

# CultureCIVIC

Kültür Sanat Destek Programı



# Grants Programme Application Guideline

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#### CultureCIVIC

CultureCIVIC is a European Union project that focuses on fostering non-governmental organisations, artists, initiatives and activists operating in the field of culture and arts in Turkey. Undertaken as part of the Civil Society Framework and Media Programme Culture4Fundamental Rights, it intends to promote a culture of fundamental rights and dialogue and support the development of civil society in Turkey. Initiated by Goethe-Institut Istanbul, Anadolu Kültür, Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (İKSV), Institut français de Turquie and Danish Cultural Institute in Turkey, and in collaboration with the Embassy of the Netherlands in Turkey, CultureCIVIC will run until March 2025.

The aim of CultureCIVIC is to form a support mechanism for the culture and arts community that enables a livelier civil society to thrive. CultureCIVIC supports projects and individuals that encourage dialogue, tolerance, freedom of speech, non-discrimination, social cohesion, individual freedoms and democratic processes. Non-profit arts and culture organisations, initiatives, artists as well as individuals and enterprises carrying out non-profit projects can be the beneficiaries of this comprehensive programme. Improving the cultural infrastructure of Turkey locally with an approach that encourages dissemination at the grassroots level, the main objective of CultureCIVIC is to reach out beyond the main cultural hubs such as İstanbul. Ankara and İzmir.

CultureCIVIC advocates that cultural rights are one of the core instruments of fundamental human rights. It adopts and implements pluralism while determining the scope of its activities, works and beneficiaries. By doing so, it aims to make the relation between culture and fundamental rights more visible. It is the intent of CultureCIVIC to break new ground for debates on basic human rights from an arts and culture perspective.

CultureCIVIC is built on two axes that complement each other: Grants Programme and Capacity-Building Programme.

The aim of the Grants Programme is to provide artists, art professionals and cultural institutions the financial support that they need. The Programme focuses mainly on emerging artists, novel cultural institutions and actors operating beyond the main cultural hubs in Turkey. It aims to provide a common ground necessary for dialogue and collaboration in the arts and culture sector across the country. It renders reliable and transparent access to funds possible through the grant mechanism it has developed. The Grants Programme provides mentoring and grants to over 200 projects and art productions through 14 open calls in 4 different grant types that focus on different needs in the field.

CultureCIVIC funds lots of different activities through a variety of grants programmes. Eligible activities for funding cover a broad range such as cultural and art productions, educational programmes, infrastructure support to improve performance and activity capacity of organisations, artist residency and exchange programs. Detailed descriptions of objectives, activities, conditions and timelines of all grant programmes can be found below.

Capacity-Building Programme aims to provide artists, cultural initiatives and civil society organisations the educational support they need to further their skills in cultural management and civic engagement while offering a common ground necessary for dialogue and collaboration between these actors. The programme will feature 12 distinct workshops on various aspects of arts and culture, all of which will be available to artists, cultural producers and civil society organisations from every corner of Turkey.

A training needs assessment will be conducted to determine the curriculum of the Capacity-Building Programme, and the training will be offered in the form of mentorship, conferences and webinars focused on covering the highlighted needs. With these events, the project aims to reach at least 180 people and institutions until the end of the project. The schedule of upcoming workshops, meetings and conferences will be announced soon.

#### **GRANTS OVERVIEW**

**Grassroots Projects** Grants aim to provide and to democratise access to cultural funding for small cultural organisations, operators and activists in promoting tolerance, non-discrimination, freedom of expression, and democratic processes in the shrinking civic space of Turkey.

These grants are devised as an instrument to reach individuals and organisations that have an impact on local communities and audiences on a grassroots level. Grassroots Projects Grants focus especially on including informal structures in order to implement a broad and flexible range of cultural projects that facilitate dialogue and examine social issues.

**Structural Support** Grants provide much-needed financial support for increased capacity to organisations and professionals in the field of arts and culture and related civil society engagement both in and beyond the three major urban centres of Ankara, İstanbul and İzmir.

Structural Support Grants aim to strengthen the operational capacity of organizations to function independently and to sustain their operations by providing structural support.

Implementing projects depends to a great extent on the availability of venues and spaces for dialogue, presentation and audience development. Providing new and improved spaces for independent cultural activities, accessible to independent actors in the field of arts and culture, fosters cultural and artistic encounters as well as collaboration, resulting in audience growth and improvement in audience engagement.

