

Application guidelines

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1) Why does the foundation award activity grants?

By supporting various activities, the Foundation aims to increase contact between Norway and Finland and raise awareness of the two countries.

The purpose of the Foundation's support is to promote bilateral added value, i.e. the added value of an activity through a Norwegian-Finnish dimension, compared to if it only has a national content/participation.

An activity can have bilateral added value for an audience in Norway and Finland as well as in a third country or in a Nordic/international context.

Applications for the implementation of or participation in activities that are primarily Nordic or European and do not have a clear Norwegian-Finnish profile will not be considered by the Foundation.

2) Who can apply?

Individuals, organisations, associations, and institutions based in Norway can apply for activity grants. Applications from municipalities or government bodies are generally not eligible.

Applications must be submitted to the secretariat in the country where the applicant lives/operates.

If the applicant lives outside Norway or Finland, the application must be submitted to the secretariat of the applicant's choice.

Only one application may be submitted for the same activity.

3) What can you apply for grants for?

Grants are primarily awarded for activities that aim to disseminate and develop the countries' cultural life. The fund prioritises cultural exchange in the areas of architecture, visual arts, design, film and photography, music, performing arts, art journalism and literature.

4) What should characterise the implementation?

Based on the above objectives, priority will be given to activities that

- develop current co-operation and identify new areas/networks/target groups for exchange between the two countries in the future

- are carried out/disseminated in places in Norway/Finland where knowledge of/contact with the countries is relatively limited
- has the potential for long-term effects
- increases interest in Finland in Norway and vice versa in the public debate

5) Which target group is prioritised?

The starting point is that the activities supported by the Foundation should be open to everyone and aimed at a broad target group. Activities that involve young people or are aimed at young people are given special priority. Applications from municipalities or government organisations are generally not eligible.

6) What can you not apply for?

As mentioned in the introduction, the activity must have a clear bilateral purpose. If this is not the case, the application will be rejected. Funding will not be provided for activities that have already begun/been carried out before the foundation has made its decision.

As a general rule, the Foundation does not provide support for

- technical equipment, material costs, repairs, construction, memorials or similar
- administrative costs/salary costs that are not directly related to the realisation of the project
- studies at primary/secondary/university level for which a general study grant is awarded
- exchange programmes, internships and student exchanges
- sports events

7) How much can you apply for?

An amount of between NOK 10 000 - 30 000 is usually granted. The foundation is primarily a co-financier of an activity.

8) When and how can you apply?

The Foundation has one application period per year: 1-28/29 February. Applications are submitted via a digital application form on the fund's website: <https://nofikulturfond.no/en/soknad/>

9) What should the application contain:

- The purpose of the bilateral contribution
- Date and time
- Co-operation partners
- Tentative programme, work plan, project plan or equivalent
- If possible, a specific contact person for the activity should be stated
- If the applicant is a private individual, a CV must be attached to the application.
- If the applicant is an association, organisation, institution or similar, a brief presentation of the applicant should be attached (how long has it existed, what are its main activities, examples of other projects carried out, etc.)
- References

10) When will you receive an answer?

For the application date 28-29 February, the board will make a decision in April, but please note that the activity to which the application relates must not have begun before the board has made its decision.

11) When should the grant be used?

The grant from the fund must be used in the period from May of the calendar year in which the grant is awarded to June of the following year.

For more information:

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