Rules on Múlaþing Cultural Grants

Purpose of these Rules Article 1

The Múlaþing executive board shall advertise grants for cultural activities and allocate the grants according to these Rules. The amount to be appropriated shall be determined in the municipal budget.

An expert team reviews applications and submits them to the regional council for approval. The team is made up of the cultural manager of Múlaþing, cultural project manager of Múlaþing, a representative from the regional council, a representative from the youth council and a representative from the family council of Múlaþing.

The cultural affairs project manager takes care of administration, receives applications and is responsible for communication with applicants.

Grant allocations Article 2

Múlaþing provides cultural grants to individuals, groups, businesses, institutions and social organizations in relation to general art activities and projects. For each year, the municipal executive board may decide on specific allocation priorities, but these must be stated in the advertisement. Grants shall always be paid during the year in which they are allocated, and may not be transferred between years except by special agreement.

No grant may amount to more than 50% of a project's total cost.

A project is not considered complete until final report has been submitted to cultural project manager.

When advertising projects that have been granted a cultural grant the beneficiary must mention the Múlaþing grant.

Project grants Article 3

Grant applications for cultural projects must be submitted on specially provided forms where the following points appear, among others:

- description of the project and its significance for cultural life
- project plan and schedule for carrying it out
- project budget and financing
- the amount of money applied for

No grants are provided for educational courses, operational costs or building maintenance.

In order to encourage cultural life in the municipality, the Múlaþing executive council shall

advertise cultural activities grants twice a year. The first allocation will be advertised in November each year with allocation in January. The second allocation will be advertised in August each year with allocation in September. Application deadline will be a minimum of 3 weeks.

In particular instances, Múlaþing may make long-term agreements with individuals, organizations, cultural bodies or artistic groups which have proved their value for the municipality's cultural life or can clearly demonstrate the significance of their activities.

Distributions of the cultural fund is 80% in January of the total cultural grant amount and 20% in September, of each year's distribution.

Evaluating the applications Article 4

The following shall be considered when evaluating the applications:

- How the project / operations enrich Múlaþing's cultural life and how the funds will serve to that end
- How realistic it is to implement the project and how probable that it will be implemented
- The quality, preparation and presentation of the application; the applicant's vision and professional approach
- That allocations reflect breadth, innovation and progressiveness, as well as renewal among the recipients
- That the application is accompanied by a financial statement or summary for the last business year and a budget for the coming year (as applicable)
- Applicants cannot be awarded a cultural grant twice in the same year for the same project.

The Múlaþing executive board reserves the right to reject applications.

Grant applicants must either be connected to Múlaþing by residence, or the event must occur in Múlaþing or involve promotion of the municipality's cultural activities.

According to Article 21 of the Administrative Procedures Act, no reasons must be given for decisions on grant allocations in the field of arts and culture. When advertising an event, the grant recipient shall indicate its having received a grant from Múlaþing.

Approved by the region council of Múlaþing on November 21st 2023.