



Global Albanians Foundation Call for Proposals for 2015 October 13, 2015

The [Massachusetts Albanian American Society](#) (MAASBESA) and the [Albanian American Women's Organization – Motrat Qiriazhi](#) (AAWO) announced in August their partnership to develop the [Global Albanians Foundation \(GAF\)](#) financed by Albanians living abroad and others who wish to support Albanian not-for-profit organizations (NGOs) in Albania, Kosova, Macedonia, and Montenegro.

We strongly believe that the not-for-profit sector in these countries plays a critical role in strengthening and advancing their civic, economic, and social development. Presently, the Albanian NGOs in Southeastern Europe are receiving less and less support from the international donor community as the countries in the region continue to develop. Therefore, the support of Albanians living abroad will be crucial for meeting the needs of the not-for-profit organizations serving Albanians in Albania, Kosova, Macedonia, and Montenegro. Engaging the GAF in supporting Albanian NGOs will help provide sustainable financing for high impact and innovative approaches to support socio-economic and civic initiatives.

As part of our initial efforts we will be providing small grants of \$1,000-\$2,000 to Albanian not-for-profit organizations in Albania, Kosova, Macedonia, and Montenegro during the remaining months of 2015. The application deadline is November 20, 2015 and the application template can be found [at this link](#). The application will take less than one hour to complete. If you are interested, please submit your organization's application to gafproposals@maasbesa.org. We will inform you of our decision by December 15, 2015.

If you would like more information about the Global Albanians Foundation please see our [press release from August 11, 2015](#), and the full list of our [Board of Directors and Advisory Board along with links to their biographical backgrounds](#).

Thank you very much, and we hope working together with you and others like you on this exciting initiative will be a great benefit to Albanians living everywhere, but especially to those living in Albania, Kosova, Macedonia, and Montenegro.

Sincerely

Dr. Mark Kosmo, Chair of GAF
Chair of MAASBESA

Sincerely,

Dr. Anna Kohen, Vice-Chair of GAF
President of AAWO – Motrat Qiriazhi