

4-(3) Support Program for Overseas Activities for Youth and Citizen in the Area of Film, TV and Publication

Section in Charge: Film, TV and Publication Section

This Program is designed to support a portion of the travel expenses of event(s) which a Japanese citizen/youth organization plans/holds overseas. Events that facilitate mutual understanding and understanding of Japan through Japanese art and culture are sought in film, TV and publication.

- Eligibility**
- (1) Non-profit organizations based in Japan, undertaking cultural activities at the civic/local level. This includes entities that have organizational/responsibility systems established in the form of a set of by-laws or equivalent, and have clearly defined representatives/administrators.
 - (2) Applications from individuals or foreign organizations are ineligible.

Eligible Projects

Eligible Projects must meet both of the following criteria:

- (1) Implemented during fiscal 2010 (between April 1, 2010, and March 31, 2011); and
- (2) Deepen international mutual understanding or awareness and understanding of Japan through exchange activities that involve Japanese film, TV and publications.

* The following types of projects are ineligible:

- (1) Profit-making, religious and political activities and election campaigns
- (2) Projects whose achievements will be credited only to specific groups/circles
- (3) Projects mainly focused on tourism

Grant Coverage

Assistance will take the form of funding on a cost-sharing basis for the following expenses incurred and paid during the fiscal year in question. In principle, the maximum amount of this grant is 1,000,000 yen.

- (1) International transportation (air/sea) from the airport/port nearest to the residence of participants to the location of project implementation (international airfares are limited to IATA PEX class. Airport tax will be covered when incorporated into the cost of the air tickets.);
- (2) Accommodation.

Number of Grants for FY 2008

3 out of 3 applications, average grant amount: 600,000 yen

Selection Policy

- (1) The Japan Foundation selects projects to be awarded grants based on the results of screening by specialists and, the diplomatic priority of the project. Selection criteria are as follows:
 - a. Necessity of grant by The Japan Foundation
 - b. Program content
 - c. Adequacy of project plan/Organization for its implementation
- (2) Following projects are given higher priority when they:
 - a. Relate to large-scale cultural exchange events;
 - b. Benefit participants from both Japan and the host country;
 - c. Emphasize dialogue, collaboration and mutual understanding by diverse grass-roots groups from broad geographical areas;
 - d. Expect positive ripple effects;
 - e. Endeavour to diversify funding sources
- (3) Lower priority will be given to applications from organizations recently awarded The Japan Foundation grants.
- (4) Grants will not be made to the following types of projects:
 - a. Profit-making, religious, political activities or election campaigns;
 - b. Outcomes will only be enjoyed by specific groups/circles;
 - c. Mainly involving tourism.

Application Deadline December 1, 2009

Notification of Results April 2010

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