

FONDAZIONE UNIPOLIS: START OF THE NEW  
*ACT - ASPIRE. CAPTIVATE. TRANSFORM*  
CALL FOR A MORE INCLUSIVE AND ALTRUISTIC SOCIETY

€ 400 THOUSAND EARMARKED FOR PROJECTS DEDICATED TO FIGHTING  
INEQUALITY, PROMOTING SAFE, PEOPLE-FRIENDLY MOBILITY AND  
IMPROVING WELFARE

Applications are open from today until 5 June 2025

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After the success of the last edition, **Fondazione Unipolis** - the corporate foundation of the **Unipol Group** - has relaunched the call *ACT – Aspire. Captivate. Transform*, an initiative to support projects which, in line with the new 2024-2026 Strategic Plan, encourage a more inclusive and altruistic society. With a total budget of **€400 thousand**, the call is aimed at third sector organisations and other entities committed to fighting inequality, promoting sustainable mobility and improving welfare.

The call's main objective is to support the most vulnerable members of society by facilitating access to opportunities, independence and rights, and thus contribute to the creation of active and inclusive citizenship. The aim is to encourage youth leadership, migrant integration and the promotion of gender equality.

In order to achieve these goals, the Foundation is committed to three areas of action, which correspond to the categories of the call:

- **Inequality:** support for projects that combat educational, economic and social disparities by promoting the path towards growth and independence. Priority will be given to initiatives that encourage equal opportunities in the fields of youth employment, the right to education and training, and gender issues;
- **Mobility:** support for proposals that increase awareness of road risks and rules, promote shared road use to improve the lives of all (especially the most vulnerable), and create digital and physical infrastructures for road safety;
- **Welfare:** funding for projects that respond to new social needs, by improving physiological and physical wellbeing and access to social and health services for those who might otherwise be excluded (due to social, economic, cultural or geographical barriers). Unipolis also intends to support projects that combat the low birth rate and support active ageing.

From 9 April until 1pm on 5 June 2025, interested candidates from across the country will be able to submit their applications through the dedicated forms available online. Each candidate may submit one project only, using the forms available on the official site [www.fondazioneunipolis.org/bando-act](http://www.fondazioneunipolis.org/bando-act). The proposed activities must be carried out in Italy starting in November 2025, with a maximum duration of 24 months and final deadline in November 2027.

The proposals selected will receive a **contribution of up to €100 thousand per project**, which will cover up to 75% of the total costs involved. The funding will be disbursed in two or three instalments, depending on the duration of the project: an initial payment after the selection is announced in October 2025; an interim payment if the project lasts more than 12 months, following an evaluation of the activities carried out and the related expense reporting; and a final payment upon the conclusion of the project once the expense report has been submitted, also depending on the actual achievement of the results envisaged in the initial proposal.

*“Given the strong participation and excellent quality of the projects submitted last year, we have decided to relaunch the ACT Call to support the most vulnerable. We believe in the role of the third sector in the development of social initiatives that help make the world more equal and, for this reason, we are committed to selecting the most convincing partners and the most interesting projects”,* commented **Fondazione Unipolis Director, Maria Luisa Parmigiani**.

#### 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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