



Messengers of Peace



OPEN CALL

“MINI GRANTS” PROJECT

Background:

The Messengers of Peace (MoP) Initiative is primarily addressing Scouts at local level, which are doing their Scout programme with their troops etc. The aim of MoP and the MoP Network is to empower Scouts to include community service and other welfare activities, to share their experiences and knowledge with other Scouts connected to the Network and to help to “Make the World a little better”.

The MoP Support Fund is an internal part of the MoP concept and offers Scouts through their National Scout Organisation (NSO) or National Scout Association (NSA) to get several activities / projects (co) funded from this source. The MoP Support Fund focusses on larger projects managed (or at least guaranteed) by NSOs with a budget of over 5.000 USD. Such projects are evaluated by the Regional Decision Committee (RDC) of MoP and (for projects with a funding request of over 25.000 USD) also by the Joint Executive Committee on Global level. Due to a demanding administration process (with project evaluation, providing a contract and financial instalments) it is, at the moment absolutely impossible for the small projects organised by local Scout troops to be administrated the same way as larger projects.

Small projects at local level, which are run by Scouts for Scouts or for local communities and responding to real needs where they are located should remain a key element of the MoP Initiative. These projects at local level are usually only in terms of “hundreds of USD” with an emphasis on simplicity of administrative procedures related to the grants. As it is impossible to provide a financial support to local units / troops centrally, the RDC is introducing a new approach for “Mini-grants”.

Terms & Conditions

The “Mini Grants” Projects are intended for NSO/NSAs which will:

- Become the administrator of the “Mini Grants” Project for the implementation at the local level
- Be the official owner of the project

- Announce and run the open call for the “Mini Grants” projects with clear criteria
- Administer all financial matters including the distribution of finances to selected local troops
- Be responsible for accounting according to the MoP Contract for Success and also to national legislation in the country of residence

Application process

- NSO/NSA applies for the “Mini Grants” Project on the ordinary MoP application form with special emphasis on:
 - Clear aim & objectives of the project – overall for the NSO/NSA – what is the project focusing on, how will it contribute to challenges that the NSO/NSA is facing etc.
 - Description of the selection process and criteria for selection – how the national open call will be organised and evaluated
 - A common topic of the project and inclusion into NSO programme or priorities
- Local mini grant projects must be announced in an open-call
 - A written format of local applications is required – in local language (or on standard MoP form or on a form proposed by the NSO/NSA)
 - Executive project summary in English language will be required for all local applicants: name of applicant (local group/unit), brief description of the project and main objective (max. 1000 characters), the request from MoP funding and overall budget of the project
- The selection process must be clear and impartial – accessible to the RDC in written form (e.g. the excel file with allocated points in the assessment of all projects)
- The funding must be accessible to all member groups / units
- The selected beneficiaries must be officially recognised as a member of NSO (group etc.)

Budget & MoP funding

- The overall funding request from MoP is limited to 5,000 USD per “Mini Grants” Project
- Up to 10% of the granted funding can be used for administration, promotion of the project etc.
- Individual request for funding from local level is up to 1,000 USD / project
- Co-funding from own budget (e.g. participation fee, etc.) or from another source (municipality, partner organisation, etc.) in the volume of at least 10% is highly recommended