

Introduction

Everyone who works and plans is well acquainted with two stages of project development: turning an idea into a consistent plan of actions with clear objectives and deadlines which should be met, and the other when financial resources should be sought from a donor for its implementation. Everyone who has been involved in project development may confirm that it is easier to prepare a project than finance it. Donor resources are not only limited, but also have to be sought at different addresses and used under different conditions which not many people are acquainted with in detail.

The following report is a thorough review of the various funding opportunities available in Serbia at national and international level. The research enumerated the resources provided by international donors and state institutions in Serbia. The report emphasis is on the programmes that provide funding for the infrastructure development and tourism related activities for which the Republic of Serbia is an eligible country. The report' purpose is meant to contribute to better awareness of the municipal administration, the staff of the Coordination Centre in Nishka Banja and all their partners and tol provide insight into resources for implementing various programmes and project activities. The report provides assistance to those who already know what they need, what change they wish to sustain and what steps should be taken so as to achieve it. The report is made informative enough, as well as practical and the authors hope to make it a useful guide for acquiring means from international donors and state institutions. The authors expect that the following simple information on donors and learning about conditions for submitting projects shall contribute to a faster and more efficient implementation of good projects and initiatives in favor of the community of Niska Banja. The authors hope that an efficient tool has been developed which shall facilitate the identification of needs and enable efficient linking with donors.

I. FOREIGN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)

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Program Title: Local Initiatives Programme (LIP)

Aim of the program/project : The CIDA Local Initiatives Program (LIP) supports civil society organizations in Serbia and Montenegro strengthening them to better influence, and to participate with, governments and other society stakeholders.

Areas of assistance: CIDA LIP will support civil society organizations to develop and implement: policies and accountability structures; strategies for sustainability and advocacy; and, mechanisms for effective planning, monitoring and reporting. All CIDA LIP supported initiatives are expected to meet the needs of beneficiaries through the efficient and effective implementation of sustainable projects in the health, education and rule of law sectors.

Geographical area: Serbia

Who may apply? Civil society organizations (including not-for-profit and non-partisan local non governmental organizations and Community-Based Organizations) in Serbia and Montenegro may apply for CIDA LIP co-financing. Multilateral organizations working locally can be supported on an exceptional basis and where the project is implemented in collaboration with local partner(s).

Note: Initiatives of government institutions (Federal, Republican, Municipal or Local) may be supported only through application and implementation by a local civil society organization or multilateral organization.

Application procedure and deadlines: Project proposals must be submitted electronically to the CIDA SCG LIP Coordinator in English according to the format provided. Proposals are reviewed on a regular basis and the project

decision process for well documented proposals is currently taking approximately one month.

Minimum-maximum amount for funding: The minimum contribution from the Local Initiative Program is \$10,000 CDN and the maximum is \$100,000 CDN (approximately 60,000 Euro). The majority of the projects funded to date have been considerably less than the maximum amount.

Project Duration: CIDA LIP co-financed projects normally run for up to one year, but projects of a longer duration will also be considered.

Limitations - What types of activities are not eligible for funding?

- Exchanges, study tours, international training and feasibility studies are not eligible for funding.
- The deployment of international experts is not eligible for funding.
- Participation in activities outside Serbia and Montenegro is not eligible for funding.

Specific requirements (General Conditions)

All projects must stay within the financial limits and be fully viable. LIP funds can be used for co-financing with other donors where the budget lines are clearly delineated, but project contributions must be used for the purposes intended. Approved projects should be unique and should not duplicate, correct or provide simultaneous funding for projects already receiving other contributions from the Canadian government. Where possible, materials and supplies required for projects should be procured locally. Administrative costs related to a specific project are permitted, but cannot exceed 15% of the overall budget and must be fully justified. Partner organizations need to provide a substantive project contribution (at least 10% of total budget). The partner contribution must be reflected in an itemized budget and can be in money or in-kind (office space, labor, etc.). Funds received from CIDA LIP must not be used as an organization's contribution in order to receive funding from another group or donor. All organizations must have a demonstrated capacity to effectively manage the CIDA LIP funds in a timely manner. The provisions of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) apply to all CIDA LIP projects. All proposals will be screened according to the CEAA guidelines in order to ensure compliance.

Program Title: Canada Fund for Serbia and Montenegro

Aim of the program/project: The Canadian Embassy's Canada Fund was established, as part of the Canadian Government's Programme of Cooperation with Serbia and Montenegro, as a way of supporting the development of civil society and the emergence of voluntarism across the country.

Areas of assistance: Projects will be considered in a wide range of sectors, including institutional strengthening, health, education, environment, human rights, psycho-social assistance, democratic development, and so on. Preference will be given to projects which demonstrate or promote inter-ethnic cooperation and minority return.

Geographical area: Serbia

Who may apply? The program is intended to strengthen and fund the activities of worthy individuals, non governmental groups and institutions other than recognized international agencies and national governments.

Application procedure and deadlines: Project proposals must be complete narrative requests for one phase projects stating clearly the objectives and purpose of the project, as well as what results are expected. Qualitative and quantitative performance indicators have to be presented to be able to measure the project's performance. Approval may be given for more than one project for the same recipient within the same fiscal year or in successive fiscal years, as long as these projects are distinct. Project splitting or creating a number of smaller projects is to be avoided. All proposals should be complete and explicitly detail the performance framework or the "why what how how much when and where" of the project. Proposals are reviewed on a regular basis (every two-three months) by a committee within the Embassy.

Minimum-maximum amount for funding: The maximum contribution from the Canada fund is CDN \$ 5,000.00 per project.

Project Duration: N/A

Limitations: Generally speaking, funding will not be provided to national governments. However, if the national government maintains exclusive jurisdiction over an area where one would see a local government or non governmental presence in Canada, funds may be approved on an exceptional basis for projects in which the national government or an international agency is the executing agency. In such cases, funding will only be provided if the beneficiaries are outside the government and have no close relationship to the

executing agency. Private sector for-profit organizations are not eligible for funding.

Specific requirements: Project contributions must be used for the purposes intended. Approved projects should be unique and should not duplicate, correct, or provide simultaneous Canadian funding for projects already being funded by the Canadian government. Funds should not represent the local input required by a recipient organization to receive funding from another group. Feasibility studies are not eligible for Canada Funds. Project funds are to be spent in country. Materials and supplies required for projects are to be procured locally on the domestic market and, where possible and feasible, in the national currency when possible. The program is not intended to provide for extra regional fellowships, scholarships, study tours, direct running costs of the applicant (salaries of employees, rent and utilities), expenses for travel to or from Canada, fees or per diems of consultants or experts, or to benefit privately owned firms or enterprises. Canada Funds are not to be used to fund Canadian experts, civil servants or private sector professionals who might come to the host country for short term work (seminars, teaching, technical cooperation, etc.). Funding for participation in regional conferences or local training seminars is permitted, particularly if these are Canadian sponsored.

Program Title: Partnerships for Tomorrow Program (PTP)

Aim of the program/project: The Partnerships for Tomorrow Program Phase II, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency and administered by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, is a small travel grant mechanism designed to contribute to the democratic and economic reform process in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

Areas of assistance: The program supports small projects, up to a maximum of \$10,000, which aim to build and strengthen partnerships and linkages between Canadians and citizens of Central and European countries. These long term relationships will facilitate the capacity development of individuals and institutions in the Central and Eastern European region while developing Canadian expertise in working with Central and Eastern European countries.

