

## BAPP-Latvia 2002 Grant List

### *External Environment*

NGO Center, Riga

The Riga NGO Center work is focused upon improving the role and status of NGOs in Latvia. It is BAPP's main partner in the implementation of programs related to improvement of NGO-related legislation, the philanthropic environment, and the organizational development of NGOs within the framework of BAPP's institutional support program. The following grants were awarded to the Center in 2002:

\$59,085 for improving the legal framework for NGOs, including NGO laws, the inclusion of data on NGOs in the state statistical system, as well as training and information about NGO laws.

\$4,250 for a joint project to create a consultative mechanism for NGOs with the State Chancellery of Latvia, leading to increased NGOs' involvement in decision making.

\$19,771 for the promotion of philanthropy in Latvia, in particular for increasing the involvement of the business sector through a targeted monthly electronic newsletter, roundtable discussions, donor forums in rural areas, a pilot project for raising funds for four regional NGO centers, information activities targeting PR officers in various companies, and for increasing the level of information about philanthropy through the media.

Network of NGO Support Centers \$41,345

For administrative support to the following 12 regional NGO support centers, which provide technical assistance, information, training and consultations to local NGOs and community groups.

Zemgales NGO Support Center	4,454
Dienvidlatgales NGO Support Center	4,213
Ziemeļkurzemes NGO Support Center	1,196
Selijas regional NGO Support Center	2,155
Aluksnes NGO Support Center	3,185
Ventspils NGO Support Center	3,000
Liepāja NGO Support Center	3,000
Rezekne NGO Support Center	5,142
Madona NGO Support Center	5,000
Tukums NGO Support Center	3,000
Preiļi NGO Support Center	4,000
Stratēģija, Valmiera NGO Support Center	3,000

***Institutional Development***

**NGO Training and Consultation Program**

Riga NGO Center \$28,000

For NGO training and consultation and for related administrative costs.

**Grants to Advocacy-Oriented NGOs**

NGO “Knifs,” Jelgava \$2,404

For a project to combat the potential increase of youth attracted to and involved in radical extremist movements.

IPSA - Education for Civil Society – Association of NGO Trainers, Riga \$4,870

For core support to an organization promoting the values of civil society by educating different audiences, such as NGOs, central and local authorities and others.

“Laipa” Prevention Center for Juveniles, Saldus \$9,752

For support of the center’s psychological and social work with juveniles and to improve the center’s organizational management practices.

Association of Latvian Sociologists, Riga \$3,000

For the development and promotion of a code of ethics for sociologists in order to make sociological research more credible and reliable, as well as to increase the professional and ethical standards of people involved in research.

Bolderaja-Daugavgriva Environment Protection Club, Riga \$10,300

For core support to an organization conducting advocacy focused upon environmental conservation issues.

Delna (Transparency International-Latvia), Riga

For core support to improve the administrative capacity and sustainability prospects of the organization. \$22,665

For a project to facilitate access to information in government and municipal institutions. \$14,937

Resource Center for Women “Marta,” Riga \$5,000

For core support to an organization that promotes gender equality in Latvia, and works for the integration of unemployed and low income women.

NGO “Zalais ordenis” (The Green Medal), Jurmala \$8,237

For support of an alcohol and drug prevention program for young people.

Easy Language Agency, Riga \$8,571

For core support to an organization working to foster the integration of people with language disorders in Latvia.

“Glābiet bērniem” (Save the Children), Riga \$34,859  
For core support and for a project to develop an independent ombudsman on children’s rights.

Public Policy Institute, Riga \$10,985  
For support of a planning project for socially responsible development of Riga, by organizing public discussions on the vision for the future development of Riga.

**Grants to NGO Coalitions**

Association for the Protection of Children, Minors and Family Rights \$14,875  
For a coalition of 19 organizations working to influence state policy on children’s and minors’ rights, by analyzing draft legislation and policies related to their target groups and providing their views to the relevant public authorities and through wider information campaigns.

“Papardes zieds” \$29,584  
For a coalition of 4 youth and health organizations working on family planning and sexual health issues, to establish a system for peer-oriented sexual and reproductive education for youth.

Association for the Support of Russian Language Schools \$5,000  
For a coalition of 3 organizations (including the Citizens and Non-Citizens Union and the Association of Russian Language and Literature Teachers) working to preserve and develop education in the Russian language in Latvia’s schools. Project support was awarded to support public debates on the Minority Education Concept elaborated by the Ministry of Education and Science.

Latvian Youth Council \$22,570  
For a coalition of eight state institutions, six Latvian NGOs and two foreign organizations working to involve youth in decision making processes.

WWF (World Wildlife Fund) Latvia \$12,600  
For a coalition of 3 environmental protection organizations to promote the improvement of legislation related to the management of rivers.

“Glābiet bērniem” (Save the Children) \$14,452  
For a coalition of 8 organizations working in the field of children rights protection, to produce an alternative report to the UN on the situation of children in Latvia.

Volunteer Center \$13,652  
For a coalition of seven organizations working to create a favorable environment for the development of volunteer work, including legislation on volunteer work in NGOs and public institutions.

## ***Civic Engagement and Cross Sector Cooperation***

### **Civic Engagement Grants**

“Balta maja” Foundation, Livani \$7,938

For a project entitled “Society for Society” in which the foundation shared its relevant knowledge and experience with social centers in five communities in the regions of Preili and Jekabpils and facilitated their networking abilities.

“Vieniba”, Liepaja \$2,768

For a project to develop support groups for the homeless in Karosta, an economically disadvantaged part of the city.

