

Project Summaries 2018

Small Initiatives Support Scheme (SIS)

Ref No.	SIS 01/2018
Title of the project	Discovering the Past, Securing our Future
Name of VO	Għaqda Muzikali San Ġorġ Martri
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>Exploring our past through the involvement of the younger generation will secure a future for the entity. The project is designed specifically for our teen members. The project will involve research about Vincenzo Carabott's works. The participants will, under the supervision of an administrative consultant, organise an interactive exhibition about Carabott's works, which exhibition will visit different clubs. The components of the exhibition will also be uploaded on online video platforms thereby becoming permanently accessible. This contribution will constitute the embryonic start of a national freeware digital archive of Maltese band music.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 03/2018
Title of the project	L-Arkivju
Name of VO	Banda San Ġorġ Bormla
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>Banda San Ġorġ Bormla one of the oldest bands in Malta was founded back in 1862, almost 160 years ago. During these years, this band has seen more than ten composers and conductors from the nineteenth Century onwards. Our aim to is to go through the music archive from the foundation of the band to date. This is a long-term project we are aiming to produce. We shall start with two composers of the band club from a different era, Mro. Gaetan Grech (19th Century) and Mro Guzeppi Stivala (20th Century). Both composers were known for their very distinctive musical pen. Their marches were significantly different from the ones we are used to nowadays varying from French style to Military style. We shall be doing research on both composers as well as recording their marches on a compact disc. Launching will take place at the band club following a symposium for the general public.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 04/2018
Title of the project	ALLinTUNE...where volunteering and art meets!
Name of VO	Soċjetà Filarmonika Santa Marija, Żebbuġ, Għawdex
Amount approved	€2,980
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>The title says it all! ALLinTUNE represents a tripod of ventures that varies in its aims and perspectives. Running an organisation is not always simple, and for such reason all the volunteers must be in tune within the structure of the organisation. Secondly, we are a music-oriented organisation, and thus one can easily associate the word 'tune' to the world of music, a detail that we cannot do without in our set of initiatives considering the nature of our organisation. ALLinTUNE is an EXPERIENCE the volunteers will be LIVING THROUGH in line to the main objectives of the Small Initiatives Scheme, especially that to promote a culture of volunteering among people, as an aspect of personal and social development and the objective to enhance the capacity building of voluntary organisations.</p> <p>CHAPTER #1: TUNEin... Together Everyone Achieves More</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Volunteers Recruitment Week - Engagement Program for new Volunteers b) Publishing an updated Code of Ethics for our organisation c) Transcription of main guidelines of Code of Ethics to Braille format <p>CHAPTER#2: theTUNE... volunteering in motion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Organisation of a Permanent Exhibition exhibiting volunteering, art and culture in one go! <p>CHAPTER#3: beTUNED... reviving music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) Installation of high peaked ceiling overhead [surface-sound interaction structure] for professional music tuition and recording atrium. <p>This is not just a project...this is a chaptered story which ultimately aims to strengthen and develop our society's volunteering fabric, in line to the set objectives and priorities for this scheme.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 11/2018
Title of the project	Fitness, Healthy Living and Nutrition for Youngsters
Name of VO	Kalkara Football Club
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>Kalkara Football Club is currently in the process of finalising its new club-house. It is the intention of the committee that a space inside the club-house is allocated for educational purposes, especially to the youngsters who are part of the Kalkara F.C. Youth Nursery, so that we try to amalgamate the involvement of healthy living and education with sports. The idea behind this project is to hold a series of seminars between March and May 2018 with the main topics being fitness, healthy living and also healthy nutrition. These seminars will be presented by certified instructors, and are aimed towards diminishing the problem of obesity</p>	

in the area. It is our intention that attendance to these seminars, apart from being free of charge, shall also be open to parents/tutors of the same youths and also to the youngsters attending Youth Nurseries of the towns around Kalkara. Apart from this, a general call for other youngsters shall be made in conjunction with the Local Council and Parish Church.

