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Government of India  
Ministry of Culture

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Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2018

**ORDER**

**Subject:-Appraisal of ongoing "Scheme of Financial Assistance for Creation of Cultural Infrastructure" after introduction of new sub-component namely 'Financial Assistance for Allied Cultural Activities' under Scheme Component of 'Financial Assistance for Building Grants Including Studio Theatres' for the period upto Financial Year 2019-2020.**

In supersession of previous order No.14-1/2017-P.Arts-II dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 on the subject cited above, sanction of the President is hereby accorded for introduction of a new sub-component namely 'Financial Assistance for Allied Cultural Activities' under Scheme Component of 'Financial Assistance for Building Grants Including Studio Theatres' with revised total outlay of Rs.138.37 crores for the "Scheme of Financial Assistance for Creation of Cultural Infrastructure" for the period upto financial year 2019-2020 i.e. upto 31.03.2020. The Scheme will now have the following components/sub-components:-

**SCHEME OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CREATION OF CULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

- **Component-1:** Financial Assistance for Building Grants including Studio Theatres.
  - **Sub-component-1A:** Financial Assistance for Cultural Activities in Performing Arts for Building Grants Including Studio Theatres.
  - **Sub-component-1B:** Financial Assistance for Allied Cultural Activities.
- **Component-2:** Financial Assistance for Tagore Cultural Complexes(TCC)

2. **Budgetary provision:-** The Scheme has the estimated outlay of Rs.138.37 crore over the period of 2017-2018 to 2019-2020 as under:-

[Rs. In crores]

<b>Scheme Components/ Sub-components</b>	<b>2017-2018 [Actual]</b>	<b>2018-2019 [Projection]</b>	<b>2019-2020 [Projection]</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sub-component-1A	02.21	04.00	04.00	10.21
Sub-component-1B	--	20.00	20.00	40.00
Total for Component-1	02.21	24.00	24.00	50.21
Component-2	18.16	35.00	35.00	88.16
<b>Total for Components-1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>20.37</b>	<b>59.00</b>	<b>59.00</b>	<b>138.37</b>

Note: In order to run the scheme component/sub-components smoothly, 0.5% of the total allocated budget is earmarked for administrative expenses.

3. The salient features of the Scheme components/sub-components are indicated as under:-

**Component-1: Financial Assistance for Building Grants Including Studio Theatres**

<b>Sub-component-1A: Financial Assistance for Cultural Activities in Performing Arts for Building Grants Including Studio Theatres.</b>	
1. Purpose/ Objective	To provide Central Financial Assistance to not-for-profit cultural organizations, Govt. sponsored bodies for promoting the performing arts, University Departments or Centers dedicated to the performing arts, Colleges set up to promote the performing arts etc. for creation of appropriately equipped training, rehearsal and performance spaces for artistes which includes provision of facilities like electrical air conditioning, acoustics, light and sound systems and other items of equipment such as musical equipments, costumes, audio/video equipment, furniture and stage material that may be required for a studio theatre, auditorium, rehearsal hall, classroom etc.
2. Amount of Grant	<p>❖ Projects involving new construction or purchase of built up space in Metro cities of Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai is Rs.50.00 Lakh (Rupees Fifty Lakh Only) whereas for all other projects in these cities is Rs.25.00 lakh (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Only).</p> <p>❖ All projects in all non-metro cities, towns or places including NER are Rs.25.00 lakh (Rupees twenty five Lakh Only).</p>
3. Share of assistance	Assistance to an organization of other than North-Eastern Region (NER) is restricted to a maximum of 60% of the approved estimated project cost, subject to the ceiling of applicable grant whereas 40% of the cost will have to bear by the concerned organization as its matching share. The funding pattern in NER comprising 8 States viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura, in respect of 'Central Government:Grantee Organization in NER' is '90%:10%' within the ceiling of applicable grant.
4. Release of funds	<p>(a) Building projects which may also include provision of equipments, if applicable:- The financial assistance/grant is released in three installments-40%, 30% and 30% of approved grant as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> instalments respectively.</p> <p>(b) Equipment projects only:- The grant is released in two equal installments-50% and 50% of approved grant as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> instalments respectively.</p> <p>Note: The first installment will be released on approval of the project proposal by the Ministry whereas second/third installment will be released after receiving the requisite documents from the grantee organisation and getting the</p>

	project physically inspected.
5. Requisite period for project completion	<p>(a) Building projects which may also include provision of equipments, if applicable:- Within a period of three years from the date of release of 1<sup>st</sup> installment of grant.</p> <p>(b) Equipment projects only:- Within a period of one year from the date of release of 1<sup>st</sup> installment of grant.</p> <p>Note: After the aforesaid prescribed period is over, no further grant shall be released to the organization and the claim will become time barred.</p>

