

THE UNIPOLIS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF THE CALL
FOR APPLICATIONS '**ACT**' - **ASPIRARE. COINVOLGERE. TRASFORMARE**
(*aspire, involve, transform*)

SIX PROJECTS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE TOTAL FUNDING OF
500 THOUSAND EUROS TO IMPROVE WELFARE AND
SAFE MOBILITY AND FIGHT INEQUALITY

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Fondazione Unipolis, the **Unipol Group** corporate foundation, announced the winners of the **Call for Applications 'ACT' - *Aspirare. Coinvolgere. Trasformare***, to encourage a more inclusive, supportive society by backing innovative projects in the areas of inequality, mobility and welfare.

The six projects chosen will benefit from **total financing of 500 thousand euros**, considerably higher than the initial budget allocated, and will provide even greater help in improving the living conditions of vulnerable communities in Italy.

The ACT Call for applications forms part of the 2024-2026 three-year Fondazione Unipolis plan which aims to create a more equal, united society, giving marginalised people the tools to access opportunities, greater independence and their rights.

In a country affected by rising social and economic inequality, made worse by inflation and the uncertainties wrought by global conflicts, this call for applications poses a real commitment towards building a fairer society in which young people can become the leaders of the future, persons from migrant backgrounds can play an active part in the community and women can enjoy proper gender equality.

Non-profit organisations from all over the country could submit their projects in the **three areas covered by the call for applications: inequality, mobility and welfare**. The winners are the following:

In the area of inequality, the **Caring is Sharing** project by the **Agevolando** organisation of Bologna gives young people who have been in care a leg up to become more independent and take an active role in society. In operation between Piedmont and Lombardy, this project aims to make young people owners of their own destiny, creating real opportunities for the future.

The cooperative **Dedalus** operates in Naples through the **Libere** project to promote the empowerment of young women from migrant backgrounds. Taking informal, educational routes, it encourages inclusion and the personal growth of these girls to overcome cultural stereotypes and barriers.

The **ARPJETTO ETS** volunteer association in Rome developed **Orizzonti**, a social-work inclusion programme aimed at single mothers and children who are experiencing serious economic and social

difficulties. Offering real support to improve the living conditions of vulnerable families, it creates ways to facilitate integration and independence.

In the area of mobility, the **Dai Valore alla Vita** (*give value to life*) project created by the **Associazione Lorenzo Guarnieri** non-profit organisation in Florence focuses on road safety, taking its educational approach to primary and secondary schools. Developed at national level, the initiative uses innovative instruments to raise awareness in young people and train a new generation of road users to be more informed and responsible.

With regard to welfare, the **1.000 Giorni Insieme** (*1,000 days together*) project promoted by **Rete delle Case del Quartiere ETS** of Turin addresses mother-child wellbeing. By supporting pregnant women and mother-child units who are vulnerable, this initiative intends to improve the quality of life of the families involved, creating networks of solidarity in a supportive community.

Finally **P.A.S.S.I.** created by **Solidaunia - La Daunia per il mondo** operates in the Daunia countryside in the Province of Foggia to guarantee access to care and encourage the social integration of migrants living on the margins of society. The aim of this project is to provide direct intervention in delicate situations and offer essential services and opportunities to favour inclusion.

These six projects provide a true-to-life example of how the ACT Call for Applications can help build a more inclusive, supportive society, responding to the needs of those who find themselves on the margins, and promoting change in the territories involved.

“There were many more candidates for the ACT Call for Applications than we expected, and many of these were particularly interesting and worthy. We therefore had to take great care in choosing the projects that support the most fragile with creativity and innovation. When there are so many situations of need, it is always difficult to choose which ones to support and the credibility of the organisations becomes equally critical” said **Marisa Parmigiani, Head of Sustainability for the Gruppo Unipol and Director of Fondazione Unipolis.**

Fondazione Unipolis

Fondazione Unipolis is the corporate foundation of the Unipol Group which plays a significant role in the development of CSR projects in the context of the overall sustainability strategy. In line with this long-term vision, the Foundation pursues - on a non-profit basis - goals involving the cultural, social and civic growth of people and the community, focusing primarily on the development of awareness and training.

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