Geographical area: Canada, Serbia

Who may apply? The program is open to participants from all sectors including Canadian and Central and Eastern European institutions, educational

institutions, non governmental organizations, professionals, businesses, individuals, youth and government (excluding the Canadian federal government).

Application procedure and deadlines: Applications must be received by AUCC by 5 p.m. EST on the 28th of each month. There must be 60 days between the end of the month in which the application is submitted to AUCC, and the start date of the project. For example, for a project planned to take place in June, the application must be submitted to AUCC by March 28th.

Minimum-maximum amount for funding: The program will cover the cost of international travel for Canadian and Central and Eastern European travelers. All travelers are eligible for the cost of international economy airfare, a per diem that covers a portion of the cost of accommodations and meals, and local travel (inter-city travel only), to a maximum of \$10,000 per project.

Project Duration: N/A

Limitations & Specific requirements: All activities must have a capacity building component and must be compatible with CIDA's programming priorities. Due to the high demand and limited funds available, not all applications submitted will be approved. Funds will be awarded based on a set of criteria that will enable recipients to actively participate in the following types of activities:

- institutional linkages;
- workshops and conferences;
- sector specific training;
- professional exchanges;
- study tours; and
- short-term consultancies.

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2. European Cultural Foundation

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Program Title: Balkan Incentive Fund for Culture

Aim of the program/project: Grant-giving in support of independent cultural projects in the Balkan region (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro and Kosovo) continues to be a core commitment of the ECF. In an enlarged EU where there is a lack of accessible funding for cross-border projects, we remain convinced that grants for small to medium-sized cultural organizations are an essential part of developing collaborative practice and boosting the cultural dimension of a richly diverse Europe.

Areas of Assistance: ECF's current areas of interest are as follows: intercultural competence and collaboration across borders; Increased participation in the arts and the media; and strategies to break cultural isolation; The cultural dimension of EU enlargement; Strategies for change within cultural infrastructures; Creative responses to current political issues; Development of a common public and cultural European space.

Geographical area: Serbia & the Balkans region

Who may apply? Independent cultural organizations (NGOs) from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, and Kosovo may apply as lead applicants or partner organizations. All projects should feature at least one country from this group.

Application procedure and deadlines: Applications will only be accepted if submitted online and will not be considered if sent as an attachment by email, as hard copy by mail, or in any other format. When ECF have received your application online you will receive an automated response by email. The Grants Unit will contact you once external assessments have been completed, usually within 8 - 10 weeks of the application deadline. Deadlines will be aligned with the ECF grants programme.

Minimum-maximum amount for funding: ECF grants usually vary between Euro 5,000 and Euro 30,000. The average project grant is Euro 10,000 - 15,000. The ECF cannot support more than 80% of the project's total budget.

Project Duration: N/A

Limitations: ECF does not support: activities that focus only on the academic sector or represent traditional approaches to research and education (e.g. school/university exchanges, scholarships, research or education programmes firmly located within a traditional institution); conventional approaches to arts education or art therapy; awards, competitions; folkloric events and projects which focus on conserving European heritage; actions that could otherwise be supported by specialist public and private arts funds (e.g. production costs of a one-off performance or art work, touring of an existing work or operating costs of an organization's regular activities); individual literary works, translations or running costs of an ongoing series of publications or cultural reviews (however, publications documenting your collaborative project may be included in your budget); Initiatives based solely on tourism; Projects that rely entirely on funding from our organization; Organizations wishing to realize a project without strong partners; Please note that festivals will only be supported in exceptional circumstances, where content fits closely with the ECF's current areas of interest.

Priority will be given to professional organizations working in the cultural sector on contemporary projects. We do not support commercial organizations, state institutions, amateur organizations, organizations focusing primarily on education, religion or heritage, or projects organized by student bodies. Individuals, including those seeking scholarship, bursary or residency costs, cannot apply for a project grant. The ECF has two mobility funds which support individual professionals in the cultural sector: STEP beyond and the Roberto Cimetta Fund. Please look at ECF website for more information and details of how to apply.

Specific requirements: There is no specific requirement regarding the number of countries that should be represented. What ECF wishes to see is evidence of genuine cross-border collaboration in all stages of the project - planning, development and implementation. ECF are not interested in superficial consortia built for fundraising purposes. Regional and smaller-scale projects are as welcome as pan-European collaborations. However, we will not usually award grants to local or bilateral projects that could be supported through national or regional funds. As well as relevance to our current areas of interest, ECF will be looking for the following qualities in your application: originality; high professional standards; strong mutually agreed partnerships; impact (beyond specialist or traditional niches); sustainability; experimentation; accessible and

transferable practical results; European relevance; a clear and precise argumentation; a strong communication strategy; a balanced budget with mixed funding.

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3. European Union - European Agency for Reconstruction

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The **European Agency for Reconstruction's** task is to manage the European Union's main assistance programmes in Serbia and Montenegro (the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of Montenegro, UN-administered Kosovo) and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. In addition to funds that are managed by EAR, in this directory we are also listing European Union regional programs that are managed by other institutions.

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Programme Title: Adriatic New Neighbourhood Programme - (ANNP) INTERREG/CARDS

Aim of the Programme/Project: To foster cooperation between Italian Adriatic regions and the so- called East Adriatic Countries (Croatia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro).

Areas of assistance:

1. Fostering the sustainable development of urban, rural and coastal territories, environment, efficacy in the field of power resources, improvement of transportation, telecommunications, information and telecommunication services, as well as power and water systems;
2. Integration of border regions, overcoming barriers and peripheral conditions by fostering development of businesses and creating favorable conditions for the development of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), including tourism and fishing sectors, as well as promoting competition within production system;
3. Strengthening of institutions and harmonization systems, strengthening of judiciary and administrative cooperation, developing local initiatives for new job openings, assistance with social integration processes, creating new opportunities at the job market, stimulation and evaluation of human and institutional resources, research equipment, education, culture and health and civil systems.

Geographical area: Serbia

Who may apply? All organizations and institutions defined in their by-laws as not-for-profit!

Application procedures and deadlines:

Different for each call for proposals. All necessary information can be found on the Ministry's website:

http://www.evropa.sr.gov.yu/Isdacon/PublicSite1/NP_Programmes.aspx

Project duration: Please check the Ministry's website:

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Limitations: Different for each call for proposals. All relevant information have been timely posted on the Ministry's website:

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Program Title: Erasmus Mundus

Aim of the program/project: The Community Action programme for the enhancement of quality in higher education and the promotion of intercultural understanding through co-operation with third countries

The Erasmus Mundus programme is a co-operation and mobility programme in the field of higher education which promotes the European Union as a centre of excellence in learning around the world. It supports European top-quality Masters Courses and enhances the visibility and attractiveness of European higher education in third countries. It also provides EU-funded scholarships for third country nationals participating in these Masters Courses, as well as scholarships for EU-nationals studying in third countries.

The programme is intended to strengthen European co-operation and international links in higher education by supporting high-quality European Masters Courses, by enabling students and visiting scholars from around the world to engage in postgraduate study at European universities, as well as by encouraging the outgoing mobility of European students and scholars towards third countries.

