



Call for Interest: Small Grants in the Framework of the AAE Capacity Building Activities on Harm Reduction in the Context of Chemsex

July 17, 2024

Dear AAE Member Organisations,

We are pleased to announce a call for small grants in the framework of the AAE capacity-building activities on Harm Reduction in the Context of Chemsex. AAE member organisations registered and based in **one of the EU countries, Iceland, Norway, Ukraine, Moldova or Montenegro** are invited to apply.

Please kindly read the call document carefully for further details.

Grant options

A: Translation of the AAE training manual "[Harm reduction in the context of chemsex: training manual](#)" into your national language (up to 900€); or/and

B: Conducting a national-level Training on Harm Reduction in the context of chemsex (up to 900€). **Open only to attendees of the AAE Training of Trainers on Chemsex and Harm Reduction in 2023 and 2024.*

If you meet the criteria, you can apply for either one or both options. Please submit a separate application for each.

Objective

AAE activities under the framework of Harm Reduction in the Context of Chemsex aim **to build and strengthen the capacity of AAE member organisations** that offer services to GBQMSM and are willing to build/improve their services in the context of chemsex and/or to harm reduction providers willing to expand their services towards chemsex, ensuring they are inclusive and responsive to the needs of the communities.

These small grants are intended to support your national efforts in harm reduction and chemsex by:

A: Translating the AAE "Harm Reduction in the Context of Chemsex: Training Manual" (whole or in part) into your national language (max. 900€). The Manual contains 142 pages of text and approx.39,000 words; and/or

B: Conducting a training workshop based on the AAE Training Manual and the attended Training or Trainers in 2023 or 2024 (max. 900€).

Application review and implementation details

After July 31, our selection committee, consisting of three members with no conflicts of interest, will review the applications. We anticipate sharing our decisions with you by mid-August.

During the selection process, the committee will closely examine the justification for the need and relevance of this small grant, particularly in the context of the applicant organisation's work related to chemsex. The selection process prioritises geographical diversity. In cases of multiple applicants from the same country, especially those based in the same city or area, each application will be thoroughly evaluated to select one organisation per grant option. Therefore, we encourage you to coordinate with local organisations before submitting the application.

AAE will conclude a Partnership Agreement with the selected organisations that receive the small grants. Unless you provide a justification and request for pre-payment, the small grant **will typically be transferred after the delivery of the activity**. All **activities** will have to be completed **by November 30, 2024**.

If you choose to translate the manual, the results will be published on the AAE website and shared with other AAE members. For those conducting training activities, we would kindly ask for a short report with photos.

Formal eligibility criteria

- The application must represent an AAE member organisation, which is registered and based **in the EU, Iceland, Norway, Ukraine, Moldova, or Montenegro**.
- The organisation must have solid experience in the provision of harm reduction services, and/or sexual health services and other health services to key populations.
- The organisation must currently provide services in the context of chemsex or demonstrate a clear intention to do that.
- **For grant option B:** Applicants must have attended the AAE Training or Trainers on Chemsex and Harm Reduction in 2023 or 2024.

Required documents and content

1. **Cover letter** that includes but is not limited to the following information:
 - Specify the grant you are applying for (*!You can apply for either or both options; however, please submit separate application documents for each option*).
 - Describe the proposed activity, including the **timeframe¹**, **approximate costs and the requested amount** (which may include, but are not limited to, translator's or editor's fees, venue rental, trainer fees (in case of invited trainers), and similar expenses).
 - Explain **the need and relevance** of this grant for your organisation.
 - Detail how the activity will **increase awareness and knowledge** within your organisation and/or other organisations in your country.
2. **Letter** (a signed PDF document) from a member of the executive team of your organisation confirming that you represent your organisation and they support your application for this grant.

Given that many of you may be on vacation in August, please provide an alternative email contact and inform us if your organisation will be closed in August.

Please submit your application via email **by July 31** to Nina Tumanyan nina.tumanyan@dah.aidshilfe.de

We look forward to receiving your applications.

Best regards,
Nina Tumanyan

¹ Activities will have to be completed by November 30, 2024