Ref No.	SIS 13/2018
Title of the project	Towards a Healthy Lifestyle Project
Name of VO	Pembroke Athletha Sports Club
Amount approved	€2,500
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>The project is intended to educate our football nursery children and their parents how they can live a healthy lifestyle with particular attention to sensible eating habits, the management, and physical exercise. A series of theoretical and practical sessions with the direct participation of the nursery's children will be delivered by professional qualified persons in their field.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 14/2018
Title of the project	Building strong relationships with Couple Cards – Website
Name of VO	Julian Sant Fournier
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>The objective of this project is to redevelop & launch the web site for Couple Cards which will serve as promotion and information for all couples who want to build a strong relationship. Relationship are Forever Foundation (RAFF) have developed an innovative technique to help couples develop skills to share feelings and resolve conflict while playing a game and having fun using a set of cards – Couple Cards. These cards were developed with a team of volunteers, experts including Designers, Illustrations among others, who voluntarily dedicated their expertise to develop this beautiful tool to help couples.</p> <p>The website will provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information on the foundation & couple cards initiative - training material and videos how to use the couple cards - booking for the workshops and activities - e-shop for purchasing the foundation's products and services - collection of experiences and testimonials - research on relationship building and links <p>The website which we intend to redesign will promote and explain how the Couple cards can be used and encourage/promote the idea of strong relationships. The education content is very high as it would be the main portal for all the material we have developed. It is our wish that every couple would experience these cards develop emotional literacy and conflict resolution skills. The greatest poverty today is loneliness, this project create awareness to dedicate time to proactively build a relationship that lasts a lifetime.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 15/2018
Title of the project	Formula Student Race Car
Name of VO	University of Malta Racing (UoMR)
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>Formula SAE cars are built in the style of an open-wheel formula single-seater powered by a class restricted 4 stroke gasoline engine. The main focus will be on improving the current car and, through thorough testing, acquisition and analysis of data, we will have a fully optimised car by summer of 2018. A new racing car will be then built around the same setup of the FC-17 car for the 2018/19 competitive season. For the first time in the team's history, the car will be built around a semi monocoque chassis which will lead to a much lighter car with a better performance. The team will also invest in digital documentation and has in fact adopted a new completely new data management system. Not only will an organised data storage system save time and ensure thorough communication between all departments, but will also provide a solid platform for the future teams to come. The team's vision is not restricted just to these next two years. Eventually, UoMR will be presenting a car which has an effective aerodynamic package and a fully electric powertrain. In fact there is currently ongoing research at postgraduate level in these areas.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 16/2018
Title of the project	Exploring Sound and Light
Name of VO	Teatru Salesjan
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>Building upon the successful work of 2017 training Front of House volunteers we have decided to extend our skills-offering into the areas of technical training - specifically we will offer systematic training in lighting and sound for theatre. We will take a group of ten women and men and induct them into how to light and plan the audio elements of a show at Teatru Salesjan. As well as the technical aspects of this project, how to rig, cable, plug and colour a drama we will also give talks in how to interpret a performance so as to train the volunteers in aspects of lighting and sound artistry, how to ensure that there is an aesthetic as well as a technical experience. We seek to translate the volunteer experience into one where the participants leave with an informed and capable awareness of the work that goes into realising a performance for the stage. Volunteers will learn how to handle technical equipment like sound-mixing-desks, computer lighting-boards, theatre lanterns, microphones etc. This project will be open to people of all ages and all levels of experience from novices to those with a bit more expertise to offer. All sessions will be supervised by professional and qualified persons. We particularly welcome participation from those individuals not at present in education or training in Malta. We are also aware that women are under-represented in this field and we would seek to redress that balance.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 17/2018
Title of the project	Taking bBrave to the Community
Name of VO	bBrave
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>'Taking bBrave to the Community' is an important first step for this new organisation. bBrave will be the first organisation in Malta focusing wholly on anti-bullying. We intend to strengthen our newly-established structures, and reach out to society to nurture bBrave into an NGO which makes a positive difference in people's lives.</p> <p>We intend to achieve these objectives by primarily:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. enhancing bBrave's website to make it more appealing, enabling it to accept membership applications online, including a payment gateway; 2. promote the organisation, inviting the public to enrol and also contribute to this cause by volunteering; and 3. organise an informal event for all stakeholders, which event will serve to both announce the mission of bBrave, partner with other organisations having parallel or similar objectives, and identify the top requirements for the years ahead. 	