The Erasmus Mundus programme comprises four concrete actions:

- **ACTION 1** - Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses: they constitute the central component around which Erasmus Mundus is built. They are high-quality integrated courses at masters level offered by a consortium of at least three universities in at least three different European countries. The courses must be "integrated" to be selected under Erasmus Mundus, which means that they must foresee a study period in at least two of the

three universities and that it must lead to the award of a recognized double, multiple or joint diploma.

- **ACTION 2** - Erasmus Mundus scholarships: in order to give the Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses selected under Action 1 a strong external projection, a scholarship scheme for third-country graduate students and scholars from the whole world is linked to them. This scholarship scheme addresses highly qualified individuals who come to Europe to follow the Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses or to work for them.
- **ACTION 3** - Partnerships: in order to encourage European universities to open themselves up to the world and to reinforce their world-wide presence, Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses selected under Action 1 also have the possibility of establishing partnerships with third-country higher education institutions. These partnerships allow for outgoing mobility of graduate EU students and scholars involved in the Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses.
- **ACTION 4** - Enhancing attractiveness: Erasmus Mundus also supports projects aimed at enhancing the attractiveness of and the interest in European higher education. It supports activities that improve the profile, the visibility and the accessibility of European higher education as well as issues crucial to the internationalization of higher education, such as the mutual recognition of qualifications with third countries.

Areas of assistance: See above

Geographical area: Serbia & EU

Who may apply? The programme is open to:

- the 25 EU Member States
- the candidate countries for accession to the EU (Croatia, Turkey)
- the countries of the European Economic Area / European Free Trade Association (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)
- all the other countries of the world ('third countries')

Action 1 (see description above) is reserved to the first three categories of countries, while the beneficiaries of Action 2 (see description above) will be students and scholars coming from third countries.

Action 3 partnerships can be established between Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses selected under Action 1 and third-country higher education institutions. Action 3 scholarships for the outgoing mobility to third countries are destined to

EU and EEA/EFTA graduate students and scholars participating in Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses.

Action 4 activities are open to higher education institutions and other bodies involved in higher education anywhere in the world, regardless of their participation in other Actions of the programme.

The programme is addressed to:

- Higher education institutions
- Students having obtained a first degree awarded by a higher education institution
- Scholars and professionals who lecture or conduce research
- Staff directly involved in higher education
- Other public or private bodies active in the field of higher education (only for Action 4, see description above)

Application procedure and time frame: The programme is implemented by the European Commission via annual calls for proposals that are published on this website. Applications for all Actions are to be addressed to the Commission. Students and scholars, however, that wish to submit their applications to participate in an Erasmus Mundus Masters Course (with or without a scholarship) must apply directly to the selected Erasmus Mundus Masters Consortium offering the Course in question.

Minimum-maximum amount for funding: Depending on specific Action

Project Duration: Depending on specific Action

Limitations: Depending on specific Action

Specific requirements: Depending on specific Action

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http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/mundus/index_en.html

Programme title: Framework Programmes for Research and Development

FP6 - Sixth Framework Programme of EU; FP7-Seventh Framework Programme.

Aim of programme/project: To establish a European scientific community through fostering cooperation among European countries in various scientific and research fields. The Programme is open to all legal entities (in accordance with national, international or European regulations) involved in research projects or dissemination and implementation of the results of research projects.

Areas of assistance: Development of cooperation among all European countries in all areas of research.

Geographical area: All countries – members of EU, affiliated countries, countries-candidates for membership, third countries and other countries listed in the Programmes.

Who may apply? Programme rules for submitting proposals and the eligibility for receiving EU funding depend on the group of countries that a legal entity applying for funding belongs to (for detailed information please visit the Framework Programmes' official website,

Application procedures and deadlines: Different for different calls for proposals. Detailed information can be found at the official website: <http://www.cordis.lu/fp6/stepbystep/home.html>

Project duration:

Duration of project FP7: 2007-2013. Calls for proposals within FP6 Programme are announced several times a year. Detailed information can be found at <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp6> .

Limitations: Application rules, as well as limitations, are defined in the Calls for Proposals.

Specific requirements: N/A

Contact: <http://www.mntr.sr.gov.yu/fp6>

Programme title: Interreg IIIB CADSES Neighbourhood Programme

Aim of the program/project: Promoting sustainable economic and social development; cooperation in solving common problems in the areas of environmental protection, health and combating organized crime, as well as ensuring efficient and safe borders.

Areas of assistance

1. Promotion of spatial development and activities aimed at social and economic cohesion;
2. Efficient and sustainable traffic systems and access to information society;
3. Promotion and management of natural resources and cultural heritage;
4. Environmental issues, resource management and prevention of natural disasters.

Geographical area: Serbia & Montenegro

Who may apply? All institutions and organizations defined as not-for-profit in their by-laws.

Application procedures and deadlines: Different for different Calls for Proposals (according to the EU regulations, between 60 and 90 days). All information has been timely published at the Ministry's website

http://www.evropa.sr.gov.yu/Isdacon/PublicSite1/NP_Programmes.aspx

All applications sent within the deadline to the Joined Technical Secretariat in Dresden, and according to the EU regulations, will undergo evaluation and selection by independent evaluators. A unique list of project proposals is then formed. The most successful applicants will receive the EU grant. This is followed by project implementation and monitoring.

Project duration: According to current regulations, the Programme will last until the end of 2006. The preparation of the programme for the new EU financial period for 2007-2013 is well under way.

Limitations: All limitations are defined in the Instructions for Applicants which can be found on the Ministry's website:

http://www.evropa.sr.gov.yu/Isdacon/PublicSite1/NP_Programmes.aspx

Specific requirements: All requests are defined in the Instructions for Applicants which can be found on the website of the Ministry for International Economic Relations:

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Programme/project title: Neighbourhood Programme Hungary – Serbia and Montenegro, 2004-2006

Aim of the Programme/Project: Connecting people, communities and economic organizations in the border areas in order to set solid basis for economic and social development through development of infrastructure, natural resources protection system and strengthening bonds between local communities.

Areas of assistance: Strengthening of spatial, physical and infrastructural integrity of the regions included in the Programme.

Promoting initiatives for cooperation aimed at facilitating market integration and increased coherence of local communities.

Geographical area: The Programme for Serbia and Montenegro covers all districts on the territory of Vojvodina and the city of Belgrade.

Who may apply? All organizations and institutions defined as not-for-profit in their by-laws.

Application procedures and deadlines: Different for each Call for Proposals (according to EU regulations, from 60 to 90 days). All information have been timely put on the Ministry's website http://www.evropa.sr.gov.yu/Isdacon/PublicSite1/NP_Programmes.aspx

Applications sent within the deadline to the Joined Technical Secretariat in Budapest, and according to the EU procedures, undergo several evaluation and selection phases by the independent evaluators. A unique list of project proposals is then formed and the most successful proposals receive the EU grant. This is followed by the project implementation and monitoring.

Project duration:

According to current regulations, the Programme lasts throughout 2004-2006. The new programme for the EU financial period 2007-2013 is well under way. It has been planned that there should be one Call for Proposals every year.

Limitations: All limitations are defined in the Instructions for Applicants which can be found at the Ministry for International Economic Relations' website, http://www.evropa.sr.gov.yu/Isdacon/PublicSite1/NP_Programmes.aspx

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Programme Title: Neighbourhood Programme Romania – Serbia & Montenegro

Aim of the program/project: The main objective of the programme is to improve contacts among local communities, foster cultural, social and economic cooperation and reduce the existing differences in the levels of regional development.

