

## ***STRONGER WITH CSS. SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT*** **COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

CSS Charity Foundation (the "**Foundation**") announces an **open competition** *Stronger with CSS. Sport for Development* (the "**Competition**"). The competition will be held as part of the *Stronger with CSS* charity program and is designed to support socially relevant projects that are consistent with the mission and priority objectives of the Foundation. The priority objective of the Foundation is to improve the circumstances of socially disadvantaged children and teenagers (the "**Key Beneficiaries**").

**The purpose of the Competition** is to promote the use of social sports<sup>1</sup> as a vehicle for positive development of children in difficult circumstances.

**Lines of work** to support the Key Beneficiaries eligible for support in the Competition:

- 1. Accessible environment.** Improving the accessibility of social sports for members of the target audience (including sporting equipment, adjustment of the existing infrastructure to the needs of children with disabilities, ensuring transport accessibility, etc., but excluding capital investment in infrastructure);
- 2. Training of professionals and mentors.** Preparation, training and advanced training of professionals (coaches, referees, administrators, tutors, etc.) for work with children in difficult circumstances. Implementation and dissemination of competition models and their evaluation system aimed at integration of children in difficult circumstances taking into account their different initial abilities;
- 3. Implementation and scaling of sporting practices.** Projects aimed at development of sports as an efficient method of physical and social rehabilitation of children in difficult circumstances, including children with disabilities. Summarization and dissemination of best practices;
- 4. Promotion.** Enhancing awareness about the existing opportunities among the target audience, and promotion of social sports.

**Projects** must solve the following **tasks**:

- **Inclusion and integration** – Sports not only help children and teenagers in difficult circumstances to become part of their peer community—they also enhance understanding and tolerance among neurotypical children towards people with special needs and from other social groups;
- **Formation of social skills**, failing which successful growing up is impossible;

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<sup>1</sup> In these Regulations, the term "**social sports**" means a comprehensive set of practices that makes it possible to solve social tasks by involving people in physical activity and mass sports.

- **Forming a positive outlook and vision of the future** in children and teenagers in difficult circumstances who often do not have before their eyes examples of achievements and successful professional adult life;
- **Sports as a social elevator for children and teenagers in difficult circumstances**, increasing their chances of receiving a decent education and building a future career.

**Priority support** will be given to:

- ✓ Projects promoting best assistance practices at regional level beyond Moscow and Saint Petersburg;
- ✓ Projects with proven performance record;
- ✓ Partner projects (comprehensive projects that contemplate the involvement of several organizations);
- ✓ Projects designed to create new forms of assistance and services; and
- ✓ Projects by organizations that have access to the requisite sports infrastructure on long-term basis.

### **Target audience of the Competition**

1. Children in difficult circumstances, aged 0 to 18 years:
  - children left without parental care;
  - children with disabilities, i.e. physical and/or mental development conditions, and their families;
  - children in extreme hardship and their families;
  - victims of child abuse and their families;
  - children from low-income families;
  - children with behavioral issues and their families;
  - children whose lives are objectively disrupted by their circumstances and who are unable to handle such circumstances themselves or with the help of their families;
  - children from substitute families;
2. Birth and substitute families;
3. Professionals and mentors working with the above groups;
4. Non-profit non-governmental organizations working with the above groups.

### **Competition winner selection criteria:**

1. Relevance, social importance and timeliness of the proposed project;
2. Viable social effect, efficiency of practices used;
3. Novelty of the project compared to previous activities of the applicant entity;
4. Conformity of the project's qualitative and quantitative indicators to project purposes, objectives and activities;
5. Scale and geographic coverage of the project; potential for promotion of best practices in other regions;
6. Realistic budget and reasonable expenses;

7. Sustainability of the project after termination of funding;
8. Project team with the expertise required for achievement of the set objectives;
9. Experience in organization and implementation of similar projects;
10. Financial stability and transparency of the entity.

### **Nominations and funding amounts:**

**Successful Start:** Nomination for those who are just starting their operations and have been registered for at least 6 months by the date of the Competition application deadline. In this nomination, donation can be up to Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Rubles (RUB 750,000).