Ref No.	SIS 18/2018
Title of the project	The Musical Archives - Restoring the Jewel for the Community
Name of VO	Saint Lawrence Band Club
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>The Saint Lawrence Band Club can boast of owning one of the most artistic and also valuable musical archives on the island. The Archives hall, situated in the first level of Palazzo Huesca, is a gem in itself, and it is the expression of a rich cultural inheritance through the magnificent cabinets donated to the club by local craftsmen and carpenters nearly 100 years ago, and the highly historical and rare music sheets of composers and musical directors pertaining to the club in its 135 years of history. The Club has embarked on a project of restoring and preserving this archives hall, which is the heart of the Band Club. While the cabinets are being restored through own funds, another expenditure relates to the restoration of the hall itself and a new investment in the musical files containing the music sheets in the Cabinets. The ultimate objective of this project is to give back to the Vittoriosa Community access to this hall, when one can appreciate the rich musical history of the Club, while at the same time encourage the local community to appreciate the music archived in that hall, thus, be further exposed to music and be more interested in learning music, which is the core objective of the band club. This project is being regarded as part of the overall strategy adopted by the Club in investing heavily in the music teachings, so as to be equipped in the best possible way in this regard.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 22/2018
Title of the project	Water Sports for All
Name of VO	Emergency Response and Rescue Corps
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>The project aims to integrate disabled persons, young people having fewer opportunities in normal sports activity. A group of young people (ERRC youths), some coming from disadvantaged backgrounds or experiences fewer opportunities themselves have come together to set up this project. Thus our idea is to take young people coming from the different cultural and social contexts to work together so as to take other less privileged, young people from the society to do water related activities (kayaking, snorkelling etc). This project will take place with the help of a professional water sports instructor who will supervise our training and preparation for the project. The project is thus centred around the following themes that is education through sport, volunteering, outdoor activities and disability issues. In this project a group of ERRC youths will introduce disabled persons and other disadvantaged youths from, the local community to the sport of kayaking and snorkelling. In this way the project aims to integrate less privileged persons with other youths. The water sports activity will be the medium to achieve these main themes. The project will seek to develop solidarity and to promote tolerance among the young people involved in the project. The project will be a way for the inclusion for young people with fewer opportunities access to the youth program besides promoting the European year for volunteering. Thus in this project we will take disabled people to do watersports in well selected sites. However those who want to venture in doing more difficult terrains will be catered for. The project will be coordinated with other NGOs that are specialized in the field. Thus organizations such as Arka, Association for the Deaf and others will be involved and consulted. The ERRC has enough experience to undertake this project. In the past it has done projects, the most recent one being a camp for people with special needs.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 23/2018
Title of the project	Drones
Name of VO	Emergency Response and Rescue Corps CADETS
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>E.R.R.C. cadets is an NGO centered around young people, some of them come from difficult or disadvantaged backgrounds such as poverty, separated parents, youngsters that are at risk of social exclusion etc, who meet every Saturday. Some of our youngsters have also some form of disability such as ADHD, autism to name a few. A team of dedicated leaders, and supporters run the organization. We do activities so as the youths get themselves motivated, increase their self-esteem and hopefully stay away from drugs. Its all about education, and the establishment of good values that would make them future good citizens. We also support our parent organization, the E.R.R.C. the latter is more focused on providing humanitarian services including rescue services. Last year over 2500 people were assisted. The cadets are integrated into some of the services offered by the ERRC. Following a grant from MGOZ, we started a project involving drones. We plan to introduce small drones to assist the rescue while providing first aid services.</p>	

Thus the project would have the following main steps:

1. Acquire specialized equipment
2. Liaise with Dronesar – Ireland so as to organize and develop rescue software based on the Maltese terrain
3. Train a team of cadets to become drone operators by dronesar
4. Integrate these drone operators during the ERRC services
5. Introduce the technology to other youths and youngsters not necessary members of the organization
6. Education and dissemination