Areas of assistance:

1. Local economic and social development

- Supporting cooperation in the fields of agriculture and industry
- Cooperation among public services at the local level

- Support for smaller projects in the areas of environmental protection and local infrastructure development

- Fostering cooperation in the development of tourism

2. “People with People” activities

- Smaller-scale projects – fostering direct cooperation among people

Geographical area: The following districts on the territory of Serbia are covered by the programme: North Banat district, Middle Banat district, South Banat district, Branicevo district and Bor district.

Who may apply? All organizations and institutions which are defined by their by-laws as not-for-profit are eligible to participate in the Neighbours’ Programme Romania – Serbia and Montenegro.

Application procedures and deadlines : Neighbours’ Programme Romania – Serbia and Montenegro tender will be open for 90 days. According to the EU procedures, all applications sent within the deadline to the Joint Technical Secretariat in Temisoara will be evaluated and selected in several phases by independent evaluators. A unique list of project proposals will be formed and the best proposals will receive the EU grant. This will be followed by project implementation and monitoring.

Project duration: 1st priority projects - Local economic and social development - can last not longer than 24 months and not shorter than 6 months.

2nd priority projects – “People with People” activities – can last from 3 to 12 months.

Limitations: All limitations are defined in the Instructions for Applicants which can be viewed at the Ministry for International Economic Relations’ website:

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Programme Title: Neighbourhood Programme Serbia and Montenegro – Bulgaria

Aim of programme/project: Fostering sustainable development in near border regions; joined work on solving common problems; securing an efficient and safe border and developing small projects of direct cooperation through the strengthening of infrastructure to support cross-border cooperation; fostering sustainable economic development in the border zone through an economic evaluation of its potentials; forming new partnerships in the field of cross-border cooperation and strengthening operational cross-border contacts.

Areas of assistance: Fostering sustainable economic development through economic cooperation (trade, transportation and logistics, services and tourism) as well as interventions aimed at protection, preservation, improvement and management of natural resources and bio-diversity. Supporting social, institutional and economic cohesion through cooperation between institutions and communities at local level; improving network of cooperation between enterprises; fostering local initiatives and innovations for increasing employment opportunities and entrepreneurship; joined promotion of products on both existing and emerging markets. Cultural exchange and education-related activities.

Geographical area: The Programme for Serbia covers the following districts: Bor District, Zajecar District, Nisava District, Pirot District, Jablanica District and Pcinj District.

Who may apply? All institutions and organizations defined as not-for-profit in their by-laws.

Application procedures and deadlines: Different for different Calls for Proposals (according to EU regulations, from 60 to 90 days). All information has been timely published on the Ministry's website http://www.evropa.sr.gov.yu/Isdacon/PublicSite1/NP_Programmes.aspx

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Project duration: According to current regulations, the Programme lasts throughout 2004-2006. The preparation of the programme for the new EU financial period 2007-2013 is well under way. It has been planned that one Call for Proposals will be announced every year.

Limitations: All limitations are defined in the Instructions for Applicants which can be found at the website of the Ministry for International Economic Relations http://www.evropa.sr.gov.yu/Isdacon/PublicSite1/NP_Programmes.aspx

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4. Forum Syd Balkans Programme

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Program Title: YouthFund

Aim of the program/project: Support to local youth initiatives through youth-for-youth concept.

Areas of Assistance: Youth issues, gender, ecology, education, social care, youth spare time, community youth work, culture and art...

Geographical area: Area of Novi Sad and Subotica with surrounding

Who may apply?

Groups of young people (both registered and informal) of at least three persons

Application procedure and deadlines: YF procedure, application pack available. Next granting cycle: autumn 2006

Minimum-maximum amount for funding: 50-500 EUR

Project Duration: Up to six months

Limitations: Exclusively for youth. No co-funding accepted.

Specific requirements: New initiatives based on identified needs of young people in local community.

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5. Handicap International

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Program Title: SHARE-SEE – Self-help and Advocacy for Rights and Equal Opportunities in South East Europe

Aim of the program/project: Strengthening capacities of organizations of people with disabilities and empowering their role in advocacy, with a special focus on:

- Increasing capacity and improving the standard of living by providing access to education, training and job opportunities for people with disabilities
- Creating legislation which will eliminate discriminatory practice and focus on specific rights and specific issues which affect people with disabilities' rights and their capacity to monitor the implementation of such laws.
- Physical space which should be planned and organized in such way as to be accessible to everyone and this should be made a political issue, including rural areas
- Improving access of people with disabilities to new technologies, especially information technology
- Raising public awareness and the level of integration of marginalized groups of people with disabilities into a productive community life
- Providing access to existing and alternative agencies and services

Areas of assistance: The 7th Call for proposals is currently open. It supports the following issues:

Advocacy for the improvement of legislation directly affecting people with disabilities, with a special focus on anti-discrimination. Advocacy for a better access to education, employment advocacy, advocacy for an easier access and support to agencies and services at local level, a better accessibility advocacy. SHARE SEE programme encourages initiatives containing elements of inter-state cooperation, inclusion of women and women's groups in partnerships of different organizations, institutions and local government.

Geographical area: Serbia

Who can apply? Organizations of people with disabilities

Application procedures and deadlines: Procedure is usually altered for each Call for Proposals.

Please visit: http://www.share-see.org/serbian/callf6_ser.htm

Project Duration: Until the end of 2008.

Limitations: Call for Proposals is limited to organizations of people with disabilities only.

Specific requirements

Call for Proposals is limited to organizations of people with disabilities. New requests are made for each Call for Proposals.

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6. HELP

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Programs:

- [Supporting the national strategy for closure of collective centers](#)
- [Poverty Reduction through support to start-up businesses and socio-economic integration of refugees and IDPs](#)
- [Support to local sustainable development in Serbia and Montenegro through business incubation](#)

1. Program Title : Poverty Reduction through support to start-up businesses and socio-economic integration of refugees and IDPs

Aim of the program/project: Poverty reduction, support to start ups, development of tourism

Areas of assistance: Economic development with target groups including Refugees, IDPs, socially vulnerable persons with sound business ideas)

Geographical area: Kragujevac, Kraljevo, Uzice

Who may apply? Socially vulnerable persons with sound business ideas

Application procedure and deadlines: Information campaign in the municipalities is ongoing in March

Minimum-maximum amount for funding: Maximum of 2.000 EURO material input, + trainings

Project Duration: Extension of a 20 months project, 12 months

Contact

Programme manager Ms. Joanna Melinska - Melinska@help-ev.de

2. Program Title: Support to local sustainable development in Serbia and Montenegro through business incubation

Aim of the program/project : Support to the local sustainable development strategies through support to the start-up business sector

Area of assistance: Economic development

Who may apply? Socially vulnerable persons with sound business ideas

Minimum-maximum amount for funding : Average of 1.200 EURO material in kind grant + trainings

Project Duration: 18 months

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7. HIVOS

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(Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries), The Hague,
The Netherlands

Programs:

- [Civil Society Building](#)
- [Sustainable Economic Development](#)

Program Title(s)

Civil Society Building

Sustainable Economic Development

Aim of the program/project

1. Civil Society Building, which is aimed at strengthening democratic decision making and improving the conditions for it so that no one is excluded.

Main objective: strengthening the participation of poor and marginalized women and men in decision making processes and ensuring that their interests are effectively represented.

