



Applications for Grant Assistance

Availability of grants and how to apply is the most frequently asked question at our meetings.

Most of our members are aware that grants are available from the European Union in Brussels. Many have made successful applications, some have drawn a blank while others find the application procedure daunting, not surprisingly.

- **E. U Grants**

The sheer amount of printing precludes the inclusion here of the relevant application form (in 2007 it ran to ten pages) but they are easily available:-

(a) by post from:-

Education, Audio-Visual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)
Unit P7 Citizenship
Applications Town Twinning Citizen's Meetings
Avenue du Bourget 1 (BOUR 00/13)
B-Brussels
Belgium

(NB: "Meetings" means what we would probably call, in this context, "Exchanges" or "visits")

(b) by e-mail...address:-

eacea-P7@ec.europa.eu

© on the Internet...address:-

www.EACEA

Look for :- Civil Society and Town Twinning

- Active European Citizenship 2004 – 2006 (click)

Then click on **“Town Twinning”** and/or **“New Programme Europe for Citizens”**

Action 1 Town Twinning Citizen’s Meetings
Grant Application Form 2008
Look for “Call for Proposals”

(d) The form can also be completed and submitted on-line

The application procedure can seem complicated, bureaucratic and pernickety but It is surmountable! The grant can be quite substantial and applies to both the host Association, who have to make the application, and their visitors who receive a proportion of their travelling expenses. Provided you adhere to their stipulations and “jump through the hoops” there is every chance of success.

One important stipulation for the award of a grant is that the Twinning Association must be part of an official Civic link to the twin town. Not all of our member Associations come into this category.

It is important to apply in good time as applications are accepted in four phases by date during the year; these phases are specified on the form.

Other possible sources of Grants

- Awards for All, Southwest 01392 849705
www.awardsforall.co.uk This site has links to numerous other sources
- www.guidestar.org.uk
- www.fundfinder.org.uk
- Town or parish Council
- Local Charitable organisation(s)
- The Monica Saunders Trophy currently comes with an award of £150

There may well be other sources of financial assistance particularly when young people are involved. If you know of any (and are not jealously guarding them !) please let us know in order to include them in the next update of this folder.