Ref No.	SIS 26/2018
Title of the project	Planting Trees, Planting Dreams!
Name of VO	Why Not?
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>Why Not? NGO will set up a long term set of projects to plant trees in Malta, specifically in Youth Schools through the "Plant Trees, Plant Dreams!" Campaign and to ensure visibility, create a video documentary of the project that will follow and document the efforts of the volunteers at all stages of the campaign. This series of events will see the Why Not? Volunteers as well as permaculture and gardening experts, members of other environmental NGO's, visit multiple schools, select favourable locations to accommodate local trees, host practical and hands on workshops for the students on how to plant more trees, plant the trees within the schools and maintain a working relationship throughout the year between the volunteers and the youth who planted and will care for the trees. We will teach the students how to maintain and grow more trees on their premises. We not only wish to regenerate the areas and plant trees in these schools; we wish to inspire the youth to care for the existing trees and take on more voluntary projects such as these. Documenting and creating in depth video content in the form of an Interview Based Exposé, will ensure a multiplier effect online through our extensive Social Media Platforms.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 27/2018
Title of the project	Inclusive Interaction within Civil Society on Disability Issues
Name of VO	Malta Federations of Organisations Persons with Disability
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>MFOPD is the national umbrella organisation for the local disability sector and is totally run on a voluntary basis. Its members are major organisations within this sector and membership is also open for service providers and individuals. We are very limited in what we can do since most of the officers and members are also active with voluntary work within their respective disability and philanthropic associations. Although established for over 47 years, we have noticed a lack of continuity with regards to professional and continuous interaction with our members and with the general public. This scheme will help us streamline and semi-professionally produce our website and have someone appointed to be responsible for updating website content and also our presence on social media. MFOPD represents Malta at European level and although we do have a service of informing our members on pertinent</p>	

European and international issues, it is our intention to offer this service, by means of our website and social media output, on a more professional level, fully respecting our Malta representation in the various European and international fora. MFOPD also wishes to keep ALL informed about what is happening locally in our sector, not only our members. The continuous updating/sharing of information will also facilitate other NGO's to interact and initiate joint ventures and projects in our sector, with a public which has more awareness of such initiatives. Lastly, our services for the public in general, especially those with The President's Trust, can be more easily projected nationwide.

Ref No.	SIS 28/2018
Title of the project	L.E.A.P – Learning and Empowering through Adventure Programme
Name of VO	Church Schools Children’s Fund
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>The project is aimed for students who attend church schools, who come from difficult family backgrounds and manifest challenging behaviour. The students are identified by the schools or may be followed by another professional (social worker, counsellor, youth worker etc.). Due to the challenging behaviour and lack of social skills, the project aims to teach students various skills in a fun and creative way. The project also aims to introduce the students to various voluntary organisations. The project consists of 6 days filled with adventure activities, motivational talks and exposure to various individuals from the voluntary sector. In addition to that, the participants will spend one day doing voluntary work. The target dates of the project are between Tuesday 20th March to Tuesday 27th March 2018. The programme will be provided and facilitated by Kamaya Outdoors together with volunteers from the Church Schools Children’s Fund. Such volunteers by profession are social workers, counsellors, psychologists and youth workers. Kamaya Outdoors have championed such programmes in partnership with Ministry of Education for students coming from State Schools.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 31/2018
Title of the project	Connect – Live Streaming DLH Events
Name of VO	Din l-Art Helwa
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>"Connect" is a project aimed at improving the communication between Din l-Art Helwa (DLH) and the general public. It will target specifically the streaming of events, lectures and talks organized by DLH and presented by notable personalities, learned speakers and experts and make these available live via streaming to the general public. All streamed events will then be placed in a digital archive accessible online. DLH strongly believes that educating and informing the public is one of its core responsibilities as guardians and custodians of Maltese cultural Heritage. In today's connected world where everyone is using the internet, live streaming of events is probably the best way of reaching out to the public. One of the main drivers behind this project has been the persistent requests from Gozitan members who often find it difficult to travel over to Malta to attend the lectures regularly held by DLH. Arrangements have already been made with the Ministry of Gozo to host meetings where events can be streamed from Malta. Using the latest live streaming technology DLH will be</p>	

able to ensure that whoever wants to follow events organised by DLH can do so from the comfort of his home or from his mobile device. An archive of streamed events will be built over time building a library of talks and lectures on a variety of subjects.