2. Sustainable Economic Development, which is aimed at the economic aspects of development in the perspective of social and ecological sustainability.

Main objective: to improve the economic position of poor and marginalized women and men in a way so that sustainability is guaranteed.

The two fields are clearly linked. They are two sides of one coin: they are complementary, but they are also a necessary condition if justice and development opportunities are to be achieved for people in marginalized positions.

Areas of assistance : In the field of Sustainable Economic Development, Hivos specializes in two themes: Environment and Sustainable Development, and Economic Activities and Credit Facilities. In the area of civil society building, Hivos focuses on the following policy themes: Human rights and HIV/AIDS, gender, women and development and arts and culture. Hivos devotes particular attention to ICT. It is Hivos' view that the use of easy access to inexpensive and democratic ICT applications can speed up the development process.

Geographical area: Serbia

Who may apply? NGOs who meet the criteria defined below

Application procedure and deadlines: Hivos provides funds for specific activities (project funding), for programmes, or for an organization as such. In the case of Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) and other commercial activities support takes the form of loans, guarantees and participations.

You can check your eligibility via the virtual office that offers the possibility to submit a proposal online and/or to download the required application forms. See <http://www.hivos.org/>

Minimum-maximum amount for funding: Hivos has no minimum or maximum grant size.

- The average grant size is about € 45.000 per year.
- Hivos also has micro-funds for new and experimental projects (maximum Hivos contribution €10.000).

Project Duration: Contracts are for one to four years.

- The average contract duration is three years.
- First-time support usually does not exceed two years.
- The maximum duration of a partner-relationship is ten years, as a rule.
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Limitations: Hivos coordinates the allocation of funds with other Dutch and European development organizations. If your organization already has a cooperation agreement with Novib, ICCO, Cordaid, Plan NL or Terre des Hommes NL, you are not eligible for Hivos support.

Specific requirements: The most important funding criteria stem from Hivos' general policy:

- the applicant organization operates in Hivos countries or regions;
- its objectives are in line with general Hivos policy and sectoral priorities;
- it is a secular (i.e. not religion-related) organization;
- it is a non-governmental organization;
- it shows a concern for gender-equality, environment and human rights;
- it has a good organizational capacity;
- it shows professional quality in its field of work;
- it is output and result oriented;
- it has a sound financing plan.

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8. International Relief and Development (IRD)

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Program Title: Community Revitalization through Democratic Action (CRDA)

Aim of the program/project: Support implementation of the 6 pilot municipalities (Sabac, Vladimirci, Krupanj, Uzice, Arilje and Cajetina); Local Economic Development - LED plans and building regional economic development planning capacity and cooperation. The aim of the program is supporting job creation, economic development, gaining access to new markets and economic growth in Western Serbia.

Areas of Assistance: Economic Development

Geographical area: Western Serbia municipalities (Sabac, Vladimirci, Krupanj, Uzice, Arilje and Cajetina)

Who may apply? All except state institutions

Application procedure and deadlines: NA

Minimum-maximum amount for funding: NA

Project Duration: NA

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9. Mama Cash

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Program Title: Mama Cash is a fund for women

Aim of the program/project: Mama Cash works for social transformation and the advancement of women's rights worldwide. She strives for a peaceful and just world where women are free to make their own choices and secure their human rights.

Areas of assistance: Bodily integrity; economic justice; peace and security; art, culture and media; agency and participation

Europe - priority themes

Mama Cash's Europe desk accepts applications for projects that fall under all five Mama Cash priority theme areas, but she is particularly interested in the following three:

a) economic justice

b) bodily integrity

c) art, culture and media

Mama Cash has a special interest in multi-disciplinary projects.

Geographical area: Serbia

Who may apply? Women's organizations may apply. Mama Cash has general criteria which organizations must meet to be eligible for a grant. She requires that applicants:

- be small, locally-based and relatively new;
- be innovative, groundbreaking, taboo-breaking, and pioneering;
- have limited access to larger funding sources;
- primarily promote women's rights awareness and positive change for women in laws, policies and practices;
- be a women's organization in which women are in leadership and comprise the majority of staff members (note: Mama Cash also funds non-women's groups that have a strong gender focus and innovative programmes improving the position of women in society);
- apply for amounts within Mama Cash's range: between €500 and €20,000 per year per project (Mama Cash occasionally gives multiple-year grants);
- do not focus mainly or only on income generating activities, credit programmes, welfare and traditional skill training projects.

Application procedure and deadlines: Condition: presenting filled in application form. The processing of the proposal takes about 3 months

Minimum-maximum amount for funding: 500 - 15.000 Euro

Project Duration: 1 day - 1 year

Limitations & Specific requirements: See above; Mama Cash does not support income generating projects, poverty alleviation projects, groups led by men.

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10. Mercy Corps

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Funded by USAID (United States Agency for International Development)

Program Title: CRDA (Community revitalization through democratic action)

Aim of the program/project: Build economically strong communities through Local Economic Development approach with programs that create jobs, generate income, develop agriculture and other sectors, revitalize rural and urban communities, educate workforce, and develop tourism potential.

Area of assistance: Economic development

Contact

<http://www.mercycorps.org.yu/>

11. Open Society Institute - Budapest

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Program Title: Local Government and Public Service Initiative

Aim of the program/project: The Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative (LGI) promote democratic and effective governance in the countries of the Soros foundations network. Established primarily as a grant-giving agency, LGI is now actively initiating, organizing, and supporting policy analysis, training, technical assistance, regional networks, and Soros foundation efforts in the fields of good governance, decentralization, and public administration reform.

Areas of assistance: LGI's policy agenda was established by matching demand (from civil society actors and government agencies, professional associations, Soros national foundations and regional networks) with LGI resources. The agenda can be summarized in five broad themes, which in turn are divided into specific areas of intervention:

1. **Good Governance:** monitoring and reporting on good governance at sub-national levels; modernizing the policy-making processes in government; transparency of public accounts (budget watch, city corruption-propensity index); code of ethics in the public service; public consultation and participation in decision-making; EU accession and Wider Europe.
2. **Improving Public Finance and Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations:** transparent and equitable collection and distribution of public revenues; efficiency in the use of public funds; decentralization of responsibility and the problem of unfunded mandates.
3. **Delivery of Public Services and Urban Management:** regulatory framework and equitable (formula) funding of health, public education, public transport, housing, social services; vulnerable populations and access to services; modern service management practices; participatory strategic planning; land management and urban renewal.
4. **Management of Multi-Ethnic Communities (MMCP):** government policy frameworks for ethnic minorities; conflict prevention and mediation; changing majority attitudes; forging stronger leadership amongst elected and appointed Roma officials; minorities' access to public services.
5. **Local Economic Development (LED):** planning and regulatory frameworks for an enabling environment; promoting SMEs; infrastructure.

Geographical area: SEE

Who may apply? NGOs, policy centers, technical expert groups, in rare cases governmental bodies.

Application procedure and deadlines

Detailed information can be found at: http://lgi.osi.hu/documents.php?m_id=31

Minimum-maximum amount for funding

No set maximum amount, but generally our grants average 25-30,000 USD.

