

CALL FOR THE AWARD OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING PROJECTS UNDER THE CULTURE PROGRAMME

CALL SHORTCUT: CLTDP2

I. OBJECTIVE OF THE CALL

The aim of the call is to:

- allow Project Promoter to carry out additional activities that contribute to the objective of the project (hereinafter referred to as 'additional activities').

II. BASIC CONDITIONS

Call launched:	4.1.2024
Call deadline:	4.2.2024, 23:59 CET
Total allocation:	EUR 950.000
Announcer:	Ministry of Investment, Regional Development and Informatisation of the Slovak Republic
Funding sources:	EEA Grants, Norway Grants and State Budget of the Slovak Republic
Eligible applicants:	Jewish Religious Community Trenčín ¹
Eligible projects:	CLT01004 - "Restoration, reconstruction and revitalization of the Synagogue in Trenčín" ¹
The maximum amount of additional funding that can be applied for per project:	The amount of additional funding requested for additional activities may not exceed EUR 950 000
The minimum amount of additional funding that can be requested per project:	EUR 950.000

¹ The donors states approved the proposal of the National Focal Point (NFP) to reallocate the available funds of EUR 950 000 from the "Business Innovation" programme to the "Culture" programme for the implementation of the second phase of the renovation of the Jewish Synagogue in Trenčín under the existing project CLT01004. The proposal for the reallocation of funds to the Culture programme, including a proper justification, was sent to the donors states by NFPs letter dated on 6 December 2023. The donor states approved the proposal and the change of the programme allocations was formalised by an amendment to Annex B of the Memorandum of Understanding for the implementation of the EEA FM and Annex B of the Memorandum of Understanding for the implementation of the NFM.

Co-financing:	The project grant rate is required to remain unchanged, i.e. if the project grant is increased, the beneficiary shall to increase the co-financing proportionally.
Indicative timetable:	A decision on whether or not to allocate the additional funding will be taken within two months

III. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Examples of eligible **additional activities**:

- restoration of the sanctuary + choir with concha M 2.1,
- restoration of the main hall part of the eastern wall,
- restoration of the main hall part of the western wall,
- restoration of the main hall part of the railing of the emporium,
- restoration of the main hall part of the dome (stabilization),
- restoration of the main hall part of the tambour - restoration works related to the restoration of the main hall part of the dome (stabilization),
- construction supervision.

IV. ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is eligible from the date of commencement of the Project implementation as specified in the Project Contract, regardless of whether its material and financial execution has been completed and/or is still ongoing at the time of submission of the request for additional funds (i.e. expenditure already incurred and paid from other sources of funding prior to the submission of the request for additional funds, as well as expenditure not yet incurred at the time of submission of the request for additional funds, is eligible). Expenditure must be invoiced and paid by 30 April 2024 in accordance with Article 8.13.3 [of the Regulation](#).

With regard to the Regulation's amendment of as of 2nd February 2023 the Programme Operator allows project expenditure to be considered as incurred in the period of eligibility if the costs have been **invoiced and paid by 30 April 2024** and the goods have been delivered (in the case of goods) or performed (in the case of services and works) within 3 months of the advance paid to the contractor, provided that the applicable legislation of the Slovak Republic is complied with².

Further details of the eligibility of expenditure are determined by the relevant call under which the project has been supported.

V. SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION

The application for additional funding shall be made in Slovak with a summary in English on the prescribed form (Annex 1 of the Call). Mandatory or optional supporting documentation may be submitted in Slovak if this is apparent from the nature of the documents (e.g. original project documentation, works contract, bank statement, etc.).

² §19, para. 3 and para. 8 of Act 523/2004 Coll. on the Financial Rules of the Public Administration and on Amendments and Additions to Certain Acts

The application for additional funding shall be submitted electronically signed by the applicant via the e-system of the Ministry of Investment, Regional Development and Informatisation of the Slovak Republic No. E0006167914. Instructions on how to send the completed application can be found [here](#).

The date and time of receipt of the application and compliance with the date and time of the call deadline will be judged by the date and time of the delivery indicated on the delivery receipt.

VI. SELECTION PROCESS

The evaluation of applications for additional funding will be carried out in accordance with Article 7.4.8 of [the Regulation](#) as follows:

The Programme Operator will assess the compliance of applications for additional funding with the selection criteria set out in Annex 2 of the call for proposals. For the purposes of this call, the staff of the Programme Operator carrying out this assessment shall be considered as expert evaluators. The results of this assessment shall be submitted by the Programme Operator to the Selection Committee set up under the [Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the Selection Committee](#).

Unless otherwise determined by the Programme Operator or the Selection Committee, while maintaining the principle of equal treatment, the Project Promoter shall meet all the elimination criteria set out in the selection criteria.

At any stage of the selection process, the Programme Operator may request the Project Promoter to provide additional information within a reasonable period of time, normally 5 working days.

The final decision on the allocation of the additional funding will be taken by the Programme Operator.

VII. STATE AID

In accordance with Article 8.16 of the Regulation, the Programme Operator shall ensure that all state aid provided under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 complies with the procedural and substantive State aid rules in force at the time the State aid is granted. All funds granted to Slovak entities will have to comply with, and be registered under, the State Aid Scheme for the Promotion of Cultural Tourism and the Arts (hereinafter also referred to as 'the Scheme'), as in force at the time the aid is granted, published at www.eeagrants.sk.

De minimis aid may be granted to foreign partners if the conditions for its granting are met.

VIII. FURTHER INFORMATION

The additional funding is explicitly linked to the terms and conditions relevant to calls CLT01, including financing and reporting, and the project contract as amended, if applicable.

There is no legal entitlement to additional funding.

The Programme Operator is entitled to approve an amount of additional funds lower than requested, in particular in case of a discrepancy between the data in the submitted application for additional funds and the conditions of the call (maximum amount of additional funds that can be requested for the project, co-financing, eligibility of activities, eligibility of expenditure), lack of allocation under the call, etc.

If approved, the provision of funds will be formalised in the form of an amendment to the project contract.

The Programme Operator can be contacted for questions at:

- e-mail address: eeagrants@mirri.gov.sk (the request must be linked to the Call - call code 'CLTDP2'; questions received by e-mail will be answered within 10 days);
- by phone at +421-2-2092 8464.

VIII. ANNEXES

1. Additional Funding Request Form (docx format)
2. Selection criteria