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The Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector (MCVS), as the sole legitimate representative of all the voluntary organisations registered in Malta and Gozo, representing over 1,800 registered wholeheartedly welcomes the launch of the € 3 million fund as part of the economic regeneration plan which was announced this week, by the Government. The Council notes with satisfaction that this fund was specifically created for this Sector to help it emerge from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This Grant is a recognition of the sector as a contributor to the economic and social development in the country. The Council appreciates that the request made on behalf of the sector has been accepted by the Government and will now ensure that these funds are fairly distributed. This will be done through information sessions for organizations on how to apply for these funds. The funds will be available within a reasonable time and distributed in full transparency and good governance.

On behalf of the sector it represents, the Council thanks the Hon Dr Robert Abela, Prime Minister, the Hon Prof Edward Scicluna, Minister for Finance and Hon Clifton Grima Parliamentary Secretary for Youth, Sport and Voluntary Organizations for their continuous support. The Council reiterates its call to the Sector to remain focused and united in order to further strengthen and be given the recognition it deserves.

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Il-Kunsill Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat, bħala rappreżentant uniku u primarju ta' 'I fuq minn 1,800 għaqda volontarja registrati f'Malta u Għawdex, b'sodisfazzjon jilqa' it-tnhedija tal-fond ta' €3miljun li thabbar bħala parti mill-pjan ta' riġenerazzjoni ekonomika li ħabbar il-Gvern din il-ġimgħa li nħoloq għal dan il-qasam biex jgħinu joħrog mill-effetti tal-pandemija COVID-19.

Il-Kunsill japprezza li t-talba li għamel f'isem is-settur intlaqgħet mill-Gvern u issa se jassiguraw li dawn il-fondi jitqassmu b'mod ġust. Il-Kunsill japprezza li t-talba magħmulu f'isem is-settur ġiet aċċettata mill-Gvern u issa se tiżgura li dawn il-fondi jitqassmu b'mod ġust. Dan fost l-oħrajn billi jkun hemm sessjonijiet ta' informazzjoni sabiex jinfurmaw lill-ġhaqqiet kif japplikaw għal dawn il-fondi, u li l-istess fondi jkunu disponibbli fi żmien raġonevoli.

F'isem is-settur li jirrappreżenta, il-Kunsill jirringrazza lill-Onor Dr Robert Abela, Prim Ministro, lill-Onor Prof Edward Scicluna, Ministru ghall-Finanzi u lill-Onor Dr. Clifton Grima, Segretarju Parlamentari għaż-Żgħażaq, Sport u Għaqdiet Volontarji għall-ħidma kontiwa tagħhom b'rissq is-settur. Il-Kunsill jappella biex is-settur jibqa' magħqud sabiex ikompli jissaħħa u jingħata r-rikonoxximent li jistħoqqlu.

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