



**Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 13 April 2026, no. BZ26-26726.01, 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 (Sixth round and amendment of the administrative rules for the Orange Corners Grant Programme).**

The State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

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 sixth round of the Orange Corners Grant Programme must focus on the target location Benin and be submitted between 4 May 2026 and 23.59 on 4 June 2026 Netherlands time (CEST).

**Article 2**

A grant ceiling of €750,000 applies to the sixth round of the Orange Corners Grant Programme.

**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, Bangladesh, Benin, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, the DRC, Egypt, Ghana, Iraq (except for the Kurdistan Region of Iraq), Jordan, 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 five years, starting on 1 September 2026 and ending on 31 August 2031.

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In the first sentence of section 4.7 (Size of the grant), '€375,000' is replaced by '€750,000'.

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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>	<b>Other comments</b>
Benin	<p>Preferably, the project supports entrepreneurs from various sectors and works with multi-sector cohorts.</p> <p>For the selection of sectors, it is advisable to be aware of the currently most relevant themes and sectors for the Netherlands (renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, circular economy, water management, and healthcare) and Benin (agro-industry, sustainable cities, manufacturing industry, tourism and culture, logistics and transport, and digitalisation).</p> <p>Furthermore, when selecting themes and sectors, both the innovation and job creation potential of the respective themes and sectors should be taken into account, as well as the additionality of the project in relation to other projects active in Benin.</p>	<p>Preferably a project that serves multiple regions/cities in Benin, for example with multiple satellite hubs or a touring programme (caravan). In addition to Cotonou, consider Parakou, Porto-Novo, Calavi, Abomey, Bohicon, and Djougou, among others.</p>	<p>Given that several training programmes are already running in Benin that focus exclusively on supporting early-stage entrepreneurs (pre-incubation, incubation), there are opportunities for projects targeting growing entrepreneurs with some existing traction.</p>

## 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**

This Order opens the sixth round of applications for the Orange Corners Grant Programme. A total of €750,000 is available for the award of grants in this sixth round for activities in the target location Benin. For this, grant applications can be submitted for 75% of the total project costs, up to a maximum of €750,000. An applicant can qualify for a maximum of one subsidy, and the activities should have a duration of 5 years, from 1 September 2026 to 31 December 2031.

On behalf of the State Secretary for Foreign Affairs,

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