

Grants for organisations advancing the idea of Europe

(2000/C 28/06)

A limited amount of money — EUR 145 000 — is available for paying a running costs grant to organisations whose primary aim is to promote the ideal of an integrated Europe.

Applications must be made by 31 March 2000. Application forms and further details can be found on the Internet at:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/secretariat_general/sgc/subvention/en/subv.htm

or by request in writing to:

European Commission,
Secretariat General,
Unit SG-C-2, Office BREY 7/226,
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200,
B-1049 Brussels.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROJECTS TO PRESERVE THE SITES OF NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS AS HISTORICAL MEMORIALS

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1. Context

Under Article A-3035 of the European Union's General Budget, the European Commission can award grants for projects to preserve as historical memorials the sites of the former Nazi concentration camps and the archives associated with the deportations to them. Does your organisation have a project which could be eligible for one of these grants?

— has its own legal status at the time the application is submitted,

— is non-profit-making.

National, regional and local government bodies are not eligible.

2. Eligibility

Your project could be eligible for a grant if you are an organisation established in one or more Member State of the European Union or applicant country which:

— has as its principal aim to keep alive the memory of the victims of the Nazi concentration camps or to study the phenomenon from a historical perspective,

3. Selection criteria

Before we can award your organisation a grant, we need to examine:

(i) your articles of association;

(ii) your previous year's financial statements;

(iii) your detailed programme of activities;

(iv) detailed estimates of your project's income and expenditure.

In deciding how much money (if any) to grant your organisation, we have to take account of the following criteria:

- To what extent does your project improve the understanding of present and future generations of what took place in the camps and why?
- How good is your programme and how well implemented?
- What impact is your programme likely to have on the public?
- What are your organisation's real financial needs?
- How (if you received a grant for a previous year) do we rate your previous project?
- How much money do we have available?

When we have assessed all the applications for a grant according to these criteria, we will take a formal decision on how to use our available funds.

4. Financial conditions

- 4.1. Grants are awarded on a strictly annual basis. So, if we awarded you a grant last year this does not mean that we will this year. Nor will we automatically award you a grant next year if we award you one this year.
- 4.2. The total budget available is EUR 350 000.
- 4.3. The number of beneficiaries in 1999 was 19.
- 4.4. When applying for a grant you must include a budget giving details of both income and expenditure for the project. Total estimated expenditure must equal the total funding you expect to receive from all sources (including the Commission grant you are applying for). At least 20 per cent must come from sources other than the budget of the European Union.
- 4.5. The following direct costs are 'eligible' (i.e., we can take them into account):
 - the cost of staff assigned to the project corresponding to real salaries plus social security charges and other costs making up remuneration;
 - travel and subsistence costs for staff taking part in the operation;
 - purchase costs for equipment (new or used);
 - the costs of consumables and supplies;

- expenditure on subcontracting, provided that the Commission has given advance written agreement for subcontracting;

- costs deriving directly from the requirements of the agreement (dissemination of information, specific evaluation of the operation, translation, reproduction, etc.), including, where appropriate, financial service costs (in particular the cost of financial guarantees), but not including exchange risks;

- a 'contingency reserve' of no more than 5 % of direct costs eligible.

4.6. We can take into account as indirect costs only an amount no greater than 7 % of the total amount of eligible direct costs. However, indirect costs are not eligible if they include costs assigned to another item of the budget. Nor can we take them into account if the Commission is paying your organisation a grant for its operating costs under another budget line.

4.7. The following expenditure is **not** eligible:

- capital investment costs;
- money set aside for possible future losses or debts;
- the payment of interest owed;
- the repayment of debts;
- incurring debts that are doubtful;
- exchange losses, except where the agreement makes explicit provision for them;
- contributions in kind. However, we may take these into account when setting the amount of the grant;
- inordinate or ill-considered costs.

4.8. If we award your project a grant, we will send you an Agreement expressing the grant both as an amount in EURO and as a percentage of eligible costs and setting out the conditions under which it is to be paid and used.

4.9. As part of this Agreement the person authorised to represent your organisation must undertake to provide evidence that the grant has been correctly used and to allow the Commission and/or the Court of Auditors of the European Communities to inspect your organisation's accounts if they so choose.

4.10. If your organisation receives a grant, you must publicly acknowledge that you have received financial assistance from the European Commission.

4.11. Once the person authorised to represent your organisation has signed and returned the Agreement to us, we will pay 80 percent of the grant within 60 days. We will pay the balance within 60 days of the receipt and approval of a final report and financial statement on the completed project.

4.12. If you spend money on items that do not figure in the Agreement the Commission can ask you to repay part or all of the grant.

4.13. If, in the end, you spend less on the project than the agreed amount, the Commission will ask you to repay part or all of the grant.

5. Procedure for applying for a grant

5.1. You must apply using a special form. We will send one if you write to us at the following address:

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5.2. With your application you must also send us your organisation's:

- programme of activities,
- annual budget,
- previous year's financial statements (balance sheet, profit and loss accounts),
- statutes, constitution or articles of association.

5.3. If your organisation has received a Commission grant in the past, we can award you a further grant only if you have provided us with evidence that the previous grant was properly used.

5.4. We will let you know within two months of the deadline below whether or not you have been awarded a grant. If your project has not been selected we will give you the reason in writing.

5.5. You must send the form and the documents forming part of your application to our address above by **31 March 2000** (as evidenced by the postmark) at the latest.
