



Messengers of Peace



OPEN CALL

“MINI GRANTS IN EUROPE II”

Background

The Messengers of Peace Initiative (MOP) primarily addresses Scouts at local level who are doing their Scout programme in their troops etc. The aim of MoP and the MoP Network is to empower Scouts to include community service and other acts of good-will, to share their experiences and knowledge with other Scouts connected to the Network and to help to “Make the World a little better”. During the last 2 years, the European Scout Region supported several mini grants projects, through an Open call organised by the Europe Support Centre (Mini Grants in Europe) or by NSOs directly supporting their local groups and communities and more specifically projects and activities related to the Refugee and Migrant crisis. All those projects have similar outcomes which are:

- 1) to respond to the needs of the local communities and local Scout groups,
- 2) enable NSO/NSA to strengthen their support to the local Scout groups by providing ad-hoc training to local leaders (project management, welcoming of refugees, dialogue, other) and
- 3) to improve the image of Scouting in the country.

The Mini Grants concept offers to local Scout groups, through their NSO or NSA, to get several activities and / or projects (co)funded from the MoP Support Fund. The MOP Support Fund normally focusses on larger projects usually managed by NSOs and with a budget of over USD 5.000 (usually USD 15.000 to USD 25.000). This is not appropriate for small projects due to the complexity of the administrative and finance procedures. For smaller projects of up to USD 1.000 and with reduced administration, we offer the Mini Grants.

The aim of the Europe Regional Decision Committee (RDC), with the support of the European Scout Committee, is to enable accessibility of MoP grants to Scouts at local level corresponding to their needs with adequate cost efficiency and control mechanisms. The needs of grants at local level is usually only in “hundreds of USD” with emphasis on simplicity of administrative procedures related to grants.

Terms & Conditions

The Mini Grant projects are intended for NSOs/NSAs which will:

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

- Announce and run an open call for “Mini Grants Project” 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 to national legislation in country of residence

The application process

- NSO/NSA applies for MoP Mini Grant Project on the ordinary MoP application form with special emphasis on:
 - Clear aim & objectives of the project – overall for NSO/NSA – what is the project focusing on, how will it contribute to challenges that 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 – e.g. community service, welcoming refugees, ...
- Local mini-projects must be announced in an open-call
 - Written form of local applications is required – in local language (or on standard MoP form or on a form proposed by 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), request for 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 troops / units
- The selected beneficiaries must be officially recognized as member of NSO

Budget & MoP funding

- The overall funding request from MoP is limited to USD 8.000 per 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 USD 1.000 per project
- Co-funding from own budget (e.g. participation fee etc.) or from another partner (municipality, partner organisation, etc.) of at least 10% is highly recommended