**Inter-city Networking** Grants focus on the development of inter-city networks and dialogue between different actors beyond the urban and cultural centres of Ankara, İstanbul and İzmir.

These grants foster decentralised exchange and network-building throughout Turkey.

The aim of these grants is the implementation of large-scale, inter-city projects involving cultural actors from different cities – thus, only one of these cities can be designated as Ankara, İstanbul or İzmir to ensure geographical inclusion and diversity.

**Art Production** Grants are intended to fund stand-alone productions by emerging visual artists who will work in tandem with well-established mentors from the Turkish art scene throughout the implementation of their project.

This programme aims to provide mentoring and cultural infrastructure development opportunities as well as access to artistic networks within the international art scene for contemporary artists nationwide.

An important focus of the program will be on inclusion of emerging artists on wide geographic coverage extending beyond the urban and cultural centres of Ankara, İstanbul, and İzmir.

#### **ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS**

Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements specific for each grant programme shown below in Table 1. Applicants must include proof of eligibility at the time of application.

Table 1 also provides information about the co-applicants and third parties of each grant programme. The proof documents can be found in the "Supporting Documents" section.

#### TABLE 1: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT APPLICANTS

#### **GRASSROOTS PROJECTS**

- Only CSOs and initiatives with or without official status, and individuals can apply.
- Applicants must be focused on operating/organising at a grassroots level.
- Applicants must document 2 years of activities in the fields of arts and culture/civil society through documents such as CV's, online and printed materials, or any other proof in related matters.
- Joint applications are encouraged. Yet there must be one lead applicant applying for the grant.
- Applicants should specify the co-applicant and their specified tasks, responsibilities and the budget division. Grant sums may be added for a joint application.
- All applicants, co-applicants and affiliated individuals and/or organisations must be based in Turkey.
- Individuals and/or institutions can be co-applicants.
- The applicant must specify the participant(s) and their role.

#### STRUCTURAL SUPPORT

- CSOs and art initiatives with an official non-profit status of at least 3 years of documented activities in the fields of arts and culture and related civil society activities can apply.
- Individual professionals and actors in the fields of arts and culture and related civil society activities with an official professional registration and at least 5 years of documented experience can apply.
- Applicants must document their activities/experiences through documents such as CV's, online and printed material, or any other proof in related matters.
- Joint applications with a co-applicant are not eligible. Yet affiliation with individuals and/or institutions are welcome.
- All applicants and affiliated individuals and/or organisations must be based in Turkey.

#### INTER-CITY NETWORKING

- CSOs, operators and art initiatives with an official non-profit status can apply.
- Applicants must document that their institution is not for profit.
- Applicants must document 5 years of activities in the fields of arts and culture/civil society through documents such as CV's, online and printed material, or any other proof in related matters.
- Joint applications with a co-applicant are not eligible. Yet applicants must be affiliated with individuals and/or institutions in different cities.
- All applicants and their intercity affiliated individuals and/or organisations must be based in Turkey.
- Individuals and/or institutions can be co-applicants.
- The applicant must specify the participant(s) and their role.

# ART PRODUCTION

- Antists and art professionals based in Turkey can apply.
- Applicants must document at least 2 years of activities in the fields of arts and culture.
- Applicants must be aged between 25-45 years old.
- Joint applications are encouraged. Yet there must be one lead applicant applying for the grant.
- Applicants should specify the co-applicant and their specified tasks, responsibilities and the budget division. Grant sums may be added for a joint application.
- Individuals and/or institutions can be co-applicants.
- The applicant must specify the participant(s) and their role.

#### **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

All activities must be carried out on a non-profit basis in the field of arts and culture and related civil society engagement. The aim and objectives of the proposed project should be clearly aligned with the funding priority of the grant programme applied for.

Priority will be given to those activities which support rights-based activities, bring together actors from different ethnic, religious, linguistic backgrounds and give special importance to cross-cutting issues such as promotion of gender equality, LGBTI+ rights, social cohesion, human rights, freedom of expression and children's rights.

Eligible activities for each grant programme are shown in the Table 2. A proposed project may consist of several activities as long as they are linked logically and form a cohesive unit. For example, grantee may participate in an online conference and hold a workshop afterwards to share new knowledge with peers.

