

## MINISTRY OF CULTURE

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SETTING UP, PROMOTION AND STRENGTHENING OF REGIONAL & LOCAL MUSEUMS

The Ministry of Culture invites applications in prescribed format for financial assistance for **“Setting up new museums as well as Promotion & Strengthening of existing Regional & Local Museums” for the year 2008-2009**. The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance for setting up of New Museum by the Society or Autonomous body under the State Government and to promote the strengthening and modernization of existing museums at the regional, state and local level and to further strengthen the museum movement in the country.

Museums managed by Voluntary Organizations, Institutions, Societies, Trusts, Local Bodies, Universities/Colleges etc. registered under the Registration of Societies Act, 1860 or under any law for the time being in force, as well as those managed by the State Governments are eligible for assistance. The salient features of the Schemes are:-

- a) New Museums:
  - i. Society or autonomous body under the State Government having land in its own name can apply for setting up of new Museums. It will be a one time grant and further requirement, if any, will be met by the State Government. The society should have adequate collection of artefacts of its own to justify setting up of new museums and required investment for the proposal
- b) Existing Museums:
  - i. The Museums should have been in existence for 3 years.
  - ii. Grant would be provided for Renovation/Repairs, Extension and Modernization of galleries, Modernization of Reserve Collection, Publication, Conservation, Laboratory/ Conservation Projects, Museum Library, Equipment and Documentation etc

- c) The Grant would be a maximum of and up to 80% of the estimate for all purposes and the remaining 20% or more to be met by the respective museum.
- d) In the case of Museums in NE region including Sikkim, a maximum of and up to 90% of the estimate for all purposes and the remaining 10% or more to be met by the respective museum.
- e) The quantum of assistance under the scheme is commensurate with the number and value of the artifacts proposed to be exhibited in the Museum
- f) In respect of the museums other than State Museums, the application for financial assistance under the scheme should be sponsored by the Deputy Commissioner/Collector of the district (in which a particular museum is located) to the respective State Government before it is finally recommended to the Ministry. District administration should make a comment on the activities of the applicant and status of the land on which the museum has been established.
- g) Application in prescribed forms is to be submitted with the recommendation of the State Government to the UNDER SECRETARY (MUSEUM-I), MINISTRY OF CULTURE, ROOM NO. 332, "C" WING, SHASTRI BHAVAN, RAJENDRA PRASAD ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001.
- h) Eventhough there is no fixed last date for receiving project proposals and that applications will be received through out the year, these would be processed and appraised on first-come-first-served basis. Therefore early submission of application is highly desirable and expected.
- i) In additions to the prescribed applications forms, the applicants should submit the proposals in the form of a Detailed project Report containing detailed

estimates on each and every item. This project report and estimates should be prepared and authenticated by a reputed agency in the field. The project proposal should also contain the existing visitor's profile of the concerned museum and projected changes in such profiles after implementation of the project.

- j) This Ministry will not entertain any incomplete application, application received without the State Government's recommendation or the requisite enclosures.
- k) Those who have applied earlier and has not received the grant so far may apply again as per the revised parameter of the scheme for the financial year 2008-2009.
- l) Details of the scheme, eligibility/conditions, format for applications etc can be seen and downloaded from the website of the Ministry "**[http: // www. indiaculture. nic.in](http://www.indiaculture.nic.in)**".