

NGOs to Be Issued Grants

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The Kremlin will give grants to the Memorial human rights organization and several other opposition-minded NGOs that prosecutors earlier this year accused of being "foreign agents," the Russian business newspaper Vedomosti reported Monday.

Two regional branches of Memorial will receive a combined 800,000 rubles (\$24,000) from the 2.3 billion rubles (\$700 million) that the Kremlin has allotted for support of non-profit groups this year, the daily reported, citing sources at the funds that are distributing the grants.

Grant distributors are still considering whether to grant money to two other prominent groups with a track record of criticizing the authorities, the Moscow Helsinki Group and For Human Rights, the newspaper said.

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