

August 1, 2024

Contract №: 1

Grant Agreement

Advancing archival transparency is crucial for reassessing the histories of countries that have experienced totalitarian regimes and continue to be impacted by their legacies. In this spirit, the National Security Archive (NSA) at George Washington University (Federal Identification Number: 22-2127884, hereafter: Donor) and the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) (Identification Number: 204569617, hereafter: Grantee) agreeing on the following:

1. Project Objective

Organizing the joint *5th International Conference: Access to State Archives in the post-Soviet Space* to enhance public access to archival information in order to foster dialogue, document and compare and evaluate future strategies for opening the soviet archives.

For the purposes of this agreement following terms shall have the following meanings;

- **Fostering dialogue** and strengthening social participation among scholars, archival researchers, educators, and non-governmental organizations' representatives on archival openness.
- **Documenting and comparing** recent trends and approaches in archival research and openness, with a particular focus on Eastern European and post-Soviet countries, where significant changes have occurred due to the pandemic, war, and democratic backsliding.
- **Evaluating future strategies** to ensure archival openness, promote free access to archival institutions, increase participation in research and modern historiography, and combat disinformation and propaganda through the use of accurate, research-based historical sources.

2. Amount of the Grant and Project Period

The project starts on August 1, 2024, and it shall be finalized by December 31, 2024. The total project budget is USD 5,000 (Five thousand US Dollars). The donor shall make a payment of USD 5,000 in August 2024. Funds shall be transferred to the following bank account. (Name of the bank: Bank of Georgia JSC, Swift Code: BAGAGE22, IBAN: GE62BG000000138095005, Name of the account owner: Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)).

3. Obligations of the Grantee (Project Activities)




From August 1, 2024, till December 31, 2024 grantee is responsible for the following activities related to the 5th International Conference: Access to State Archives in the post-Soviet Space

- Inviting international researchers to participate in the Conference in Tbilisi, collecting conference abstracts and discussion topics from them, and creating an agenda in coordination with the NSA.
- Coordinating travel, ticketing, venue, catering, and other logistical aspects of the conference, and facilitating information exchange with the NSA.
- Organizing the 5th International Conference: Access to State Archives in the Post-Soviet Space, which will take place on September 27-28, 2024, in Tbilisi, Georgia.
- Conducting follow-up activities after the conference, including providing feedback to participants and agreeing on plans and activities.

4. General obligations of the grantee

The Grantee shall carry out activities related to the proper organization of the conference.

The Grantee shall provide the donor with a narrative report/information related to the implementation of the project upon request.

Donor	Grantee
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