Care and Development Foundation “Vigrieze,” Talsi \$4,487

For a project to train a group of socially vulnerable residents of the Gibuli community in Talsi in areas relevant to their integration into the broader community, including psychological and social issues, project drafting and computer literacy.

Center for Alternative Care “Zelsirdibas maja” (Charity House), Ventspils \$1,511

For activities aimed at the integration of young people with social adjustment problems.

Liepaja Tenants Organization \$8,933

For core support and for an information/public awareness project “The Resident of Liepaja – Educated in Housing Policies.”

### **Civic Engagement Grants for NGOs in the Latgale region**

NGO Latgolys Instituts (the Latgalian Institute) \$5,000

For activities to promote involvement of regional NGOs, municipalities, and entrepreneurs in 6 Latgale regions with the aim to create a long-term policy regarding culture in the Latgale region.

Open Public Fund “Augšdaugava” \$4,926

For seminars and information sessions for local residents and the organization of support groups to facilitate civic involvement in the development of a national park.

Media Creative Studio \$3,916

For a training of young leaders and for the facilitation of youth debates.

Ludza Municipality Training Center \$4,236

For community forum-type seminars “From Idea to Project” to identify local needs and resources.

Latvian Pensioner’s Federation \$3,620

For the engagement of pensioners in solving local problems in the Latgale region, through a series of debates dealing with civic participation barriers and opportunities, a one-day camp, and a seminar for popularizing the results of the project.

LATO Rezekne Division For the project “Youth in Latgale: For or Against NATO,” consisting of public debates in schools on NATO related issues.	\$4,189
Health Promotion Center, Daugavpils For the project “Let’s Learn to Create Our Future,” aimed at integration of youth and children from families at risk in the society.	\$3,263
Daugavpils Russian Culture Society, Daugavpils For activities related to the protection of rights of national minorities as embodied in the Framework Convention of the Council of Europe, such as debates about the role and position of Russian language in Latvia and a conference about national minorities in Latvia.	\$4,992
Tourism Information Center, Kraslava For involving youth in tourism promotion in the Kraslava region, by organizing a one week camp for school children selected based on an essay competition about the sightseeing and historical places of interest in Kraslava region. The camp participants produced more information about sightseeing in the region, built new tourist paths and cleaned up polluted areas.	\$3,837
Southern Latgale NGO Support Center For technical assistance in administering the civic engagement grants in Latgale.	\$4,087
<b>NGO Travel Grants</b>	
Kaija Gertnere-Ozola, Riga NGO Center Meeting with Donnell Mersereau, Director of Community Foundations at the Council of Michigan Foundations, and other staff at the Council September 16-17, 2002, Grand Haven, Michigan, USA	\$50
Inguna Ebela, Save the Children-Latvia International Forum for Child Welfare 2002 October 22-26, 2002 Honolulu, Hawaii, USA	\$2,140
Diana Kurpniece, Delna (Transparency International-Latvia) Annual General Meeting of Transparency International October 11-13, 2002, Casablanca, Morocco	\$825
Linda Pavlovskā, Education for a Civic Society The 8 <sup>th</sup> International Association of Facilitators (IAF), Europe Conference October 11-13, 2002, in Soesterberg, the Netherlands	\$587
Ivo Berkolds, Student Association of Latvia Seminar on “Finding a New Approach to Student Well-Being” and ESIB – The National Unions of Students in Europe, 43 <sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting October 14-20, 2002, Turku, Finland	\$276

Ernestis Strazdins, Dialogs – Support Centre for All Affected by HIV/AIDS \$451  
Seminar on providing support to all affected by HIV  
October 28 – November 1, 2002, Oslo, Norway

Egita Aizsilniece, AEGEE – Riga (International Association of European Students) \$464  
General Assembly of AEGEE Europe  
November 21-24, 2002, Athens, Greece

Irina Kulitane, Livani Foundation “Balta maja” \$730  
IFS (International Federation of Settlement and Neighborhood centers) Biannual  
Membership Seminar “The Multi-Purpose Model in an Area of Cross-Sector Partnership”  
November 13-17, 2002, Edinburgh, UK

Madara Stala, European Youth Parliament-Latvia \$414  
41<sup>st</sup> International European Youth Parliament Session  
November 8-17, Turin, Italy

Annija Karklina, European Movement-Latvia \$615  
Federal Council of European Movement Meeting  
November 11 – December 1, 2002, Copenhagen, Denmark

Ija Sorokina, Youth Club “Lingua” \$1,300  
Participation in the project “Yeti, Yeti, He Has Cold Heel but His Heart Is Hot”  
The meeting of representatives of youth clubs for setting up common projects and  
exchange experience.  
December 13-22, 2002, Roznava, Slovakia

Iluta Lace, Resource Centre for Women “Marta” \$540  
Participation in a round-table discussion on assistance to women suffering from violence  
January 9-12, 2003, Berlin, Germany

Irina Petersone, Business Women’s’ Club \$360  
Participation in Round-table discussion on assistance to women suffering from violence  
January 9-12, 2003, Berlin, Germany

### **Special Needs and Opportunities Fund**

As approved by the BAPF board, BAPP reserved \$50,000 from its 2002 program budget to enable it to respond flexibly to proposals submitted outside the framework of regularly scheduled grant competitions that are nevertheless consistent with BAPP’s strategic objectives for this period. During 2002, BAPP has made the following grant:

Youth against AIDS \$13,869  
For a pilot project consisting of training of teachers and leaders from schools from all over Latvia about legal and health issues related to HIV/AIDS.