<b>Sub-component-1B: Financial Assistance for Allied Cultural Activities.</b>	
1. Purpose/ Objective	To provide Central Financial Assistance to not-for-profit organizations who are engaged at least for past three years in the desired activity, State Governments/Union Territories/District Authorities for creation of assets for enhancing the audio-visual spectacle for allied cultural activities to give first hand experience of live performances on regular basis and during festivals in open/closed areas/spaces where large numbers of tourists/visitors come regularly and during major events/festivals the number of visitors swells to lakhs.
2. Amount of Grant	<p>Maximum assistance under the scheme component, including applicable duties &amp; taxes and also Operation &amp; Maintenance(O&amp;M) costing for five years, will be as under:-</p> <p>(i) Audio: <sup>Rs.</sup> 100 Lakh; (ii) Audio+Video: <sup>Rs.</sup> 50 Lakh</p>
3. Share of assistance	Assistance under this Component to a grantee organization will be restricted to a maximum of 90% (including taxes and duties) of the approved estimated project cost along with five years O&M cost, within the prescribed monetary ceiling. The balance of the approved estimated project cost is to be incurred by the organization as its 'matching share'.
4. Release of funds	<p>The grant will be released in two installments-60% and 40% of approved grant as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> instalments respectively.</p> <p>Note: The first installment will be released on approval of the project proposal by the Ministry whereas second installment will be released after receiving the requisite documents from the grantee organisation and getting the project physically inspected.</p>
5. Requisite period for project completion	<p>Project will be required to complete within a period of one year from the date of release of the 1<sup>st</sup> installment.</p> <p>Note: After the aforesaid prescribed period is over, no further grant shall be released to the organization and the claim will become time barred.</p>

**Component -2: Financial Assistance for Tagore Cultural Complexes (TCC)**

1. Purpose/ Objective	To provide Central Financial Assistance to all State Govt./UTs, Central/State Govt. agencies/bodies, Universities, Municipal Corporations, reputed not-for-profit organizations etc. for creation of various Cultural Spaces such as Tagore Cultural Complexes, Auditorium, Rabindra Bhawans, Rangshalas, Multipurpose Cultural Complexes etc. as well as to restoration, renovation, extension, alteration, upgradation, modernization of existing cultural facilities etc.
2. Amount of Grant	Financial assistance for any project will normally be upto a maximum of Rs.15.00 crores. In extremely rare cases, of outstanding merit and relevance, the financial assistance can go up to Rs.50.00 crores, but then each such individual case of Central Financial Assistance beyond Rs.15.00 crore will be subjected to the usual appraisal/approval mechanism prescribed for new Plan Schemes.
3. Share of assistance	Assistance to an organization of other than North-Eastern Region (NER) is restricted to a maximum of 60% of the approved estimated project cost, subject to the ceiling of applicable grant whereas 40% of the cost will have to bear by the concerned organization as its matching share. The funding pattern for NER comprising 8 States viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura, in respect of 'Central Govt.:Grantee Organization in NER' is '90%:10%' within the ceiling of applicable grant.
4. Release of funds	The grant is released in two equal installments-50% and 50% of approved grant as 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> installments respectively.  Note: The first installment will be released on approval of the project proposal by the Ministry whereas second installment will be released after receiving the requisite documents from the grantee organisation and getting the project physically inspected.
5. Requisite period for project completion	Project will be required to complete within a period of three years from the date of release of the 1 <sup>st</sup> installment.  Note: After the aforesaid prescribed period is over, no further grant shall be released to the organization and the claim will become time barred.

4. The above revised "**Scheme of Financial Assistance for Creation of Cultural Infrastructure**" has been appraised and recommended by the Standing Finance Committee (SFC) in its meeting held on 10.10.2018 and subsequently approved by Hon'ble Minister of Culture.

5. The expenditure involved would be debitable to the allotted budget head of the relevant years.

6. This issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division, Ministry of Culture vide their Dy. No.36221 dated 5.10.2018.

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Director

To

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