Regulations for Awarding Emergency Resilience Fund for Israel's Frontline Journalists Covering the “Swords of Iron” War
On Behalf of Shomrim - The Center for Media and Democracy in Israel

Definitions
2. "Resident of Israel" - as defined in the Income Tax Ordinance [new version].
3. "Journalist" - a person with a permanent journalist certificate, which was given to him by the Government Press Office.
4. The "Combat Zones" - the Gaza envelope, as defined as up to a distance of 8 km from the border of the Gaza Strip; “the conflict line” and the northern Golan, as defined as up to a distance of 3 km from the border of Lebanon and Syria.

Mission and Goals
5. Starting on October 7, 2023, when the "Swords of Iron" war broke out, journalists have been covering events in the combat zones non-stop. As a result of their dedicated work, these journalists were exposed, among other things, to horrific sights and reports that could have a tangible impact on their long-term mental health and well-being.
6. "Shomrim", an independent, non-profit media organization whose goals include strengthening investigative journalism, seeks to assist journalists reporting continuously from the combat zones to provide information and news about the war.
7. "Shomrim" wishes to encourage and support the mental health of journalists, staying for a sustained period of time in combat zones, while covering the "Swords of Iron" war.
8. For this goal, Shomrim decided to award a one-time financial grant from a dedicated fund, in the amount of NIS 8,000, to journalists who meet the standards detailed below and apply to receive the grant (hereinafter referred to as: the "assistance grant"). It should be noted that the total amount devoted to the purpose of the fund is limited.
9. The application will be made by submitting a request to a designated e-mail address that will be opened by Shomrim for this purpose, and which will be published through various means of communication, including on the Shomrim website.

Eligibility Conditions
The threshold conditions for applicants to receive the assistance grant will be as follows:

10. The applicant is a journalist, as defined in section 3 above.
11. The applicant is a citizen of Israel and a resident of Israel, as defined in sections 1 and 2 above.
12. It is clarified that those who do not meet the above threshold requirements will not be forwarded to the approving committee for eligibility examination.

The Approving Committee
13. Applications from journalists who meet the above threshold conditions will be forwarded for examination of their eligibility to receive the assistance grant by an approving committee whose composition will be as follows:
13.1 Alona Vinograd - CEO of Shomrim – The Center for Media and Democracy in Israel.
13.2 Doron Sela - Project Manager, Shomrim
13.3 Adv. Ofer Doron - Legal Advisor, Shomrim
14. It is hereby clarified that, in light of the origin of the fund from donation, the discretion of the committee to approve or reject the applicant's request will be absolute and unlimited. The committee will be entitled - but not limited - to consider any consideration relevant to the mission and goals of the fund, including (but not only) the following considerations:
14.1 The actual presence in combat zones for journalistic coverage of the "Swords of Iron" war.
14.2 The duration of the journalist's presence in the combat zones.
14.3 The nature of the sights and/or testimonies and/or events to which the journalist was exposed to, and their scope.
14.4 The extent of the objective or subjective impact of the sights and testimonies to which the journalist was exposed.
14.5 The extent of the journalist's contribution to the coverage of the war, to national resilience, and to democratic and free journalism.

**Finality of the Grant**

It is clarified that the assistance grant given by the fund is limited in its financial scope and originates from donor funds. Because of this, Shomrim clarifies that it may not be able to respond to all the applications submitted for receiving the grant, even in cases where the applicant meets all the required conditions.