

BAPP-Latvia 2003 Grant List

External Environment

NGO Center, Riga

The Riga NGO Center is BAPP's main partner in the implementation of programs to improve 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 NGO Center in 2003:

For improving the legal environment for NGOs	\$24,622
For facilitating NGOs' involvement in decision making	\$17,446
For popularizing philanthropy (round-tables with entrepreneurs, promotion of corporate social responsibility, and establishment of a web-page for on-line donations to NGO projects).	\$20,000

Institutional Development

The aim of the program is to contribute to the institutional development of advocacy-oriented NGOs through training and consultations, core support grants, and project grants.

NGO Training and Consultation Program

NGO Center, Riga

\$20,000

For NGO training and consultations, and for related administrative costs.

Grants to Advocacy-Oriented NGOs

National Consumer Rights Protection Association (NCRPA), Riga

\$2,580

For an advocacy project on consumer rights-related legislation.

Staburaga Berni, Mengele and Riga

\$3,500

For an advocacy project on environmental protection issues.

Green Orden, Jurmala

\$4,870

Core and project support to increase involvement in the elaboration of city development plans in the Jurmala municipality, including lobbying for the creation of a park.

Salvation Foundation, Riga

\$10,000

Project support to establish a crime-victims' support center providing legal and psychological counseling and information.

North Kurzeme NGO Support Center, Talsi

\$4,000

Project support to provide high-quality services to local NGOs and facilitate professional involvement in decision making at the local level.

Aluksne NGO Support Centre

\$5,000

Core and project support to increase the capacity of the Aluksne NGO Center to act as a facilitator in community philanthropy and provide related consultations and information to local NGOs.

Riga Samaritan Association, Riga Core support to expand the organization's activities and attract new members and cooperation partners.	\$10,636
European Movement-Latvia, Riga Core support to assist the organization in its restructuring process, after having achieved its main goal – Latvia's accession to European Union.	\$3,463
Papardes zieds, Riga Core support to establish a youth-friendly reproductive health information center.	\$11,034
Dialogs Plus, Jekabpils Project support to promote access to information in the Vidus-Daugava region, by conducting a series of educational seminars for local inhabitants and NGOs in three towns of the region.	\$8,000
Riga City Mission, Riga Core support to strengthen the organization's institutional sustainability and for an advocacy project to protect the rights of juvenile offenders and work towards their social rehabilitation.	\$10,000
Zelta Kamolins, Riga Core support to an organization active in the field of social and ethnic integration.	\$4,390
LAShOR - The Latvian Association for Support of Schools with Russian Language of Instruction, Riga Project support to advocate for Russian speaking pupils and parents in dialogue with public authorities on minority education reform issues.	\$7,879
Grants to NGO Coalitions	
Apeirons, Riga Project support to a coalition of five institutions advocating for the rights of the disabled, and for organizing a national conference to attract attention to the rights of people with disabilities, under the auspices of the European Year of People with Disabilities.	\$24,818
WWF (World Wildlife Fund) Latvia, Riga Project support to a coalition of three NGOs carrying out advocacy on environmental protection issues by organizing national and EU level campaigns.	\$14,512
Order of Malta, Riga Project support to a coalition of four NGOs advocating for rights of the disabled.	\$7,060
Save the Children, Riga Core support to an independent children's ombudsman.	\$15,610
Management Consultations For a management consultant to work with the Riga NGO Center on the organization's plans to ensure its future financial sustainability.	\$15,606

Civic Engagement and Cross-Sector Cooperation

Civic Engagement and Cross-Sector Cooperation Grants

South Latgale NGO Support Center Project support to train 26 youth leaders from the Daugavpils region in how to get involved in decision making and peer training.	\$8,590
World Wildlife Fund (WWF) -Latvia, Riga Project support to facilitate WWF's partnership with the business community, attracting corporate donors as WWF's members.	\$7,779
Latvian-Estonian Institute, Valka Project support to organize a series of seminars facilitating local citizens' activism (the role of NGOs in a democratic society, the meaning of philanthropy, volunteerism, and fundraising from local sources).	\$4,500
Care Development Foundation, Riga Project support to increase public involvement in the development of a care system for the elderly, create mutual support groups for relatives of Alzheimer patients, and raise awareness on these issues at the municipal level.	\$5,000
Latvian Transatlantic Organization (LATO), Riga Project support to strengthen and expand the bureaus of LATO, attract new members and educate the public with regards to national security policy and Latvia's integration into NATO.	\$5,000
Meridians Plus (Rezekne NGO Support Center) Project support to facilitate cooperation of NGOs and local municipalities in Latgale.	\$3,500
Agency for Easy Language, Riga Project support to develop educational programs for mentally disabled children at the local level in three municipalities in Latvia.	\$4,500
Environment Protection Club, Riga Project support to facilitate the involvement of environmental NGOs in the implementation of the Orhus Convention in Latvia (the European Convention on access to information, public participation in decision-making, and access to justice on environmental matters).	\$4,000
Youth Organization "The Touch," Jekabpils Project support to prevent HIV and drug use among school youth, by developing and implementing a train the trainers program for youth leaders from five schools in Jekabpils.	\$2,965
Strategy, Valmiera Project support to 11 NGOs in Valmiera cooperating to provide information to local citizens about municipal decisions on social welfare issues.	\$7,000
Saldus Pensioners' Foundation, Saldus Project support to celebrate the 10 th anniversary of the organization.	\$794

