will be able to change the bitter reality in which Albania lives. Thus, these youth will serve as a model of how anyone can contribute in the community by improving social responsibility and empowering citizens in their direct engagement against the most negative phenomena that have wounded the Albanian society in years.

### **18. List the activity goal(s) and measurable objective(s).**

**Aim:** Raising awareness and responsibility and softening the phenomenon of corruption in the educational institutions in Albania.

#### **Objectives**

Increase of transparency in the Albanian Universities

Increase of accountability in the Universities

Raising awareness on the part of the students about their denouncing power.  
Education of students with the spirit of civic activism.  
Sending the denounced cases at the competent legal institutions

### **Results Indicators**

Number of students and professors involved  
Participation in public debates in each faculty  
Level of cooperation with the Ministry of Education  
Number of denounced cases  
Number of cases sent to the Prosecutor's office  
Number of cases that will be followed by the Prosecutor's office

### **19. Is the activity new or ongoing on the part of the applicant organization? If the activity is ongoing, how will your organization support this activity in the future?**

The engagement of the students and concerned citizens about the problem in the community they belong to, is a crucial part of the strategy and activities of the MJAFT Movement. The specific project, on the other hand is a new method that MJAFT is using to contribute in the fight against corruption.

### **20. Provide a brief timetable for implementation of activity.**

- **Creating of a working group** in the MJAFT movement to monitor and aid the student who denounce corruption or other unlawful acts in the University of Tirana.
- **Awareness campaign:** Production of a poster and flyers to raise awareness all the students and professors about his opportunity that will be offered to fight corruption.
- **Public Debates** among students, professors and popular public figures.
- **Monitoring of the exams process**
- **Placement of denouncing boxes** in all the faculties of the UT, some of which will be accessible to all students for them to put their complaints together with facts.
- **Sending the cases at the Prosecutor's office** with enough evidence to open a formal case.

#### **March -**

- Creation of a working group where students representative of each faculty where the project will be implemented will participate.
- Preparation of the awareness raising campaign, production of flyers and of poster with informative, alerting and inciting message to fight against corruption in the University of Tirana
- Preparation of the team to distribute the flyers, putting up the posters in the faculties with the aim of informing the students' community.

#### **April**

- Organization of Public Debates among students, professors and popular public figures in the fight against corruption (Andrea Stefani, Fatos Lubonja, Ardian Klosi, Lutfi Dervishi Artan Hoxha, etc)
- Placement of boxes in faculties with the intent to make it available for the students to place their complaints and facts.

#### **May-July**

- Solvency of the cases that will be proved
- Sending selected cases to the Prosecutor's Office
- Media Coverage of the process through informing all the community with the intent to inspire the latter and make this spirit long lasting.

### **July-October**

- Monitoring of the exam process
- Project Evaluation

21. What other organizations, if any, will be participating in the activity? Describe their roles.

**22. List the names and qualifications of key staff/volunteers responsible for activity implementation.**

Besjan Pesha	Political Sciences-Project Director
Andi Kananaj	Lawyer-Project Coordinator and denounces assessing
Arbjan Mazniku	Journalist-Project consultant and Public Relations
Borana Lushaj	Student –Filed Operator
Aldo Merkoci	Student - Filed Operator
Erida Muka	Student - Filed Operator
Leart Kola	Student- Filed Operator

### **Evaluation**

**23. Please list the specific outcomes of your activity. What assessment methods/strategies will you use to track and measure outcomes? (e.g. interviews, surveys, focus groups, community feedback, etc.)**

- Better informed and more conscious students about their potentials in the war against corruption.

The complaints and the reported cases by the students and professors will show how positive the impact was in the students' community

- Reporting and legal prosecution of the proved cases of corruption.

The number of cases that will be sent to the prosecutor's office and the number of cases that will be accepted to be legally pursued will be the method of evaluation for the results of this project. As far as the broader impact goes, this will be an initiative in the entire community, the reaction of the latter will be the better method to identify and measure the achievements of this project in its entirety.

**24. Describe briefly what will be different at the end of the grant period.**

- It will raise the awareness and mobilize the entire community, not only that of the students against the cases of corruption, for them to be denounced and prosecuted.
- It will change the mentality of the youth to denounce the corruptive cases because then they can be an active part of the society.
- It will increase the knowledge of the students about their rights in the society.

**25. How will the activity's results be used and/or disseminated?**

The results of this projects will be made available not only to the students' community but to all the Albanian society. The war against corruption is a duty for all of us. The information about the results will be distributed through the media, press conferences and public debates that are an integral part of any community. In the same time, the project will be published in the two mjaft mediums: the monthly magazine MJAFT Telegraph and the MJAFT webpage [www.mjaft.org](http://www.mjaft.org)

### Activity Income

26. Total applicant contribution.

a. In kind (describe):

6,000 \$ USD

Internet, computer, photocopy, vehicle, paraphernalia, technical assistance and counseling

b. Cash:

US\$8265

Total:US\$ 12735

27. Funding leveraged by applicant from other donors:

N/A

28. Total requested from the World Bank:

US\$4570\_

29. Total activity income from all sources:

US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Budget for the Proposed Activity

Item	Category	Nr. units	Months (Times)	Unit Rate (in USD)	Total	Required from World Bank	MJAFT's contribution	Description
<b>1</b>	<b>Human Resources</b>							
1.1	Project Director	1	5	400	2000	0	2000	1 project director x5months
1.2	Field Coordinator	6	5	50	1500	0	1500	6 field coordinator x 5 months
<b>Subtotal Human Resources</b>					<b>3500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3500</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Activity Costs</b>							
2.3	Public Debates	1	7	150	1050	200	850	Stationaries, invitations for the public debates
2.4	Postal Box	7	1	60	420	350	70	postal box-es will be placed in 7 Faculties of UT
<b>Subtotal Activity Costs</b>					<b>1470</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>920</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Local office/project costs</b>							
3.3	Communication	7	5	30	1050	700	350	internet, tel, fax
3.4	Office Rent	1	5	400	2000	0	2000	
<b>Subtotal Local office/project costs</b>					<b>3050</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>2350</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Media and Public Relations</b>							
4.1	Publication of Brochure	1	1400	0.8	1120	1120	0	Brochure and leaflets with information on importance of fighting and reporting corruption and useful tools
4.2	Leflets	1	1500	0.53	795	600	195	
4.4	Poster	2	2000	0.7	2800	1500	1300	The psoters will be used during the campaign and for the project vizibility
<b>Subtotal Media and Public Relations</b>					<b>4715</b>	<b>3220</b>	<b>1495</b>	
<b>Evaluation</b>						<b>100</b>		
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>					<b>12735</b>	<b>4570</b>	<b>8265</b>	

## **Attachments**

Please attach the following documents to your proposal, if available:

- ✓ Complete list of the applicant organization's senior staff and board of directors;
- ✓ Most recent annual financial statement listing income sources (audited if available);
- ✓ Organization's projected income and expense budget for current fiscal year, listing income sources;
- ✓ Copy of the applicant organization's registration status, according to the new law;
- ✓ Latest annual report.