Ref No.	SIS 32/2018
Title of the project	WebReach
Name of VO	Families for Christ Community
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>WebReach is a web based project which is aimed at reaching out to and helping married couples. The focus of the project is social. Marriage is the very foundation of society. It is the institution that provides for procreation, parental and a stable family structure, which are so important to the development of children. History has shown that there cannot be a strong nation without marriage and strong families. Where marriage is honoured, and where there is a flourishing marriage culture, everyone benefits – the spouses themselves, their children, the communities and the societies in which they live. The project has 3 main activities, all of which are targeted at improving the way our NGO communicates with its target audience.</p> <p>Activity 1: Building a web portal The web portal will have two sections - one for the general public providing all sorts of information, guidance articles, blogging, calendar of events etc. In the public area, one will also be able to book for courses and make donations. The other section will be for members only - Members will access this section with a password and will be able to access material which is not available to the general public.</p> <p>Activity 2: Building a mass eMailing platform The Web Portal will be connected to MailChip which will be used as the Mass eMailing platform to communicate with members as well as the general public via mailshots.</p> <p>Activity 3: Building a strong social media presence. This will be focusing primarily on Facebook.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 37/2018
Title of the project	Feeding Young Minds and Hearts
Name of VO	Home Away from Home
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>This Project is a creative leadership programme for teenagers under the guise of a cookery adventure whose ultimate aim is to prepare a nice glossy booklet "Niekol għal Qalbi" of which the young participants will be the proud producers. In practice the Project attempts to work on the young people's intellectual preparation, practical abilities and creativity in the enjoyable context of food-preparation. This will be done by the prior preparation for the cookery part of the Project: the participants will be asked to qualify themselves through undergoing two simple courses that are precious even just in themselves. These are the "Food Handling" Course (an eight-hour course that gives them Licence 'B') and a short five-hour "First Aid For Restaurants" Course. In itself, food is strongly linked to emotional content and</p>	

this aspect will also be utilised to the participants' advantage as they are assisted to gain skills and self-confidence through achieving multiple and clear targets during the project. This will help their preparation for eventually assuming greater leadership within the youth centre and, later on, in society around them.

Ref No.	SIS 38/2018
Title of the project	Agara Website – reaching out in the best possible way
Name of VO	Agara Foundation
Amount approved	€2,900
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>Agara's aim is to walk together with different communities and individuals all over the world to empower them in their respective environments. As a voluntary organisation, we need to market our projects on different platforms in order to provide the organisation with the maximum publicity possible. The funding provided will enable Agara Foundation to set up a much needed website, using professional designs and material. This will help to attract the general public, hence increasing awareness on the issues and projects which are at the heart of Agara Foundation. Setting up a website will give Agara Foundation legitimacy and professionalism. It will be a medium on which we can showcase our work. It will enable Agara to market itself - as people might be more inclined to search online rather than call or visit our offices. Having an online presence offers a cost effective and environmental-friendly way of advertising and marketing our organisation, hence avoiding the use of flyers and other printed materials. The website will also help strengthen our relationship with the targeted cohorts, even by maintaining a database of registered visitors to the website and keeping them informed of the latest projects and updates. The website will also make it possible for Agara to attract a wider market - as the information published will be made available globally. Moreover, it will make Agara Foundation available 24/7 - as the public will be able to visit the website at all hours, hence further increasing our availability.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 41/2018
Title of the project	Percussion's Circle of Hope
Name of VO	Soċjetà Mużikali San Ġuzepp Ħal Kirkop A.D. 1886
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>It is the organisation's intention to focus and expand the percussion section of our band. In order to attract more youth participants, we have decided to invite members of the Malta Tama Tnabar Association VO/0205 and Agara Foundation VO/1138 which both work with people with various difficulties in society. Our band conductor will, in a series of lessons, teach them how to play band related percussion instruments since these type of instruments are relatively easier to teach and quicker to achieve results in short term. The ultimate goal would be to have member/s of either organisation to play with our band in front of an audience. Eventually, Tama Tnabar will be also accompanying our band by applying their own style during a performance. Thus we will be having an integration of percussion styles. This project will raise awareness in our society both about other VO's with different missions as well as it will help our members to address the issue of social inclusion first hand. Teaching music and encouraging awareness to artistic cultural events is our prime objective at this day</p>	

and time when youths are more interested in social media and gaming instead of cultural activities.