Grantees should plan their activities taking into account COVID-19 precautions and restrictions in their region. We highly recommend carrying out a local risk assessment when planning project activities considering the infection rates and restrictions in the region. Planning in-person activities with the necessary precautions are permissible, but if the risk of infection is high, it is recommended to schedule online meetings or events instead.

#### **TABLE 2: ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

#### GRASSROOTS PROJECTS

- Exhibitions
- Publications (On- and offline)
- Workshops/ Seminars/ Symposiums
- Concerts
- Performances
- Theatre productions
- Training programs in all art practises
- Journalistic and documentary activities
- Collection and archiving projects
- Film productions

#### STRUCTURAL SUPPORT

- Resetting digital infrastructure
- Training and hiring expert staff for increasing outreach and output of organization
- Renovating or upgrading project spaces
- Establishing new spaces, including the procurement of relevant technical equipment
- Renting permanent performance space (such as local theatres, galleries, art centres etc.)

Important note: Infrastructure measures must serve the artistic output, performance and activity capacities of the applicant.

#### INTER-CITY NETWORKING

- Exhibitions
- Organization of exchange programs
- Residencies
- Conference series
- Cross-city educational programs
- Cross-institutional network and artistic programs

Important note: Activities must involve more than one city and only one of the involved cities can be Ankara, İzmir and Istanbul.

### ART PRODUCTION

Stand-alone productions by innovative or emerging artists in the field of visual arts.

#### FINANCIAL PLANNING

Grant application must be supported by an estimated budget showing all the costs and revenues that the applicant considers necessary to carry out the project. The budget must be presented using the "Budget Spreadsheet" available on the website.

Should the applicant have another funding source, it must clarify this in the application form and in the projected budget for the proposed project.

The final grant amount will be calculated based on actual expenses. All unused grant funds must be returned to CultureCIVIC. Indirect costs of the applicant cannot exceed 5% of the total budget.

Cost effectiveness is one of the evaluation criteria. Budget proposals should be prepared in accord with the real operational expenditures.

The grantee must certify that the costs incurred can only be considered eligible in accordance with the Agreement and that the request for payment is substantiated by adequate supporting documents that can be produced in the context of receipts, official vendor statements and bank statements.

It is reminded that under the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Union, no grant may be awarded retrospectively for actions already completed.

A third party can also receive financial support from both CultureCIVIC and another EU fund provided that the criteria for the sub-granting that were elaborated are met and that the same cost is not financed twice by the EU funds.

If awarded the grant agreement, the lead applicant will become the beneficiary identified as the Coordinator. The Coordinator is the main interlocutor of the Contracting Authority. It represents and acts on behalf of any other cobeneficiaries and coordinates the design and implementation of the action.

Co-applicants can participate in designing and implementing the action, and the costs they incur are eligible in the same way as those incurred by the lead applicant.

It will be compulsory to sign protocols among the lead applicant and their coapplicants before or during the implementation period to institutionalize the cooperation. If such tools already exist among the lead applicant and coapplicants, it is recommended to mention this in the application form.

Associates can play a useful role in projects, e.g. sponsorship, technical support, etc. but they cannot benefit directly from the grant except per diem or travel costs.

CultureCIVIC has to be notified of any changes in the financial planning in advance. The notification must be justified in time and approved by the project team in order to be eligible.

Failure to comply with the terms or conditions of the Grant Agreement may result in the grant payments being suspended, reduced, reclaimed or withheld, and/or the Grant offer being withdrawn.

For further information, see the "Budget Plan Manual" on the website. **GRANTS AMOUNTS** 

Maximum grant amounts for each project differ according to the grant programme:

- Grassroots Projects Grant Programme gives grants up to a maximum of EUR 8 250.
- Structural Support Grant Programme gives grants up to a maximum of EUR 12 500.
- Inter-City Networking Grant Programme gives grants up to a maximum of EUR 20 000.
- Art Production Grant Programme gives grants up to a maximum of EUR 3 000.

# SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

All applications must be submitted through the Grant Application Portal of the Goethe-Institut. The link to the Grant Application Portal is only available on the project website.

Applicants should register on the application platform to be able to fill in an electronic application.

Applications should be submitted in Turkish or English.

Please note that the application form and the supporting documents can only be submitted when they are fully completed. It is therefore of utmost importance that these documents contain ALL the relevant information concerning the action.

Once the application is forwarded for review, no more changes or uploading any additional files will be possible.