Efraims, Riga Project support to facilitate civic engagement and the access of deaf youth to education and employment.	\$5,020
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Municipality Matching Grants

Grants were made to the following local governments for regranting (with a one-to-one match from the local governments) to community organizations. In all cases, independent grantmaking committees were set up for the regranting process. NGOs received funding for their activities to promote local philanthropy, such as sponsoring public gatherings and cultural events, working with local media, offering training in fundraising, and fostering partnerships with local businesses and government offices.

Bauska Region Municipality	\$4,600
Jekabpils Region Municipality	\$5,000
Jelgava City Municipality	\$3,400
Kandava Region Municipality	\$1,500
Limbazi Region Municipality	\$4,180
Ludza region municipality	\$3,000
Madona Region Municipality	\$4,188
Ogre Region Municipality	\$3,448
Riga City Municipality	\$6,344
Salaspils City Municipality	\$3,000
Saldus Region Municipality	\$4,748
Talsu Region Municipality	\$4,375
Vergale Municipality	\$1,500

NGO Support Center “Dialogs plus,” Jekabpils For administration of the matching grants program.	\$2,095
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Community Philanthropy Program

The second phase of this project, which was first initiated in 2000, focused on the institutionalization of community philanthropy initiatives. With technical assistance from Charities Aid Foundation-Russia, the community philanthropy sites participating in the project, as well as the national support organization, are developing or rethinking existing strategic plans and increasing their capacity in fundraising and providing services for donors. Site visits and internships in Russia are also part of the plan to enhance the knowledge and experience of community philanthropy practitioners in Latvia.

Talsi Regional Community Foundation Core support to strengthen the administrative capacity of the community foundation.	\$18,000
Study tour to Togliatti Community Foundation, Russia	\$2,422
Project grant to organize the first pan-Baltic conference in community philanthropy.	\$1,294

Lielvarde Foreign Relations and Education Promotion Bureau Study tour to Togliatti Community Foundation, Russia	\$1,611
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Charities Aid Foundation-Russia For technical assistance on community philanthropy to community foundations in Talsi and Lielvarde, and the Riga NGO Center, the national community philanthropy support organization.	\$3,822
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NGO Center, Riga (Community Philanthropy National Support Organization) \$14,000
 For promoting community philanthropy and providing consultations to community philanthropy pilot sites.

Travel Grants for Advocacy NGOs

Grants to improve the institutional capacity of NGOs involved in advocacy activities, by building partnerships and widening the range of contacts with their counterpart organizations abroad, as well as facilitating their participation in international NGO networks and coalitions.

Iluta Lāce, Resource Center for Women “Marta” \$540
 Association for Promotion of Women’s Rights in CEE seminar “Women’s NGO Activities Concerning Abuse Problems in Germany”
 January 9-12, Berlin, Germany.

Irina Pētersone, Women’s Business Club \$360
 Association for Promotion of Women’s Rights in CEE seminar “Women’s NGO Activities Concerning Abuse Problems in Germany”
 January 9-12, Berlin, Germany.

Varis Strazdiņš, Latvian Deaf Sports Federation \$970
 38th International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (CISS) congress
 February 27-28, Sundsvall, Sweden.

Laima Indriķe, Skaistkalnes Country Women’s Club \$431
 Center for International Cooperation "MASHAV," of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel and the International Institute Histadrut seminar
 “Leadership of Women in Active Society”
 February 23 - March 16, Beit-Berel, Israel.

Alla Gavrilova, Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economiques et Commerciales (AIESEC) - Latvia \$697
 AIESEC Conference “European Exchange Process 2003”
 February 16-23, Tunis, Tunisia.

Ainārs Dimants, European Movement–Latvia \$667
 Meeting of the Steering Committee of International European Movement
 March 29-31, Brussels, Belgium.

Ilze Kopmane, Latvian Association of the Deaf \$1,500
 (amount includes \$289 in returned funds from a travel grant awarded in 2002)
 14th World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf
 July 18-26, Montreal, Canada, Montreal.

