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About JHF

Background

The Dutch Jewish Humanitarian Fund (JHF) started operating in 2002. The Foundation was established as a result of the negotiations on Jewish war claims in the Netherlands. In the settlement between the Dutch Jewish community, the Dutch Jews in Israel, and the Dutch government, it was agreed to allocate part of the Dutch government's contribution toward a fund supporting projects dedicated to restoring Jewish life in former communist countries, providing Jewish education, promoting mutual respect between people, and supporting civilian victims in war zones.

The award policy of the Dutch Jewish Humanitarian Fund is based on the principles of human rights and tzedakah. Tzedakah is not a privilege but a right. The aim of tzedakah is to establish a just society. These principles are embedded in the Jewish tradition. In Leviticus XIX (9) is the admonition "not [to] wholly reap the corners of thy field" but to leave them for the poor. The JHF logo (a rectangle with a corner cut off) symbolizes these values.

Support for Jews in Central and Eastern Europe

Nazi persecution and oppression by Communist dictatorships were a double blow to the Jews in Central and Eastern Europe. Following the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the Jews are trying to restore their communities, thereby perpetuating two thousand years of Jewish existence in their countries. JHF welcomes efforts to establish and enrich Jewish life. JHF aims to support projects dedicated to filling the "social and cultural void" in these Jewish communities by helping to rebuild the social and cultural structures that were destroyed with the deaths of millions of Jews during the Holocaust.

Hundreds of thousands of Jews have departed for the world centres of Jewry in the United States and Israel. But many have chosen to keep the torch of Jewish life burning in the country of their birth. JHF strongly believes that Jews who decided to stay in their countries of origin should receive support to assure the continuation of Jewish life. JHF aims to empower Jews to enhance Jewish life in Central and Eastern Europe to help them once again contribute significantly in these regions. It is for this reason that the JHF has a special interest in the younger generation - members of the new generation who will become the leaders, teachers, youth workers, and officials of the future. Organizations and projects dedicated toward cultivating Jewish values and traditions among the younger generation serve an explicit JHF objective. JHF also has an interest in strengthening the relationship between the diaspora and Israel.

Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

The organizations or their projects must be dedicated to one or more of the following causes:

- Building and ensuring the continuity of Jewish communities in such areas as culture, knowledge transfer, and enhancement of the non-capital infrastructure;
- Facilitating Jewish education;
- Promoting mutual respect between people;
- Assisting civilians who are victims of conflict situations.

Organizations should not be registered in the Netherlands. Organizations cannot have activities in the Netherlands and may not be related to the Dutch-Jewish community in Israel.

Grants from the JHF are intended primarily for organizations and projects in or directed towards the former Communist countries in Central and Eastern Europe, with the exception of the former German Democratic Republic (DDR).

Which organizations and/or projects are the most likely to be awarded a grant?

- Organizations and projects dedicated to building and ensuring the continuity of Jewish communities in the areas of culture, Jewish traditions and heritage, knowledge transfer, and enhancement of non-capital infrastructure.
- Organizations and projects dedicated to Jewish education, including Holocaust education for non-Jews.
- Organizations and projects that promote mutual respect between people.
- Organizations and projects with substantial co-financing and own contribution.
- Project grants requested by private institutions/organizations will receive preference over project grants requested by public or semi-public institutions/organizations.
- Organizations and projects that are most likely to achieve their objectives.
- Organizations and projects that will have broad based effectiveness for the money invested.

Applicants should note that:

- It is not the Fund's intention to approve applications for organizations whose primary purpose is to disburse direct or indirect grants.
- The Fund would expect that the bank account for remittances of a grant be in a bank located in the country of the organization's registration or the residence of the applicant. Exceptions to this are subject to the prior approval of the Fund.
- It is not the intention of the Fund to provide material support for Holocaust survivors.

- Applications for capital infrastructure will not be awarded.
- The Fund does not fund private initiatives or individuals.
- In principle it is not the Fund's intention to approve applications directed towards cleaning or restoration of graveyards.

How to apply for a grant

The application form is available on the JHF website: www.jhf.nl. This form should be filled out on the website on or before 1 July 2012. This deadline will be strictly adhered to. Applications should be made for projects starting after 1 January of the following year. Ordinarily, the Board of the JHF will decide on awards of grants in November of each year.

Disbursement framework

Organizations can apply for 1, 2 or 3 years. Organizations can only submit one application per year. If an organization submits more than one application, the JHF will not take any of the applications into consideration.

Be aware: If a project is approved for more than 1 year by the JHF, the organization can submit no new applications for that year or those years that the grant(s) from the JHF has/have been assigned, even if we have reduced the amount requested.

The requested amount of any grant shall not be more than €10.000 per year:

- 10.000 Euro for 1 year;
- 20.000 Euro for 2 years;
- 30.000 Euro for 3 years.

The geographic focus is Central and Eastern Europe.

Required forms and documents

Organizations applying for funding should use the application form which can be found on the website of the JHF. The required budget should be included.

The following documents should be send to the JHF by regular mail, the original language is allowed:

- Annual financial reports for the past two years (2010 and 2011). These must include:
 - a balance sheet,
 - a profit & loss account per year, and
 - explanatory notes (if available).

Even if you have sent the annual financial reports to our office already in the past, you should send them again;

- A listing of your organization in the official public register;

- Articles of Association of your organization;
- The published activity reports of your organization of the past two years;
- An auditor's report (if available).

Once a project has been completed, the organization shall promptly:

- send a Project Report;
- provide reliable evidence that the project has been carried out;
- provide a statement of revenues and expenditures of the project and an activity report of the past year.

Grant disbursement

Grant awards

Decisions to award grants are subject to change until the amount of the grant has been definitively set. By applying for a grant, applicants accept the Disbursement Regulations of the JHF.

Financial transparency

A registered accountant goes over the finances and the JHF grants annually.

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