The Grant Application Portal accepts applications for 8 weeks from the day it is opened.

An applicant can submit only one application within one open call.

By submitting an application for a grant, the applicant agrees for their personal data to be processed in compliance with GDPR requirements.

Applications after the deadline will not be accepted.

Applications via email or post will not be accepted.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The frequently asked questions page about the grant programs is constantly updated after the e-mails, messages we receive from you and the informational meetings we organise. After reviewing the application guide, we recommend that you review the frequently asked questions about the grant program you want to apply for, and before contacting the CultureCIVIC project team, check that your question about the application process is not on the FAQ page.

CultureCIVIC website page, linking to the Grant Application Portal https://culture-civic.org/en/grants-programme/application-guideline



#### **OPEN CALLS**

There will be a total of 14 open calls in 4 different grant programmes from June 2021 to October 2023. The application period for each grant programme is shown in the Table 3. Goethe-Institut Istanbul reserves the right to change the dates.

TABLE 3: OPEN CALLS	2021 PERIOD	2022 PERIOD	2023 PERIOD
GRASSROOTS PROJECTS	June '21	February '22 June '22	February '23 June '23
STRUCTURAL SUPPORT	October '21	October '22	October '23
INTER-CITY NETWORKING	August '21	August '22	August '23
ART PRODUCTION		January '22	January '23 September '23

#### APPLICATION TIMELINE

The application timeline outlines key dates and deadlines in the 2021 application cycle for each grant programme. There will be open calls for Grassroots Projects, Inter-city Networking and Structural Support in 2021.

Open calls for Art Production will be launched in 2022.

Goethe-Institut Istanbul reserves the right to change the dates.

**TABLE 4: APPLICATION TIMELINE 2021** 

	GRASSROOTS	STRUCTURAL	INTER-CITY	ART
	PROJECTS	SUPPORT	NETWORKING	PRODUCTION
Open Call	30 June 2021	25 October 2021	30 August 2021	
End of Consultation	25 August	6 December	20 October	
Period	2021	2021	2021	
Application Due Date	30 August 2021	10 December 2021	25 October 2021	
Announcements of Results	15 October 2021	21 January 2022	15 December 2021	
Grant Agreement	15 November	11 February	7 January	
Date	2021	2022	2022	

# SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The application forms require supporting documentation to be uploaded. Applicants will not be able to submit their applications until all supporting documents have been uploaded and all required fields have been filled in. Uploaded documents have to correspond to the eligibility criteria of the applied grant.

# **TABLE 5: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

	Applicant	Required Documents	Additional Documents
GRASSROOTS PROJECTS	Non-Profit Individual / Organisation with no official status	Budget Form Self Declaration Proof Documents	
	Non-Profit Individual / Organisation with official status	Budget Form Self Declaration Corporate Charter Proof Documents	
	Co-Applicant and Affiliated Organization	Letter of Commitment	Corporate Charter
STRUCTURAL SUPPORT	Non-Profit Individual / Organisation with no official status	Budget Form Self Declaration Proof Documents	
	Non-Profit Individual / Organisation with official status	Budget Form Self Declaration Annual Report (2020) Yearly Balance Sheet ('20)	
	Affiliates	Letter of Commitment	Corporate Charter Proof Documents
INTER-CITY NETWORKING	Organisation with a non-profit charter	Budget Form Self Declaration Corporate Charter List of Authorized Signatures Annual Reports ('18-'20) Yearly Balance Sheets ('18-'20)	
	Affiliate Organization	Letter of Commitment	Corporate Charter Proof Documents
ART PRODUCTION	Artist	CV Portfolio Budget Form	
	Co-Applicant and Affiliated Organization	Letter of Commitment	Corporate Charter Proof Documents

#### **EVALUATION AND SCORING**

Applicants with no or difficult access to traditional funding sources are prioritised by CultureCIVIC. A selection quota will be applied for greater participation and diversity from cities other than İstanbul, Ankara and İzmir.

In each open call, a third of the grants to be given under the Grassroots Projects, Art Production and Inter-City Networking will go to selected applicants from Istanbul, Ankara and İzmir. For Structural Support, the total amount of grants in each open call will be equally allocated between applicants in these three hubs and other cities.

Applications that meet all the outlined application requirements are submitted to an independent jury after being reviewed by the CultureCIVIC team. The jury grades the applications on the basis of a set of established assessment criteria as shown in the following tables.

