

UNIPOLIS FOUNDATION: LAUNCH OF A NEW CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
ACT - ASPIRE. CONNECT. TRANSFORM
TO BUILD A MORE INCLUSIVE, SUPPORTIVE SOCIETY

€450 THOUSAND EARMARKED FOR PROJECTS COMMITTED
TO FIGHTING INEQUALITY, PROMOTING
MINDFUL MOBILITY AND IMPROVING WELFARE

Applications can be submitted from today up until 9 April 2026.

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Geared towards projects that can help build a more inclusive, supportive society and following on the success of the last edition, **Fondazione Unipolis**, the **Unipol Group** corporate foundation, reaffirmed its commitment by launching a new **Call for Applications ACT - Aspire. Connect. Transform** in line with the 2024-2026 three-year Strategic Plan. With a total budget of **€450 thousand**, the call for applications is intended to support voluntary sector organisations and other entities engaged in tackling inequality, promoting mindful mobility and improving welfare.

The main objective is to support the most vulnerable, facilitating access to opportunities, independence and rights, thereby helping to create a more active, inclusive community. The idea is to encourage youth-led initiatives, integrate migrants and promote gender equality.

The Foundation engages in three areas of activity to achieve these objectives, mirroring the three categories in the call for applications:

- **Inequality:** to support projects that tackle educational, financial and social inequality, promoting pathways towards growth and independence. Initiatives that encourage equal opportunities in youth employment, the right to study and training and gender related issues shall be given priority;
- **Mobility:** to support proposals that increase awareness of the risks and rules of the road, encouraging mindful use to improve lives (especially for the most vulnerable) and creating digital and physical infrastructures that enhance road safety;
- **Welfare:** to support projects that meet new social needs, improving psychological and physical wellbeing and access to healthcare services for those who may otherwise find it difficult due to social, financial, cultural or geographic-territorial barriers. Unipolis also intends to support projects that tackle falling birthrates and inspire active aging.

Organisations throughout Italy that are interested may submit their applications from **9 February to 1:00 PM on 9 April 2026** using the online forms. Each candidate can submit one project only, using

the forms provided on the official website www.fondazioneunipolis.org/bando-act. The projects must take place in Italy between September 2026 and September 2028 for a maximum of 24 months.

The proposals chosen will receive **contributions of up to €150 thousand per project**, covering up to 75% of the total costs. The funding will be disbursed in two or three instalments based on the duration of the project: an initial payment will be made after the announcement of the winning applications in July 2026; an interim payment will be made if the project lasts more than 12 months following an evaluation of what was done and backed by a financial report; a final payment will be made upon conclusion of the project and submission of the financial report, depending also on the extent to which the results envisaged in the initial proposal were actually achieved.

Maria Luisa Parmigiani, Managing Director of the Unipolis Foundation said *“we are very happy with the quality and impact generated by the projects supported in past editions of the ACT Call for Applications. They proved capable of supporting the most vulnerable in our society, empowering them and creating communities. Projects were submitted by all types of organisations in terms of size, work modes and legal forms, but all characterised by substantiality and real links with the territory. We are expecting similar levels of excellence in this call for applications with a higher level of contributions available to make an even greater impact”*.

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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