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## **DNB Fund general principles**

### **Geographical area of operation**

The DNB Fund contributes to initiatives in the Caribbean (Curaçao, Aruba, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba), in Suriname and in the Netherlands.

### **Intended effect as per objective**

The DNB Fund will only provide financial support to initiatives that are in line with the purpose described on our website. The initiatives should thus (predominantly, but not exclusively) benefit the descendants of enslaved people.

### **Character of initiatives**

The DNB Fund is intended to support initiatives with a strong local and grass-roots character. These will mostly be initiatives by local institutions (foundations and associations), civic initiatives and individuals.

Another important element is that an initiative must have the potential to contribute to lasting change. Here, lasting change means bringing about improvements in the lives of descendants which have a sustained, positive effect.

### **Applicants**

Applicants preferably live and/or work (in the case of organisations: are established) in the area where the initiative will take place. We give priority to initiatives that are implemented by the target group.

The Culture Fund cannot and will not ask initiators to “prove” that they are a descendant. The Culture Fund can ascertain enough information in its assessment of proposals by:

- Requesting additional explanation on the application form or in the project proposal
- Requesting references from and through its own advisory committees and from the local sounding board and consultation groups.

The Culture Fund makes every effort to facilitate (potential) applicants as much as possible, with the aim of making the annual DNB Fund allocation budget as accessible as possible to less accessible groups too.

### ***Organisational form of applicants***

The fund targets both institutions and individuals, prioritising the character, objective, reach and impact of the initiative. There are different emphases per geographical area.

- Suriname: Individuals, civic initiatives and non-profit cultural or civic institutions may apply. Government agencies are outside the scope of this fund.
- The Netherlands: Civic initiatives and non-profit cultural or social institutions may apply. Government agencies are outside the scope of this fund. (The Culture Fund uses its vast experience to decide on supporting individuals.)
- Caribbean: Individuals (especially young people), civic initiatives and non-profit cultural or social institutions may apply. Government agencies are outside the scope of this fund.

### **Project budget**

The DNB Fund can support initiatives with contributions ranging from €500 to €25,000 (subject to well-founded exceptions by the applicant), with a balanced distribution of amounts granted per geographical area, and in accordance with the following guideline:

- Caribbean: €500 – €25,000
- Suriname: €500 – €25,000
- The Netherlands: €1,000 – €25,000

An allocation from the DNB Fund can be combined with an allocation from other Culture Fund or PBCCG resources, as long as the (earmarked) component supported by the DNB Fund meets the DNB Fund criteria.

#### Frequency

- Organisations can receive multiple contributions in one calendar year for different projects. The DNB Fund aims for a proportionate distribution of the allocation budget and, when making choices, considers whether an applicant has already received a previous contribution, and how a new application relates to a previous contribution.
- Initiatives can be supported on a multi-year basis. A commitment can be made for up to five years, with phased disbursement of funding.