



# ΣΗΜΕΙΑ ΣΤΗΡΙΞΗΣ | POINTS OF SUPPORT

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SMALL GRANTS, BIG IDEAS

*Programme supporting innovative social initiatives*

The [John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation](#), in partnership with [TIMA Charitable Foundation](#) and [Hellenic Hope Charity](#), in July 2015, issued a public call for the programme “**Points of Support**” programme. The call is addressed to non-profit and volunteer organisations active in the field of social welfare. The programme will provide grants up to €5,000 to projects that aim to promote innovation and improve effectiveness as well as to maximise social impact in the field of NGOs.

## The 3 main evaluation criteria are:

1. Originality of the idea
2. Social impact of the suggested project
3. Effectiveness coupled with the multiplier benefit of the suggested project

In addition, important features that will be taken into consideration during the evaluation are: collaboration with third parties, sustainability of the project's outcomes, as well as the organisation's size, by giving priority to those that employ a small number of people. The evaluation committee will comprise representatives of each one of the three foundations.

## Terms and Conditions of Participation:

The “Points of Support” programme accepts applications by non-profit legal entities, such as non-governmental organisations, non-profit civil partnerships, volunteers associations etc, that support vulnerable groups in Greece. The grants provided will be up to €5,000 each and the maximum timeframe for each project's completion will be one year.

### **In specific, “Points of Support” will fund organisations that:**

- Implement projects towards the benefit of vulnerable groups facing conditions of disease, anxiety, abuse, hunger, poverty and deprivation, as well as any type of disability.
- Can prove their ability to utilise a small-scale grant in order to make a great difference for their beneficiaries.

### **Note:**

- Applications that involve coverage of payroll expenses and co-funding of larger-scale projects where the “Points of Support” grant will have marginal contribution are less likely to be approved for funding.

- Each entity has the ability to submit up to two (2) applications to the programme for the implementation of different projects. The online applications should be submitted separately and not in one application form.

#### **“Points of Support” will not fund:**

- Projects that receive funding from other sources, such as municipalities, European funds etc.
- Projects related to religious activities
- Scholarships, public fees or similar expenses
- Coverage of deficits or debt repayment
- Projects with a starting date earlier than the beginning of the funding (November 2015)
- Projects with a starting date later than February 1st, 2016
- Expenses not explicitly explained
- Operational expenses not related to the project’s implementation

## **What happens after submitting the application?**

Following the submission, you will receive an automated email confirming that your application has been filed successfully and informing you about the next steps and the timeframe of the procedure.

Subsequently, the programme’s administrators will proceed to a primary examination of the application, in order to ensure whether it includes all the data necessary.

The organisations approved during the first-stage evaluation will be called for a discussion/interview via Skype, with an aim to provide deeper insight into the project. The interview will take place within one month from the public call deadline.

All applicants will be informed about the final decision of the evaluation committee via email.

In case your application is approved, the evaluation committee reserves the right to set specific conditions for the implementation of the grant, such as, indicatively, supplementary information about the project or necessary alterations in the implementation procedure.

## **Application Submission**

You can find the application [here](#).

**Submission deadline: September 15th 2015, at 17:00 hrs.**