GRASSROOTS PROJECTS			
	Evaluation Criteria	SCORE	
i	Objectives and Relevance	20	
Questions	<ul> <li>Are the project objectives clearly stated and related to the grants programme</li> <li>Does the project engage with any of the thematic issues that the grant program wants to tackle?</li> <li>Do the activities relate to the project goals?</li> <li>Does the project have an approach that avoids repetition and makes a different</li> </ul>	nme	
2	Budget	20	
Questions	<ul> <li>Is the budget accurate, cost effective, and linked to activities and outcome</li> <li>Is the project budget realistic and eligible considering the activities?</li> <li>Is the applicant(s) capable of managing the project budget?</li> </ul>	s?	
3	Feasibility	20	
Questions	<ul> <li>Does the applicant demonstrate experience in the project field?</li> <li>Does the applicant have the capacity to implement the project within the funding period?</li> <li>Is the project timeline clear and realistic?</li> </ul>		
4	Outreach & Engagement	20	
Questions	<ul> <li>Do the project activities and its aim pair with the local needs and context?</li> <li>How well does the project involve social impact on local communities and the Does the project define its target groups and activities clearly?</li> <li>Is the level of community engagement in planning for and participating in the project satisfactory?</li> </ul>	neir needs?	
5	Sustainability	20	
Questions	<ul> <li>Does the applicant have a strong potential for sustaining its engagement in the field of arts and culture?</li> <li>Are the follow-up actions well planned?</li> <li>Does the project have a clear monitoring and evaluation plan?</li> </ul>		
	TOTAL	100	

# **EVALUATION AND SCORING (CONT.)**

# STRUCTURAL SUPPORT

	Evaluation Criteria	SCORE
i	Objectives and Relevance	20
Questions	<ul> <li>Are the project objectives clearly stated and related to the grants prograr</li> <li>Does the project engage with any of the thematic issues that the grant programme wants to tackle?</li> <li>Do the activities relate to the project goals?</li> <li>Does the project have an approach that avoids repetition and makes a diff</li> </ul>	
2	Budget	20
Questions	<ul> <li>Is the budget accurate, cost effective, and linked to activities and outcomes</li> <li>Is the project budget realistic and eligible considering the activities?</li> <li>Is the applicant(s) capable of managing the project budget?</li> </ul>	S <sup>2</sup>
3	Feasibility	20
Questions	<ul> <li>Does the applicant demonstrate experience in the project field?</li> <li>Does the applicant have the capacity to implement the project within the funding period?</li> <li>How clear and realistic is the project timeline?</li> </ul>	
4	Outreach & Engagement	20
Questions	<ul> <li>Do the project activities and its aim pair with the local needs and context?</li> <li>How well does the project involve social impact on local communities and the Does the project define its target groups and activities clearly?</li> <li>Is the level of community engagement in planning for and participating in the proposed project satisfactory?</li> </ul>	neir needs?
5	Sustainability	20
Questions	<ul> <li>Does the applicant have a strong potential for sustaining its engagement in the field of arts and culture?</li> <li>Are the follow-up actions well planned?</li> <li>Does the project have a clear monitoring and evaluation plan?</li> </ul>	
	TOTAL	100

# EVALUATION AND SCORING (CONT.)

# INTER-CITY NETWORKING

	Evaluation Criteria	SCORE
1	Objectives and Relevance	20
Questions	<ul> <li>Are the project objectives clearly stated and are they related to the grants programme?</li> <li>Does the project engage with any of the thematic issues that the grant programme wants to tackle?</li> <li>Do the activities relate to the project goals?</li> <li>Does the project have an approach that avoids repetition and makes a difference of the project of the project have an approach that avoids repetition and makes a difference of the project of the project have an approach that avoids repetition and makes a difference of the project of the proj</li></ul>	erence?
2	Budget	20
Questions	<ul> <li>Is the budget accurate, cost effective, and linked to activities and outcome</li> <li>Is the project budget realistic and eligible considering the activities?</li> <li>Does the applicant have the capability to manage the project budget?</li> <li>Does the applicant have related experience with a large-scale project imple</li> </ul>	
3	Feasibility	20
Questions	<ul> <li>Does the applicant have relevant experience in the project field?</li> <li>Does the applicant have the capacity to implement the project within the fu</li> <li>Is the project timeline clear and realistic?</li> </ul>	nding period
4	Diversity and Inclusion	20
Questions	<ul> <li>Does the project include diverse cultural actors?</li> <li>Does the project involve social impact on local communities and their need</li> <li>Does the project methodology ensure geographical inclusion and diversity</li> <li>Is the level of community engagement in planning for and participating in the proposed project satisfactory?</li> </ul>	
5	Sustainability	20
Questions	<ul> <li>Does the applicant have a strong potential for sustaining its engagement in the field of arts and culture?</li> <li>Are the follow-up actions well planned?</li> <li>Does the project have a clear monitoring and evaluation plan?</li> </ul>	
	TOTAL	100