Ref No.	SIS 42/2018
Title of the project	The Evolution of the Festive March
Name of VO	Għaqda Mużikali Beland
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>In 1832, Żejtun already had its own orchestra formed originally founded by the Diacono family who had brought Maestro Michele De Ferraris from Livorno (Italy) to assist them with the setup of the orchestra. However, towards the year 1860, De Ferraris was working closely with the Diacono family to transform this orchestra into one of the first wind bands to be established in Malta, today known as the Beland Band of Żejtun. The latter transformation is attributed to the strong influence posed by the British Empire marching bands which at that time their popularity throughout Malta, being a British colony itself, grew considerably. Indeed, in its archives the Beland Band holds a remarkable collection of band marches, reflecting the evolution of the Maltese band march over the past 150 years since the inception of the first wind bands established in Malta. The intention of this project is to primarily revive festive marches that have been archived for more than a century, whilst fostering the participation of members and musicians of the Beland Band to take an active part in volunteering in the research and digitalisation of old musical transcripts. The final outcome of this exercise would be to record this compilation in a Compact Disc to be launched during an event to raise awareness of this musical heritage, underlining the history and evolution of band marches from an artistic and professional perspective since the earliest band marches played by a wind band in Malta.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 44/2018
Title of the project	The Younger Generation – Greater Participation in Band Clubs and Affective Marketing
Name of VO	Għaqda Każini tal-Banda
Amount approved	€2,500
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>The project shall take the format of a one-day event mainly divided in two workshops, dedicated to instil more awareness and readiness by youths to be more active within Band Clubs. The second workshop would concentrate more on the marketing aspect directed to youths. These two workshops are being held as a result of the National Survey carried out by the Għaqda Każini tal-Banda specifically to examine the present situation of Band Clubs. This survey carried out in a scientific manner has given the proponent a lot of food for thought on the lack of enthusiasm by youths to take a more active part in the administration of the Band Clubs. From the survey it is also very clear that Band Clubs need to better market their activities and should direct such marketing not only to the society in general but more so to the younger generation. The fact that from the Survey the overwhelming majority of interviewees confirmed that band clubs are very relevant to Maltese culture it comes natural that the Għaqda Każini tal-Banda needs to target the younger generation to safeguard its members' continued existence and the protection of an important part of our cultural roots.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 46/2018
Title of the project	Enhancing Tourism through Volunteering
Name of VO	Gozo Tourism Association
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>This project will take the form of a conference being organised by the Gozo Tourism Association with the participation of the numerous NGO's on Gozo, who through their voluntary work, activities and initiatives are creating so much on the Gozitan cultural calendar. These cultural activities are being a useful and integral means to promote and market Gozo as a tourist destination through the cultural niche. This event is aimed to all Gozitan NGO's who are sometimes even without knowing are contributing to the aforementioned cause. The conference intends to bring together all the Gozitan NGOs, together with the touristic trade on Gozo and formulate a way forward how to integrate and amalgamate more the activities being organised. This conference aimed to be held during the month of May 2018 will be a unique opportunity to start a rapport of organised collaboration between the NGO's and the Gozitan touristic sector. It will also open up a way to understand better the two realities in which these two sectors operate in Gozo. Finally this conference will pave the way forward for more effective optimisation from these activities organised by NGO's and which can be marketed more effectively by the Gozitan touristic trade.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 50/2018
Title of the project	Website and Materials 2018
Name of VO	ADHD Malta
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>New Website & materials for ADHD-MALTA : we would like to have your support to create a professional, informative, modern, local internet site for individuals with ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder) and their families, interested parties (i.e. educators, health staff, affiliate local and European voluntary organizations, etc) and the general public. Both national languages of Maltese and English are to be used as to ensure inclusion. Attention will be given to make it a visual, mobile & disability friendly site. Our own You-tube clips and materials/ resources will be placed on the site as well as any of our newspaper articles and radio shows. Updated information leaflets with the new website and contact details will be needed for Malta & Gozo, business cards and exposure through media marketing will complement the project. The creation of the website will take from March - September and the complimentary materials and social media marketing will be done in September - December.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 51/2018
Title of the project	Little Book Makers
Name of VO	Kopin (Koperazzjoni Internazzjonali – Malta)
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>Kopin's proposed project aims at the inclusion of children through activities that will support the development of their self-confidence. Using paper craft and printing activities facilitated by two trained professionals, children will be exposed to working with their hands, exploring creativity and enhancing their skills. Glen Calleja and Sarah Mamo are local artists who have extensive experience in working and sharing their passion and knowledge with children. Instructions will be given in English and Maltese, as required by the participants. The activities, aimed at contributing to children's personal and social development, will be offered to Maltese and foreign children alike, in an effort to bring together societal groups that likely would not otherwise interact with each other. The migrant children will be recruited through Kopin's network, with a focus on children residing in Government refugee centres. They will be provided with transport, if needed. The age group of the children will be limited from 8 to 12 years to create a level playing field and make even more complex activities possible. This project will furthermore promote and encourage participation of volunteers: it will be open to Kopin's pool of dedicated volunteers whilst also offer opportunities for new volunteers. 8 sessions of 2 hours (two per month) will be implemented in order to give the children time to fully explore the new craft, get familiar with each other and the volunteers, and build a trust relationship in a safe environment.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 53/2018
