

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS

of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Republic of Bulgaria

1. Basic act and Financing source

Financing Agreement BG 2006/018-343

Budget line BG 2006/018-343.01.01 Deinstitutionalisation through provision of community based services for risk groups

Budget line BG BG2006/018-343.10.01 Human Resources Development and Promotion of Employment

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for the year 2006 and expected results

Budget line BG 2006/018-343.01.01

Objectives of the programme are deinstitutionalisation of children, people with disabilities and elderly people and improvement of the quality of life of persons with mental health problems with respect of human rights through provision of alternative community based services and development of network of social and mental health services.

Grants for provision of community based medical, social, educational and mental health services as: prevention of child abandonment and institutionalisation; protection of children and families at risk; establishment of Day care centres for elderly people; establishment of Sheltered homes for adults with physical disabilities, for adults with psycho disorders, for adults with intellectual retardation; establishment of Hospices; transformation and reconstruction of specialised institutions into alternative form for provision of medical, social and educational services for adults; establishment of acute psychiatric wards in general hospitals; establishment of Day care centres with Sheltered homes and Public information centres for persons with severe mental disorders; transformation and reorganisation of specialised psychiatric hospitals.

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The overall objectives of the programme are to advance Bulgaria's labour market transformation and to make progress in adapting the employment system so as to be able to implement the European Employment Strategy and to prepare for accession to the EU, and to improve employability and adaptability of the labour force and preventing social exclusion

The specific objectives of the programme are promotion of job creation and improving the employment perspectives and social cohesion in response to the local market needs and requirements, promotion of entrepreneurship among the population in active age, and further development of the system for vocational training of adults corresponding to the needs of a dynamic market economy.

3. Eligibility conditions

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Eligible organisations should be duly established or registered in accordance with the relevant Bulgarian legislation and registered in Agency for Social Assistance as providers of social services, be licensed in State Agency for Child Protection as providers of social services for children; municipalities, NGOs, non-profit organisations, establishments under the provisions of the Law for Healthcare, establishments under the provisions of the Law for vocational education and training.

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Component A - Employment creation

Eligible organizations should be legal entity or sole trader established and registered under Bulgarian Commercial Act or under Bulgarian Crafts Act.

Component B - Fostering the entrepreneurship

Eligible organizations should be duly established and registered in accordance with the relevant Bulgarian legislation, and be duly established as a higher school as per Bulgarian Higher Education Law or be institution in the system of the vocational education and training in Bulgaria as specified in Article 18 of Vocational Education and Training Act.

Component C - Further development of an adult training centers network

Eligible organizations should be duly established and registered in accordance with the relevant Bulgarian legislation, and be duly established as a higher school as per Bulgarian Higher Education Law or be institution in the system of the vocational education and training in Bulgaria as specified in Article 18 of Vocational Education and Training Act.

Applicants' partners participate in implementing the action, and the costs they incur are eligible in the same way as those incurred by the grant Beneficiary.

4. Selection and award criteria

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The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions.

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5. Maximum rate of Community financing

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Component 1 – Provision of community based social services for children

- Maximum amount for individual grants: EUR 150 000

Component 2 – Provision of community-based social services for adults

- For the “Sheltered Homes”:

- Maximum amount for individual grants: EUR 100 000

- For the “Day Care Centres” and “Hospices”:

- Maximum amount for individual grants: 200 000 Euro

- For the services targeted to support the families with people with disabilities and social inclusion of elderly people:

- Maximum amount for individual grants: EUR 45 000

- For the transformation and reconstruction of specialised institutions:

- Maximum amount for individual grants: EUR 200 000

Component 3 – Provision of community-based mental health services

- For the “Acute psychiatric ward in the general hospitals”:

- Maximum amount for individual grants: EUR 150 000

- For the “Day Care Centre with Sheltered Home and Information Centre”:

- Maximum amount for individual grants: EUR 250 000

- For the “Specialised psychiatric hospital”:

- Maximum amount for individual grants: EUR 400 000

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Component A - Employment creation

- For the experienced businesses:

- Maximum amount for individual grants: EUR 100 000

-For the newly established businesses:

- Maximum amount for individual grants: EUR 30 000

Component B - Fostering the entrepreneurship

- Maximum amount for individual grants: EUR 50 000

Component C - Development of an adult training centres network

- Maximum amount for individual grants: EUR 100 000

6. Schedule of calls for proposals

Budget line BG 2006/018-343.01.01 – September 2007

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7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

Budget line BG 2006/018-343.01.01

The overall amount under this call for proposals is EUR 8 700 000.

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The overall amount under this call for proposals is EUR 7 900 000.