**Steady Growth:** Nomination for young entities that have been active for at least 1 year by the date of the Competition application deadline and that develop highly efficient types of support. In this nomination, donation can be up to One Million Five Hundred Thousand Rubles (RUB 1,500,000).

**Stable Development:** Nomination for experienced and large entities successfully operating in their chosen area for more than 3 years by the date of the Competition application deadline. Funding of such projects can be up to Three Million Rubles (RUB 3,000,000).

### **Activities or expenses that are not eligible for support in the Competition:**

1. Projects promoting professional sports;
2. Projects that contemplate activities not consistent with the statutory purposes and statutory activities of the applicant entity;
3. Projects focused on support of and/or involvement in political activities or election campaigns;
4. Projects containing elements of extremist activities and/or directed at changing the fundamentals of the political system in the Russian Federation;
5. Current activities of the entity other than projects involving scaling and promotion at regional level;
6. Commercial projects involving generation of profits;
7. Academic (research) studies;
8. Expenses relating to travel (business trips or training) outside of the Russian Federation;
9. Capital construction expenses. Construction and/or complete outfitting of greenfield sporting, educational or leisure infrastructure facilities and renovation of premises with their subsequent outfitting;
10. Projects involving separate events that are not an integral part of such project (festival, celebration, competition, etc.);
11. Projects aimed at supporting military and patriotic education and preparation of individuals for military service;

12. Projects involving direct targeted financial or medical support to individuals, humanitarian or food aid, aid for subsidiary farming, or provision of personal means of life and activity support;
13. Acquisition and servicing of vehicles (except gasoline expenses and car maintenance costs borne by the provider in the course of project implementation); and
14. Greenfield development of online platforms or websites, unless an integral and important part of a project.

### **Expense allocation**

- Administrative costs shall not exceed 20% of total requested funds.
- If the project contemplates the acquisition of equipment, administrative costs and the costs to purchase the equipment shall not exceed in the aggregate 30% of total requested funds.
- If the project is submitted in the "Accessible Environment" category, the sum total of infrastructure investments and administrative costs may not exceed in the aggregate 50% of total requested funds.

### **Competition geography**

The Competition can provide support to projects implemented throughout the Russian Federation, except Moscow and Saint Petersburg. Entities from Moscow or Saint Petersburg may participate in the Competition as partners of regional entities or if the proposed project activities are to be carried out in other regions.

### **Entities eligible for participation in the Competition**

Russian non-profit non-governmental organizations registered under the laws of the Russian Federation with statutory purposes of activities that do not conflict with the purposes and objectives of the Competition and the project submitted for the Competition.

### **Entities not eligible for participation in the Competition**

- Political parties and movements;
- Governmental or municipal organizations;
- Religious organizations or organizations involved in religious activities;
- Trade unions, whether in the form of a public organization or in any other legal form (including in the form of an association, union or non-profit partnership), whose statutory activities include the facilitation of professional activities;
- Governmental or local authorities;
- Commercial organizations;
- Foreign organizations or representative offices thereof.

## **Timeline of key stages of the Competition**

Applications accepted from	15 February 2022
Final application deadline	31 March 2022
Technical review of applications	1–14 April 2022
Independent review of applications (Expert Panel)	15–28 April 2022
Independent review of applications (Competition Committee)	29 April – 10 May 2022
Interviews with Competition finalists, legal due diligence, decision on funding	11–31 May 2022
Announcement of winners	1 June 2022
Execution of agreements with winners	Before 20 June 2022

## **Funding sources of the Competition**

The Competition is financed from the funds of the Foundation or from private donations by Russian or foreign grantors.

## **Project duration**

The duration of projects may vary but may not exceed 12 months. The start and end dates of project implementation may not be earlier than 1 July 2022 and later than 30 August 2023, respectively.

## **Conditions for participation in the Competition and the application procedure**

All application must be submitted **online only** on the website of the Foundation: <https://www.cssfoundation.org>.

