

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
BTI BRANCH

Financial Assistance for the Preservation and Development of Cultural Heritage of Himalayas

Ministry of Culture invites applications in the prescribed format under the Scheme of Financial Assistance for the Preservation and Development of Cultural Heritage of Himalayas for the year 2012-13 from Voluntary Organizations/Institutions/Trusts engaged in the field of promotion, protection and preservation of Cultural Heritage of Himalayas for undertaking the activities for preservation and development of cultural heritage of Himalayas in the States falling under the Himalayan Region i.e. Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttrakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.

2. Financial assistance may be given for all or any of the items listed in the scheme upto a maximum of Rs.10.00 lakhs per year for any single organization. The Expert Advisory Committee (EAC) on the scheme is empowered to recommend or reject any proposal and also to recommend the amount beyond the maximum limit but not exceeding Rs.30.00 lacs from this scheme, in respect of any proposal which is of outstanding merit for which the EAC feels that the maximum limit would not be sufficient for undertaking the said project, with the approval of Minister (Culture) and concurrence of AS & FA, Ministry of Culture.

3. The maximum grant admissible to an organization would be 75% of the total expenditure to be incurred on any item subject to maximum ceiling fixed. The remaining 25% expenditure or more should be met by the State Govt./U.T. Administration failing which the grantee organization could contribute the amount from their own resources. However, in the case of North-Eastern States and Sikkim, funding will be shared between the Government of India and the State Government in the ratio of 90:10 respectively failing which the grantee organization could contribute from their own resources.

4. The organization shall submit complete application alongwith the required documents/information to judge the eligibility of the organization **through the State Government where the project is to be implemented**. The organisation, however, located in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Leh and Kargil districts of Jammu & Kashmir are exempted to submit their applications direct to Ministry of Culture only with the recommendation of District Collector/Dy. Commissioner where the project is to be implemented. The recommending authority will ensure compliance to para 4.2 of the scheme.

5. The Organization against which previous grant/Utilisation Certificate under this scheme is pending will not be considered for fresh grant. Applications received from such organisations against which previous grant/UC under this scheme is pending are liable to be rejected.

6. The applications already received from some of the organisations in the current financial year as per the old guidelines will not be considered. Hence, such organizations may apply afresh.

7. The application in the prescribed format complete in all respect, duly spiral bound and continuously page numbered, alongwith check-list duly recommended should reach the **Under secretary, BTI Section, Ministry of Culture, NAI Annexe Building, Janpath, New Delhi by 31st January, 2012.**

8. Details of the scheme and application form can be downloaded from the Ministry's website **www.indiaculture.nic.in**
