



OCIAC grant programme – Unofficial translation third round and amendment  
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**Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 6 March 2024, MINBUZA-2024.20531, setting a ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 and amending the Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 7 April 2023, no. MinBuZa-2023.15230, laying down administrative rules and a ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 (Third round and amendment of the administrative rules for the Orange Corners Grant Programme).**

The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation

Having regard to articles 6 and 7 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grants Decree;

Having regard to articles 5.1 and 7.2 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006;

Orders:

**Article 1**

Applications for grants in the third round of the Orange Corners Grant Programme must focus on the target locations Palestinian Territories and Senegal and be submitted between 3 June 2024 and 23.59 on 12 July 2024 Dutch time (CEST).

**Article 2**

A grant ceiling of €1.2 million applies to the third round of the Orange Corners Grant Programme. Of this amount, no more than €600,000 is available for each target location.

**Article 3**

In the interests of efficiency, no more than one application for each target location referred to in article 1 will be eligible for a grant. The available funds referred to in article 2 will be allocated in accordance with an assessment based on the criteria set out in the annexe to this Order, on the understanding that, of the applications that meet the criteria, the application that meets them best will be given priority. If two or more applications for the same target location meet the criteria in equal measure, they will be ranked by drawing lots.

**Article 4**

The annexe to the Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 7 April 2023, laying down administrative rules and a ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 (Orange Corners Grant Programme)<sup>1</sup> is amended as follows:

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The last paragraph of section 4.1 (Purpose) is amended to read as follows:

The grant programme is aimed at activities in the target locations Algeria, Angola, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, the DRC, Egypt, Ghana, Iraq (except for the Kurdistan Region of Iraq), Kurdistan Region of Iraq, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Palestinian Territories, Senegal, South Africa, South Sudan and Sudan.

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<sup>1</sup> Government Gazette 2023, no. 11115.



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The text of section 4.6 (Duration of activities) is amended to read as follows:

The activities for which a grant is requested must have a duration of four years, starting on 1 January 2025 and ending on 31 December 2028.

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In the first sentence of section 4.7 (Size of the grant), '€750,000' is replaced by '€600,000'.

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The following table is inserted after the table in Appendix 1:

<b>Target location</b>	<b>Relevant themes and sectors</b>	<b>Geographic focus</b>
Palestinian Territories	The most relevant themes and sectors are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Agriculture</li><li>- Access to water and land</li><li>- ICT and digitalisation</li></ul>	The West Bank and where possible Gaza
Senegal	No specific themes or sectors have been identified as most relevant. The focus should be on likelihood of success and scalability of the activities for which a grant is requested.	Dakar and, where possible, other cities/regions

**Article 5**

This Order enters into force on the day after the date of publication of the Government Gazette in which it appears, with the proviso that the Annexe to the Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 7 April 2023, laying down administrative rules and a ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 (Orange Corners Grant Programme) (as it read prior to the entry into force of this Order), continues to apply to applications submitted and grants awarded prior to that date.

This Order and the explanatory notes will be published in the Government Gazette.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE



Netherlands Enterprise Agency

This Order opens the third round of applications for the Orange Corners Grant Programme. A total of €1.2 million is available for the award of grants in this third round for activities in the target locations Palestinian Territories and Senegal. For each target location, grant applications can be submitted for 75% of the total project costs, up to a maximum of €600,000. Only one grant application can be submitted for each location, and the activities should have a duration of four years, from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2028.

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