To apply, an applicant must be registered in the system. Applications for the Competition delivered in any other manner (e.g., by mail, facx or email) will not be considered.

To apply for the Competition, an applicant must fill out all mandatory fields in the electronic form. The project must be in line with the priority focus areas and purposes of the Competition, the Charter of the applicant entity and the laws of the Russian Federation.

An entity may submit only one application for the Competition.

Attachments in the form of files with scanned copies of the following documents shall constitute an integral part of the application:

- Certificate of state registration of the legal entity / record form from the Unified State Register of Legal Entities;

- Certificate of state registration of non-profit organization;
- Evidence of CEO's authority (e.g., election minutes, order, power of attorney);
- Certificate of registration of Russian entity with its local tax authority;
- Charter of the applicant (as amended or supplemented) stamped by the registration authority;
- Extract from the Unified State Register of Legal Entities dated not earlier than one month before the application submission date;
- the most recent annual report filed with the Russian Ministry of Justice (or local agency thereof) and posted on the web portal of the Russian Ministry of Justice;
- balance sheet for the last year;
- tax clearance certificate dated not earlier than one month before the application submission date;
- signed and sealed letter of the entity's CEO confirming that the filed application is up-to-date and that the information provided is true (to be submitted if the applicant is a person other than the entity's CEO);
- confidentiality agreement.

We recommend attaching letters of support/cooperation agreements from partner organizations and regional or municipal authorities, and letters of reference from expert organizations or experts.

The application submission deadline is **6 PM** (Moscow time) on **31 March 2022**.

## **Application procedure and decisions on funding**

### **Stage One**

All applications submitted for the Competition will be subject to technical review and consideration by the Foundation for compliance with the formal criteria as set forth herein. Each application that meets the formal criteria will be referred to independent experts for further review and evaluation.

### **Stage Two**

To ensure transparency of the decision-making process with respect to funding, all application received in the Competition will be subject to independent expert review. Each application will be evaluated by at least two (2) experts. The identities of the experts shall not be disclosed.

Based on the results of the expert review, the Foundation shall compile a shortlist of Competition finalists whose projects scored the largest number of points in accordance with the selection criteria set forth herein, and shall refer it to the Competition Committee. The evaluation of applications shall be governed by the Regulation on the Independent Expert Review.

### **Stage Three**

The Competition Committee is a collective body formed for approval of the preliminary list of Competition finalists recommended for funding to the management of the Foundation. Members of the Competition Committee may examine the shortlisted applications, their preliminary ranking, the scores and the experts' comments, hold meetings, and may also revise the evaluation of an application in scoring points with respect to one or more selection criteria.

Meetings of the Competition Committee shall be private. The identities of the members of the Competition Committee shall not be disclosed.

### **Stage Four**

Winners of the Competition will be finally selected by the management of the Foundation. If necessary, Competition finalists will be interviewed in person and/or online, and a legal due diligence of the entity will be carried out. A project may be amended by agreement between the parties. Accordingly, the Foundation reserves the right to request from Competition finalists additional information and documents.

### **Competition results**

The results of the Competition will be posted on the Foundation's website, [www.cssfoundation.org](http://www.cssfoundation.org), on or before 1 June 2022.

### **Execution of agreements with Competition winners**

A special-purpose donation payment agreement will be entered into with each winning entity that provides all documents required hereunder by 20 June 2022.

### **Amendment of the terms or cancellation of the Competition**

The Foundation reserves the right to amend, if necessary, the Competition Regulations. Such amendments to the Competition Regulations may be made during the first half of the application acceptance period. In such event, the revised Competition Regulations will be posted at [www.cssfoundation.org](http://www.cssfoundation.org). The Competition may be cancelled at any stage of the Competition for reasons of force majeure and/or cessation of funding. For any other reason, the Competition may be cancelled only at the stage of acceptance and registration of applications.

The Competition shall be declared void if the number of registered applications that meet all requirements of the Competition Regulations is less than three.

**Annexes to the Competition Regulations:**

1. Application form;
2. Cost estimate form;
3. Timetable form.

**We are looking forward to your applications.**