Ruta Balode, Swedish Friends Organisation \$680
 Seminar “Association Democracy and Study Circle Pedagogy”
 April 30 – May 6, Soderakra, Sweden.

Ilze Golvere, Latvian Foster Family Society \$289
 Faxe Community exchange program regarding social services
 April 26 – May 4, Faxe, Denmark.

Kristīne Ante, Latvian Union of Students The National Unions of Students in Europe, 44 th Board Meeting May 13-18, Sofia, Bulgaria.	\$655
Mikus Biedriņš, Latvian Railway Association Graham Whistler Productions seminar “Tourist railway study tour – management and marketing practice” July 14 – August 3, Wells, United Kingdom.	\$960
Vija Dišlere, Soroptimist International Riga Club Soroptimist International Convention 2003 July 27-31, Sydney, Australia.	\$1,500
Irma Kalniņa, Riga NGO Center European Foundation Center conference “Foundations for Europe: The Citizen Facing Challenges of Globalisation” June 1-3, Lisbon, Portugal.	\$932
Kristaps Kārklīņš, Madonas NGO Support Center Youth Information Center “Kompassi,” work experience exchange for youth coordinators August 5-8, Helsinki, Finland.	\$370
Rinalds Ošuroks, Latvian Transatlantic Organisation Danish Atlantic Treaty Association seminar “Europe in the Post-modern World: Security and Challenges” July 7-13, Alborg, Denmark.	\$480
Anita Mellupe, Mental Health Centre “Ideja” Center for International Cooperation "MASHAV," of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel and the International Institute Histadrut, international course “Women in Small Scale Business” June 22 – July 16, Tel Aviv Israel.	\$470
Leonīds Keļims, Unesco Club “Culture. Tolerance. Friendship.” Unesco General Conference, Third Youth Forum September 26-28, Paris, France.	\$880
Inta Poudžiunas, Talsu Crises Center The International Society for the Prevention of the Child Abuse conference “Promoting Interdisciplinary Approaches to Child Protection” August 29-31, Warsaw, Poland.	\$595
Kaspars Zālītis, European Youth Human Rights Network International Gay and Lesbian Youth Organization (IGLYO) conference “Pride in Activism – Making Human Rights Visible” October 18-26, Lisbon, Portugal.	\$585
Ineta Kaulakane, AEGEE – Latvia (Association des Etats Generaux des Etudiants de l’Europe) AEGEE-Valencia, Meeting “Fall Agora 2003” October 22-26, Zaragoza, Spain.	\$209

Anda Ģipsle, Latvian Paralympic Committee \$1,445
10th IPC (International Paralympic Committee) General Assembly
November 20-22, Turin, Italy.

Edīte Kalniņa, Latvian Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men \$520
European Women's Lobby Seminar
October 8-12, Brussels, Belgium.

Laila Kundziņa, Junior Achievement – Latvia \$824
Junior Achievement and Young Enterprise Europe, Program Development,
Staff Training, and Board of Executives Plenary Session
November 20-23, Zagreb, Croatia.

Special Needs and Opportunities Fund

As approved by the BAPP board, BAPP reserved \$20,000 from its 2003 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 2003, BAPP has made the following grants:

Social Integration Centre "Taka," \$6,490
Project grant for advocacy on homeless issues by developing a Latvian national
network and joining the European Homeless Network FEANTSA.

NGO Centre, Riga \$14,047
Governance Project

Under coordination from the Riga NGO Center, this pan-Baltic training project provides NGOs in the Baltics with knowledge about good governance to help them become more accountable, sustainable organizations. In Latvia, the NGO Center has the main role in multiplying the effect of this project within the NGO sector. Five other NGOs are to take part in a three-part governance training program and serve as model NGOs in the area of good governance. They are "Aicinājums Tev" and "Cerību sparni," two NGOs from Sigulda, Riga City Mission, the Association of Rural Women in Latvia, and "Balta maja" from Livani.

South Latgale NGO Support Center, Daugavpils \$1,039
Additional financing to BAPP's Latgale grants program from 2002 program funds to cover the depreciation of the US dollar against the Latvian currency.

BAPP Operational Projects (implemented by BAPP directly)

EU Internship Project \$45,000

For a project to raise the level of awareness of NGOs on EU issues and EU-financed programs, as well to increase Latvian NGOs' capacity to engage in advocacy at EU level. The project finances one-month internships of NGO representatives with EU institutions and EU-level NGOs in Brussels. It also provides for the establishment of an EU information center for NGOs in Latvia. Project developed and co-financed with Soros Foundation-Latvia.