Project Duration: Flexible

Limitations: See link above

Specific requirements: See link above

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12. Rockefeller Brothers Fund

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Programs:

- [Democratic Practice](#)
- [Sustainable Development](#)

Program Title: RBF Pivotal Places

Aim of the program/project: Democratic Practice

GOAL: Improving the performance, accountability, and transparency of government through the following strategies:

- Supporting the development and implementation of internal reforms in select government institutions.
- Assisting government officials, parliamentarians, and emerging public sector leaders to acquire the skills necessary for effective governance.

GOAL: Strengthening Constituencies of Citizens Actively Engaged in Building Democracy through the following strategies:

- Supporting public education and communications activities that promote a deeper understanding of the responsibilities and benefits of open societies and equip citizens to participate in democratic processes.
- Promoting civic engagement of youth, including leadership development activities and efforts to insert fresh ideas into public life at all levels of society.
- Strengthening civil society as an essential component of a robust democratic political culture.

Program Title: Sustainable Development

GOAL: Supporting efforts to nurture economically, ecologically, and socially sustainable urban and rural communities through processes that actively engage diverse stakeholders through the following strategies:

- Fostering experimentation with urban, rural, and regional planning processes that actively engage the public.
- Promoting inclusive collaborations to promote the wise use of natural and cultural resources.
- Assisting efforts to integrate into formal education and life-long learning the knowledge, values, and skills needed for sustainable development.

Areas of assistance: See above under "Aim of the program".

Geographical area: Serbia

Who may apply? A prospective foreign grantee must satisfy an RBF determination that it would qualify, if incorporated in the United States, as a tax-exempt organization or that the project for which support is sought would qualify in the United States as educational or charitable.

Application procedure and deadlines: An initial letter of inquiry is requested. No full proposals until you are invited to do so. Letters of inquiry are accepted in English only, and are strongly encouraged to be submitted via e-mail to grants@rbf.org.

Minimum-maximum amount for funding: Although the Fund has made substantial gifts to organizations and programs in which it has considerable interest, the average grant size is \$75,000, often payable over more than one year but typically not more than three

Project Duration: One to three years

Limitations & Specific requirements: Grant seekers are encouraged to study the guidelines closely and to consult the list of the Fund's recent grants.

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13. Royal Netherlands Embassy

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Program Title: Small Embassy Projects Programme (Matra/KAP)

Aim of the program/project: The aims of Matra/KAP are development of an open, pluralist, democratic society. One of the main characteristics of Matra/KAP is its focus on small-scale, less spectacular initiatives of the kind that are usually overlooked.

Areas of assistance: To be eligible for a Matra/KAP grant, projects must promote the process of transformation into a pluralist, democratic society by helping to create a stronger, more diverse civil society. This process of transformation can take place in the following 12 areas: legislation & law; public administration, public order and police; information & media; human rights/minorities; environment/NGOs; environmental authorities; labor & social policy; culture; welfare; health care; housing; education.

Geographical area: Serbia

Who may apply? Civil society organizations

Application procedure and deadlines: Please note that there is no deadline for MATRA/KAP applications. Project proposals will be accepted depending on the availability of the budget.

- applications must be submitted to the Dutch embassy or consulate-general in the host country;
- applications should be submitted by the project organizers themselves, though they may be assisted by third parties, such as Dutch NGOs;
- applications should be submitted on a standard application form and in English and/or the official languages of your country;
- the project proposal should be accompanied by a signed introductory letter from the applicant;

Minimum-maximum amount for funding: Maximum amount to be committed is €15,000.

Project Duration: The duration of a Matra/KAP project may not exceed twelve months;

Limitations: Not eligible for funding under the Matra/KAP Programme:

- projects that are a repeat of previous projects or that were already under way before the application was submitted;
- running costs (salaries, fixed expenses, e.g. rent, electricity, water, gas, etc.);
- charitable activities;
- international travel expenses;
- commercial activities;
- activities whose target group includes central government.

Co-financing with other donors is possible if:

- a) Matra's visibility is guaranteed;
- b) a clear, transparent description is given of the Matra/KAP activities;
- c) the other sources of funding are also specified in the proposal;
- d) the budget balances.

Each project qualifies for one grant. No follow-up funding can be provided.

Specific requirements

- applications must be relevant to Matra objectives;
- the application must relate to one or more of the 12 Matra themes mentioned above;
- the project should be a local initiative;
- eligibility for funding is limited to local costs;
- the target group should be clearly defined and actively involved in implementing the project;
- the target group should bear part of the burden of the project (financial or in kind);

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14. United Nations development Program (UNDP)

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Program Title:

In Serbia, UNDP programme is administered through Programme Clusters, while at the same time ensuring that thematic linkages between various programmes/ projects, as well as cooperation of Clusters with the UNDP Policy Unit. In UNDP Country Office Belgrade, programme clusters include:

- Institutional Development, and Public Administration Reform,
- Judicial Reform and Rule of Law,
- Poverty Reduction and Economic Development,
- Human Security^[1]
- Policy Unit provides support to all clusters and works both with UNDP programme staff and UNDP partners in relation to policy issues. Policy Unit prepares annual National Human Development Reports as well as other policy reports as appropriate.

Please note that UNDP is not a donor organization, although it provides development assistance to the governments in host countries, while building partnerships with civil society and private sectors. It is an intergovernmental organization, with funding coming from UN member countries, as well as from resource mobilization activities at the local level. Donors at the local level include bilateral donors such as the Government of the Netherlands, Norway, Austria, SIDA, CIDA, DfID. UNDP has a partnership agreement with the European Agency for Reconstruction.

Aim of the program/project: Development assistance

Areas of assistance: Various, depending on requirements of government counterpart for development assistance. Main focus on rule of law, institutional development and administration reform, poverty alleviation and pro-poor economic development, sustainable development.

Geographical area: Serbia, local field offices in Vranje and Prijepolje and Montenegro

Who may apply? Government institutions, parliament, local self-governance, NGOs

Application procedure and deadlines : UNDP tendering procedures and rules for procurement. See www.undp.org.yu/about/tenders.cfm

Minimum-maximum amount for funding: N/A

Project Duration: Range between a couple of months and 4 years

Limitations: Activities funded need to fit within UNDAF/CPD/ CPAP framework

Specific requirements

The appropriate documentation for specific tendering procedures

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[1] (Sustainable Development Project falls under Human Security for management purposes, although thematically it covers areas relevant for other clusters as well)

15. Urbane Institute

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Donor: United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Program Title: Municipal Economic Growth Activity (MEGA)

Aim of the program/project

- a) Job creation
- b) Establishment of new businesses
- c) Attraction of investments
- d) Establishment of public-private partnerships

Areas of assistance: Local economic development

Geographical area: In its first phase (October 2005 - July 2008) MEGA covers 10 Serbian municipalities (Subotica, Zrenjanin, Indjija, Novi Beograd, Loznica, Uzice, Kragujevac, Krusevac, Prokuplje, Vranje). The second phase of the program (July 2008 - September 2010), if approved by USAID, will cover additional 14 municipalities (TBD).

Who may apply? Local governments

Application procedure and deadlines: Short-listed municipalities will be eligible to apply for the second phase of the program in the summer of 2008.

Minimum-maximum amount for funding: MEGA is predominantly capacity building program (training and technical assistance). It has a \$3 million grant fund - \$1.5 million for phase one, and \$1.5 million for phase two. These funds will be used to support the implementation of the projects outlined in the municipal Strategic Plans for Local Economic Development.

