

FONDAZIONE UNIPOLIS: ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS OF THE 2026 ACT - ASPIRE. CAPTIVATE. TRANSFORM CALL

Five projects selected for a total funding of nearly €550,000, compared to the €450,000 initially allocated, in the Foundation's three areas of intervention: inequality, mobility, and welfare.

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A more equitable, supportive society, capable of including everyone, leaving no one behind. This is the spirit that guides the ACT – Aspire. Captivate. Transform Call, promoted by the Unipolis Foundation and now in its third edition.

The **1,046 projects submitted** underwent a rigorous evaluation process, conducted according to the criteria set out in the Regulations. After an initial internal evaluation by Unipolis staff, a selection of projects was submitted to a **Committee of Experts** comprising **Franca Maino** – Scientific Director of Secondo Welfare, **Federico Mento** – Ashoka, and **Lucia Vecere** – Head of Mobility and Road Safety at ACI. A further selection process was later finalised, with the Foundation's Executive Committee selecting **five projects**.

Reflecting its confidence in the quality of the applications received, the Unipolis Foundation has decided to significantly **increase its financial commitment compared to the allocation announced when the call for proposals was made in February 2026**: from the initial €450,000, the total support allocated to the five winners now stands at approximately **€550,000, a 22% increase**. This investment also marks an increase compared to the previous edition, when the resources allocated to the winners totalled €437,000.

The ACT Call thus confirms its role as a concrete tool for strengthening social innovation ideas and practices capable of transforming local areas and communities, supporting young people, women, vulnerable groups, and citizens with migrant backgrounds in the Foundation's three areas of intervention: inequality, mobility, and welfare.

WELFARE

In Venice, the social cooperative **Orizzonti** is implementing "**A(M)MARE**," a project that aims to build a generative, intercultural welfare ecosystem for families with children aged 0 to 10, paying special attention to families with a migrant background at risk of isolation. In collaboration with a broad network of partners, including the local health authority, some of the planned actions include: counselling centres in hospitals, intercultural mediation, a program on informed parenting, and interventions to transform urban spaces in a "kid-friendly" light. The project will directly involve 430 people, including new parents, families, and health and social workers, with an indirect impact on approximately 7,500 people, including 2,500 children.

In Bergamo and Ancona, the **Don Giuseppe Monticelli Social Cooperative and the Franciscan Charitable Organisation (ODV)** are launching "**TRACCE – Trattamento, Continuità, Cura**" (**Treatment, Continuity, Care**), a care model for people with HIV experiencing serious social vulnerability, developed within the international Fast-Track Cities network. Checkpoints and mobile

units for community testing, personalised case management, and psychosocial support and cultural mediation programs aim to bridge the gap between diagnosis and treatment, reaching 3,400 direct beneficiaries and approximately 9,000 indirect beneficiaries.

INEQUALITIES

In Turin, in partnership with two local organisations, the **Time2 Foundation** is promoting “**Adulte!**” (Adults), an empowerment program for young women with disabilities as they transition into adulthood. Personalised programs to co-design their life plans, job placement according to the “place & train” method, psychological support, and group workshops on affectivity and self-empowerment will guide the beneficiaries toward greater autonomy and awareness, with the aim of promoting a new connection between gender and disability policies, from an intersectionality perspective.

In Bologna, Forlì, Modena, and Reggio Emilia, **MondoDonna** is implementing “**A.L.B.E.**,” a project dedicated to female prisoners with experiences of violence, thanks to a partnership with the Emilia-Romagna Regional Penitentiary Administration. Anti-violence help desks, psychophysical well-being programs, creative expression workshops, and work placement for women leaving the penal system will help approximately 270 women transform their experiences of violence into a lever for self-empowerment, benefiting approximately 2,000 people, including their families and the local community.

MOBILITY

In the province of Padua, **Centro Veneto Progetti Donna ODV**, a charitable organisation that manages the national anti-violence hotline 1522, is launching a project, in partnership with Rel.Azioni Positive Soc. Coop. Soc. Onlus, “**Move On!**”, that addresses the issue of more equitable, safe, and accessible mobility from a gender perspective. The proposal includes a training program for 550 drivers, inspectors, and local public transport managers on managing harassment, violence, and vulnerable situations; engagement activities to improve gender-sensitive mobility policies and an awareness campaign reaching approximately 130,000 citizens; and concrete measures to support 50 women who have suffered violence in their commutes (taxi funding, assistance in the use of bicycles, bike sharing, and assistance in obtaining a driver’s license).

“We are very satisfied with the richness and variety of the projects we have received, which clearly reflect the challenges our society is facing. We have favoured initiatives with an intersectional perspective that address complex situations with multiple vulnerabilities,” said **Maria Luisa Parmigiani, Executive Director of the Unipolis Foundation**.

The five projects selected demonstrate that social innovation, collaboration, and participation can generate real change in local communities, strengthening the role of the ACT Call as a tool for building more just, inclusive, and supportive communities.

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