Title of the project	Malta Street Art Collective
Name of VO	Msida Skatepark Streetart, Skateboarding, Bmx and Music Jam
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>The Msida skatepark pool jam is a free for all mini-festival merging visual arts with sports and music located at the heart of the island. The project is realised through voluntary participation of street artists, skateboarders, bmx riders and musicians, bringing together a celebration of these subcultures. During the project the walls of the pool area in the skatepark will be filled with new artwork which will serve as a backdrop for the festival. The festival will include skateboarding, bmx and breakdance competitions as well as live musical performances by local artists. The organisation of the festival will include the voluntary participation of the youth belonging to different subcultures. The event will be a collaboration between Malta street art collective, Malta skateboarding association and the Msida local council together.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 54/2018
Title of the project	A panoramic outlook into rescue volunteering with EFRU
Name of VO	Emergency Fire and Rescue Unit (EFRU)
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>EFRU, a voluntary organisation specializing in rescue, assists the constituted authorities in national emergencies or when otherwise requested. However, unfortunately it lacks visibility with the general public, being a relatively new organisation when compared with similar organisations. Hence, the need to increase its exposure for the public to become familiar with EFRU and its line of work is essential. Due to our ongoing efforts to promote the organisation and seek new recruits, we are therefore looking to embark on an online marketing campaign on social media, making use of short videos to showcase the work of the organisation and inspire viewers to join the organisation. The videos will also promote the idea of volunteering in general and show the public the benefits of such organisations whose work ultimately benefits the community. It is also the intent to inspire people to join the organisation, which not only helps the organisation grow and improve further the service it provides to the community, but also helps people to learn life skills, socialise with like-minded people, contribute more to society and lead a more fulfilling life. The main purpose of these videos will be to publicise EFRU and encourage the public to join this volunteering organisation. Apart from social media, these videos may also be used in local/international events, conferences and presentations in events showcasing the will and experiences of local EFRU volunteers. A secondary effect is that the footage filmed will also be used internally for training and quality purposes spurring further improvement.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 56/2018
Title of the project	Guggen Awareness
Name of VO	Big Friends Guggen Musik A.D. 2008
Amount approved	€2,950
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>The Project will consist of an exhibition held in October 2018, where information about foreign and about the Maltese 'Guggen' Bands will be given to the attendees to create more awareness on 'Guggen' Music. During the same activity, the Maltese 'Guggen' band will be performing live to the attendees and giving them a first-hand experience of what a 'Guggen' band consists of. All those who attend will also be given a free DVD which will include information and videos of foreign 'Guggen' Bands, so the attendees will have something which may help them to further interest themselves into 'Guggen' music. This is all done by volunteers which value the importance of art and music and educating others about the importance of music.</p> <p>This project will require research, on what is 'Guggen' music, and its sole purpose to spread joy, from all of the member of the 'Big Friends Guggen Musik Band'. Thus, this will lead to more understanding of the role of the 'Big friends Guggen Musik Band' to the Maltese Society, which will improve this band and therefore more prepared to satisfy more the societal needs.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 57/2018
Title of the project	Improving visibility of VOs – a new website for MFPA
Name of VO	Malta Federation of Professional Associations
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>The Malta Federation of Professional Associations comprises of 17 voluntary organisations representing different professions. The federation seeks inter-disciplinary activities and one of its objectives is to educate both the professionals and the general public. It is represented in the Civil Society committee and the Malta Council for Economic and Social Development (MCESD) and regularly contributes to public consultations and holds private meetings with relevant authorities. MFPA wishes to improve its visibility to help make its contributions and work more efficient. It also wants to have more direct contact with its members as well as the general public. It wants to strengthen interdisciplinary practice and encourage collaboration and pooling of resources between organisations. It also aims to educate the general public on the difference between different professions and what services are available for the consumers. Internet is powerful tool in today's age but can be harmful when the public seeks information in the wrong places. A new website for MFPA will be a useful tool for all to access information about different professions in the correct channel, improve networking amongst organisations and serve as a platform for MFPA to advertise its contribution to civil society display news about events it organises as well as advertise its commitment to society at a European level.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 59/2018
Title of the project	Hbieb tat-Tempju Online Museum
Name of VO	Hbieb tat-Tempju Sant' Elena
Amount approved	€2,950
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>"Tezori Eleniani" is the name of a museum which will be opened in the locality of Birkirkara in the second quarter of 2018. The museum is managed and run by the applicant - Hbieb tat-Tempju, an NGO completely focused on the setting up and running of a museum dedicated to the cultural heritage of Birkirkara particularly the artifacts and historical legacy of the Basilica of St Helen. The Museum project has been made possible through the contribution and efforts of a small team of dedicated volunteers who have work tirelessly to create this museum from scratch. The museum is completely funded through these volunteers who have been working on this project from more than 6 years. The museum is in final stages and it is hoped to be launched not later than May 2018 Hbieb Tat-Tempju Online Museum is the online version of the museum. Now that the museum is about to be launched we want to also have an online presence which can be used as a strong marketing tool to reach out to the public. It will help the museum attract visitor once its open to the public.</p>	