Project Duration: Total duration 60 months (Phase One - 33 months; Phase Two - 27 months)

Limitations: N/A

Specific requirements: N/A

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16. WORLD BANK

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Program Title: Small Grants Program

Aim of the program/project : The Small Grants Program of the World Bank aims to make development more inclusive and equitable by empowering citizens to have greater ownership of development processes.

Areas of assistance: The theme for Small Grants Program in Serbia and Montenegro is: transparency, public accountability, improved social protection, access to public services for poor and vulnerable population. We also want to support dissemination of the information on the above mentioned themes as well as on entrepreneurial opportunities, development of skills which can empower poor and marginalized groups, and the influence civil society and the private sector can have on decisions made by central and local authorities.

Geographical area: Serbia

Who may apply? All registered civil society organizations

Application procedure and deadlines: NA

Minimum-maximum amount for funding: cca \$3,500

Project Duration: 6 - 12 months

Limitations: Small Grants cannot fund: Research programs, formal academic training programs, operational projects, ongoing institutional core support (such as equipment), scholarships, fellowships, study programs, individuals applying on their own behalf, or non legal entities. Proposed activities should not compete with or substitute for regular World Bank instruments; the activity should be clearly distinguishable from the Bank's regular programs.

Specific requirements : The Small Grants Program supports activities related to civic engagement for the empowerment of marginalized and vulnerable groups. Civic Engagement is the process through which civil society organizations actively engage in relationships and actions with the state and other development actors to address issues of public concern.

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II. DOMESTIC FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. Balkan Community Initiatives Fund (BCIF)

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Program Title: Grant program in Serbia "Active Communities"

Aim of the program/project: Active Communities grant program aims to seed active community involvement by supporting a range of initiatives and topics.

Areas of Assistance: Community development including wide range of specific topics (ecological, human rights, participation in decision making process, marginalized groups, advocacy, reconstruction of public places, developing local philanthropy,...)

Geographical area: Serbia

Who may apply? Grassroots organization, booth formal and informal

Application procedure and deadlines: Receiving applications throughout the year; decisions are made five times a year.

Minimum-maximum amount for funding: Up to 3000 euro

Project Duration: Without limitation

Limitations

- annual budget need to be smaller than 10.000 euro and without access to larger donors
- Individuals (traveling, studies, conference attendance or similar activities).
- Initiatives that bring profit and projects aimed to making profit
- Explorer projects
- Political and party organizations / groups and their activities
- activities related to sermon or pleading specific religion
- Government organizations or institutions (including schools, kindergartens, municipalities, etc.)
- Organizations or groups which plea intolerance and violence
- Buying medical equipment or medical services
- Projects for trainings or network of NGO sector
- Computer schools and/or foreign languages
- Printing magazines, books, and forming a web sites as only activity
- Construction investment projects , except very small construction works which enable community to interact in some initiatives
- Equipment, such as computers, fax machines or copy machines and other office equipment
- Projects which are made on regional level or between municipalities, except if community can provide some good reasons in favor of benefit which can be provided, through that level that work.
- Organizations and groups who are not from Serbia and Montenegro

Specific requirements

- project inspires people to become an active participants in changing situation in their community
- project involve people in the community in concrete action(as participants, organizers, volunteers)
- project enable establishing new relations in community, among people who are, otherwise, not connected
- project will bring positive change which will last or inspire new changes in that community
- project implements new approaches and give positive example for solving common problems
- demonstrate sustainability or aim to continue after BCIF support ends

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2. The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management

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Programs:

- [Loans for Farmers](#)
- [Support to Building a Long-Term Land Lease Market](#)
- [Support of non-commercial farms](#)

Program Title: Loans for Farmers

Aim of the program/project

Short-term loans are small loans with a shorter term of payment. They are granted for the procurement of seeds, fertilizers, fodder supplies, and production activities. The loans are normally requested in the pre- production phase (before seeding or fertilization phases, etc.) when demand is increased but there is also a lack of funds in the agricultural sector.

Long-term loans are granted for the procurement of machinery and equipment which cannot be paid during one production cycle. The beneficiaries are farmers who plan to begin certain production or improve the existing production.

Areas of assistance: See above

Geographical area: Serbia and Montenegro

Who may apply?

For **short-term loans**: All registered farmers.

For **long-term loans**: Individual farmers listed in the Farm Registry; the amount requested should correspond to the production scope and the planned investment; Loan applicants should have a current account open at the bank they are applying with.

Application procedure and deadlines

For **short-term loans**: The farmers should only submit the request for loan and the necessary documentation to the bank and the amount will be paid to their accounts in the shortest time possible.

For **long-term loans**: Credit lines are approved by the commercial bank which has a signed contract with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management on credit lines for agricultural sector. The commercial bank receives requests for loans and evaluates clients' credit solvency. If the bank decides to approve a loan, the request is forwarded to the Guarantee Fund which checks if all criteria have been met and issues the loan approval. The applicants then provide guarantees and a full amount is paid to their accounts.

Minimum-maximum amount for funding

For **short-term loans**:

The amount approved: depends on the arable land surface:

- Up to 1 hectare – 12.000 dinars maximum
- From 1 to 5 hectares – 60.000 dinars maximum
- From 5 to 10 hectares – 120.000 dinars maximum
- Over 10 hectares – 240.000 dinars maximum

Interest rate:

- 5% at yearly level
- 1% yearly commission payable at one time before credit release.

For **long-term loans**:

The lowest amount approved is 5.000 euros, while the highest is 200.000 euros.

Project Duration: Time for payment: 5 years including one-year grace period for purchasing machinery, greenhouses, etc., and 3 years for other purposes and livestock farming. Interest rate: 3% with currency (against Euro).

Programme Title: Support to Building a Long-Term Land Lease Market

Aim of the program/project: The Ministry of Agriculture carries out measures in order to increase the land owned by farmers. This can be accomplished in two ways: by purchasing land or leasing it. Leasing seems to be a preferred way, because it is more dynamic and costs less.

The implementation of this measure will foster: the building of land lease market, which means that the land will be cultivated by those who are able to do it more successfully than others; the enlargement of cultivated land; support to the households of elderly people who are no longer able to cultivate their own land.

Areas of assistance

See above

Geographical area

Serbia and Montenegro

Who may apply?

The subsidizing of land leasing is carried out in the following cases:

1) When a registered farmer who is more than 60 years old leases his land for a period of minimum 5 years to another registered farmer who is younger than 40. The amount received by the leaser is 4,000.00 dinars per hectare per year.

2) When a registered farmer who is more than 60 years old leases his land for a period of minimum 5 years to the owner of the bordering land. The amount received by the owner of the land is 4.000 dinars per hectare per year.

Remuneration is possible in both cases; if the farm owner is younger than 40 and his land is bordering with the land which is put out for lease, the amount is 8,000 dinars per hectare per year.

Application procedure and deadlines

Application Form must be filled in. It can be downloaded from the Ministry of Agriculture website. The Application must include: address, telephone number, a unique identification number, number of the beneficiary's registered farm and of the lease-holder, number of contract and the date when it was signed,

numbers and surface of registered lots that are leased, as well as information if the leaser's land is bordering the lease-holder's land.

Apart from the Application Form, the applicant must submit:

- Evidence of ownership over arable land which is put out for lease;
- Verified contract on the lease of arable land;
- Registration card of both leaser's and lease-holder's farms or certificate proving that the farm is entered in the Farm Registry;
- The number of opened bank account;
- A copy of the map of the land put out for lease, in case it borders with the leased land;
- Lease-holders' certificate of ownership, in case his land borders with the leased land.