# EVALUATION AND SCORING (CONT.)

# ART PRODUCTION

	Evaluation Criteria	SCORE
i	Objectives and Relevance	20
Questions	<ul> <li>Does the project proposal address how it is related to the grants program</li> <li>Does the applicant(s) have the potential to reach underserved populations such as those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability?</li> <li>Does the work have the potential to transform the applicant's practice and strengthen his/her place in the field of arts?</li> </ul>	nme?
2	Budget	15
Questions	<ul> <li>Is the budget accurate, cost effective, and linked to activities and outcomes</li> <li>Is the project budget realistic and eligible considering the activities?</li> <li>Is the applicant(s) capable of managing the project budget?</li> </ul>	SP
3	Feasibility	20
Questions	<ul> <li>Are the project timeline and goals accurate and achievable?</li> <li>Does the feasibility of production fit into the realisation of the work within the funding period?</li> <li>Is the artwork technically and/or archivally sound?</li> </ul>	
4	Multiplication	20
Questions	<ul> <li>Does the applicant(s) have strong potential for future expansion of his/her engagement in the field of arts and culture?</li> <li>Does the project foster new dialogues and critical thinking?</li> </ul>	
5	Artistic Quality	25
Questions	<ul> <li>Is the artistic quality clearly evident and well-articulated in the proposal?</li> <li>How well does the applicant master the art form in the proposed project?</li> <li>Does the applicant present a unique perspective to the discussions in the field of contemporary art?</li> </ul>	
	TOTAL	100

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

The results will be announced to all applicants via email six weeks after the application deadline. If the application is not successful, the applicant(s) can apply for the next open call or check other CultureCIVIC programmes.

Because of the large volume of applications, we are unable to provide every applicant with an explanation and individual feedback on the decision.

#### **GRANT CONTRACTING**

If the application is successful, additional documents required for the preparation of the grant contract will be requested. The applicant may be asked to elaborate on the proposed project or its budget.

If the proposal is selected for funding, the applicant will receive two (original) grant agreements which should both be sent back to the address indicated, initialled, signed and dated. The beneficiary will then receive from CultureCIVIC a countersigned original. Only when the agreement has been signed by both parties, the beneficiary is entitled to the grant.

The grant agreement explains, in detail, the grant amount, budget breakdown, financial requirements, payment schedule, general provisions, implementation and amendments and required reports. In addition, a document explaining the intellectual property rights of both parties will be sent to the grantees.

Projects must be completed within 12 months after the date the contracts are signed between grantees and CultureCIVIC.

CultureCIVIC website: https://culture-civic.org/en



#### REPORTING & COMMUNICATION

Grantees are required to provide progress reports and a final report on the dates specified in the Grant Agreement.

The reporting process starts from the beginning of the grant payment. Without a submitted progress report, grant payments cannot be continued.

All submitted reports will be monitored, evaluated and reviewed by the project team. Grantees may be asked to revise and re-submit the report where appropriate.

Final report should be provided at the latest one month after the end of the contractual period.

The remaining 5 percent of the grant will be allocated once the final report is submitted.

Grantees will receive detailed information about the reporting process before they sign the Grant Agreement.

Grantees are required to share news of grant awards, grant-supported activities, and any impact or outcomes from their work. All requested content will be utilised for the overall project communication, visibility and/or dissemination activities.

#### **SUPPORT**

This guideline and its annexes are the most fundamental supporting tools for applicants. Webinars will be held to inform wider audiences. The dates will be published on the project website. Applicants can also get direct support about the application procedure by contacting us at hibeler@culture-civic.org. The consultation period ends four days before the deadline for the submission. CultureCIVIC has no obligation to provide clarifications to questions received after this date.