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Ref No.	SIS 60/2018
Title of the project	Educating and Empowering Patients
Name of VO	National Patients' Organisation – Malta
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>The Project planned is about educating the general public and members of the National Patients' Organisation, Malta (NPO - Malta) in raising awareness mainly on the Patients' Charter that has been established and launched by the Minister of Health, Dr. Chris Fearne following a wide consultation. The above is in line with one of the main objectives of NPO - Malta as the organisation wishes to see that the Patients understand and uphold the contents of the Charter which has become fully implemented and effective as at the 21st November 2017.</p> <p>In this respect NPO - Malta plans to organise a Seminar in the month of March, where the organisation will focus on patient empowerment, rights and responsibilities outlined therein. In view of the aforesaid, NPO - Malta will invite the general public to attend and participate at Seminar/s planned to be held. To this effect, well versed professionals in the field, working within the European Union Member States, as well experienced Patients on the national scene, will be sharing their insight and experiences. Through effective patient empowerment both the country and its's society stand to benefit.</p>	

Ref No.	SIS 61/2018
Title of the project	SMILE AGAIN! - A Children's Festival
Name of VO	Don Bosco Oratory, Gozo
Amount approved	€3,000
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	
<p>Children have a right to be happy. However due to various circumstances, not all children are in fact happy. Sick and disabled children, children with emotional or psychological problems, children coming from difficult backgrounds, broken families or at risk of poverty, are on the increase, even in Gozo. At the Oratory we have been discovering and encountering these children especially during weekends and holidays. Together with the above-mentioned types of children we encounter others who feel the need of more attention from their families (lacking, perhaps due to life's pressures). Moreover loneliness among children is also on the</p>	

rise. SMILE AGAIN – A CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL is intended to follow the first SMILE FESTIVAL organised by the same Oratory 5 years ago, and would continue on the path of celebrating childhood, focusing especially on those children who actually need a smile on their faces. We will be doing this also on the occasion of the 15th year of the Don Bosco Summer Club.

At the same time SMILE AGAIN – A CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL aims to create awareness in adults on the right of children to be happy. In conjunction with the Don Bosco Summer Club, celebrating its fifteenth year in 2018, the Don Bosco Oratory is proposing this project which goes beyond a usual Summer Club time-table. Through SMILE AGAIN – A CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL we intend to involve our youths, and have them focusing on reaching out to other children in Gozo, especially those in need of a healthy smile!