Applications can be submitted until 31 October 2006.

Minimum-maximum amount for funding

See under "Who may apply?"

Duration of projects

Not specified

Limitations & Specific requirements

Requirements to be met in order to obtain funding:

1) Both parties to contract must be registered farmers (a member of the farm, older than 60, can also lease the land, but he/she must give authorization (verified in court) to another person who can represent him/her in signing the contract with the Ministry).

2) Only arable land can be leased and exclusively the surface stated in the title deed or registered land certificate (no compensation is allowed for leasing pastures, woods, marshes...). It is important to note that the leaser's land must also fall within category of arable land (if the two lands are bordering).

3) The five-year Leasing Contract must be signed and verified in court. The contract must be signed by the land owner personally or by an authorized person (authorization must be verified in court).

4) Parties in contract must not be members of the same family farm.

5) The surface of land put out to lease must not be smaller than 0,5 hectares.

Program Title: Support of non-commercial farms

Aim of the programme/project:

The categorization of farms into commercial and non-commercial ones is one of the most significant new measures which the Ministry of Agriculture is planning to introduce in the year 2006. The agricultural policy for commercial farms will focus on investment support, that is, the state will assist these farms in purchasing equipment, refrigerator trucks, driers, seedlings and breeding stock, whereas non-commercial farms will receive income support. The objectives which Serbian agriculture should realize in the coming period are defined in the Agricultural Development Strategy. The central objective is to improve the competitive edge of our agriculture. However, many farmers are not given a chance for a fair competition, due to physical disabilities or because they live in areas which do not provide good conditions for farming. For this reason, the following aim is defined in the Strategy:

- to provide support for improving the standard of living of persons who depend on agriculture but are not able to follow economic reforms. The funds allocated for subsidizing non-commercial farms amount to 1,8 billion dinars.

Geographical area : Serbia and Montenegro

Who may apply? The owners of registered farms who will in the year 2006 be at least 55 years of age are eligible for receiving funds, provided they are beneficiaries of the Republic Retirement and Disability Fund for Farmers, have been registered in the Fund for at least 10 years or receive their pensions through the Fund. Members of non-commercial farms are also eligible under same conditions. The owners of farms who received a short-term loan in 2005 are also eligible, after they have paid all liabilities incurred in the short-term loan.

Application procedure and deadlines: Application form can be obtained at the Treasury Directorate, agricultural stations, Ministry of Agriculture or downloaded from the Ministry's website. Application for non-commercial farm subsidies is submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, through the Ministry of Finance organizational unit – Treasury

Directorate – where the farm is located, until 30 April 2006. In addition to Application Form, the owner of a non-commercial farm, who is also the Fund beneficiary, should submit a verified Fund certificate confirming that he/she, or the members of the non-commercial farm, are Fund beneficiaries. If the owner or a member of the non-commercial farm receives their pension through the Fund, the pension check should be submitted as well.

Minimum-maximum amount for funding: The allocated funds amount to 40.000 dinars per year per member of the farm. It is also mandatory that the owner of the non-commercial farm does not use any benefits in terms of credit, subsidies or premiums in 2006, with the exception of milk subsidies and using funds for the lease of arable land.

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Program Title: Social Innovation Fund

Aim of the program/project:

Social Innovation Fund (SIF) is at simplest terms the social welfare system reform mechanism, designed and implemented to help the sector to face encountering social challenges of a transitional society, which thus makes a contribution to the poverty alleviation and maximizes multi-sectoral partnership-in-action between the public and CSO sector. This mechanism enables a kick-start of the reforms in social services provision, providing models of good

practice and sharing experiences of service provision between the sectors, in order to enhance the quality of and the access to social services in general.

In brief, SIF supports local level initiatives that respond to local needs and priorities, but are also in line with national Social Protection Development Strategy. On the other side, SIF identifies good practices created through local projects implementation, summarizes them in lessons learnt and policy recommendation and delivers it to the Ministry as a basis for policy changes.

So far, two public Calls for Proposals were executed, in the years 2003 and 2005. In mid-2006 SIF plans on launching its third Call for Proposals.

Areas of assistance:

The development/improvement of the following groups of services were included in the priority issues of the 2005 Call for Proposals:

1. Supportive services that target families, individuals and social groups at risk;
2. Counseling and therapeutic work;
3. Mediation services specialized for members of families or small social groups that are in need of conflict resolution.
4. Advocacy work focused at members of marginalized social groups.
5. Services that relate to foster care, adoption and children/young people leaving care;
6. Independent supported living
7. Day care in protected or in original environment
8. Innovative services and new contents of services in residential placement facilities

It is likely the 2006 Call for Proposals will focus on the funding of the local initiatives that follow the line of the Strategy for the Development of Social Protection.

Geographical area: Serbia

Who may apply? In order to be eligible for a grant, applicants must:

- Be a public institution from social welfare sector (centre for social work, residential institution or other institution from social welfare sector);
- Be registered non-governmental organization;
- Be other local or regional public institution;
- Be private or state-owned enterprise;
- Be local authorities (for example, local self-government);

All the applicants must:

- Have their headquarters in the Republic of Serbia;
- Be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the project, not acting as an intermediary.

At the 2005 Call for Proposals, applicants responding to the Call for Proposal had to act in partnership (consortium). At minimum, partnership had to include one public service agency and one non governmental organization. Besides those, other local or regional public agencies, companies, firms and local government bodies were able to join consortium, acting also as eligible partners.

It is likely that the 2006 Call for Proposals will highlight the issue of partnership, also.

Application procedure and deadlines: Typically, SIF launches one Call for Proposal annually. The application procedure for the 2005 Call for Proposals is described in the Guidelines for the Applicants, which is available at www.sif.minrzs.sr.gov.yu. Normally, applicants would be given a month to two of the preparation time, during this time SIF organizes promotional meetings, where applicants are able to ask questions in relations to the procedure.

Project proposals are submitted in a required form, which is typically consisted of the Project Proposal format and the Budget form. The tender dossier typically also includes the set of instructions that guides the applicants in the writing of the project proposal.

The formats and the instructions used for the Call for Proposal 2005 are available at www.sif.minrzs.sr.gov.yu, and it is likely that they will undergo minor alterations for the Call for Proposals 2006.

Project Duration: The Social Innovation Fund normally funds one-year projects. At the 2007 Call for Proposals, the maximum duration was 11 months.

Limitations: Social Innovation Fund typically does not finance:

- debts and provisions for losses or debts;
- interest owed;
- items already financed in another framework;
- purchases of land or buildings, except where necessary for the direct implementation of the action
- actions irrelevant to the development of social services.

Specific requirements:

At the 2005 Call for Proposals the following specific requirements were sought:

- The projects should be in line with the goals of the SIF and social policy reform;
- The services proposed by projects should be innovative and alternative;
- The projects must have a direct positive impact on beneficiaries;
- The projects should clearly present the commitment of the local government to participate in project implementation through provision of either financial or in-kind contribution; should foresee mechanisms that ensure sustainability through acquisition of local government funds, inclusion of project activities into regular public service work, or through participation of users in service costs, where applicable.

It is most likely that these requirements will remain at force at the 2006 Call for Proposal.

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