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NOTIFICATION

F.No.1-10/2018-FGAWF—The Prime Minister has been pleased to approve the amendments in Schedule-I notified vide National Heritage and Culture Division's Notification No. 1/10/2018-FGAWF dated 1st January, 2021 containing the Objectives, Source of Funding, ToRs and Composition of the Steering Committee of the Federal Government Artists Welfare Fund.

2. Consequently, the Schedule-I of the Fund, is amended with immediate effect as per annexure to this Notification.

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The Objectives, Source of Funding, ToRs and Composition of the Steering Committee of "Federal Government Artists Welfare Fund"

(1) Objective

The prime objective of the Fund shall be to provide financial help to the artists and writers of Pakistan or their family* in the following cases:-

****(Family means dependents (spouse, minor children)***

- i) When an artist is in impoverished condition and needs financial support.
- ii) During the period, when an artist is inactive due to old age, health condition, or otherwise handicapped from accident or disease.
- iii) After the death of an artist, his/her family needs financial support.
- iv) "Federal Government Artists Welfare Fund" will empower artists/writers through financial aid, when they are in crisis and provide them with the opportunity to recover from a setback and return to doing quality work. Short-term and long-term financial aid plans will be the part of this fund and financial aid.

(2) Eligibility

- i) That artists shall be eligible for this assistance who has performed for more than ten years in his/her relevant field of art or mature enough to claim that assistance, or otherwise as per the discretion of the Steering Committee
- ii) The artist has to file the case through written application according to the prescribed format. (**Annexed**)

(3) Sources of Fund:-

- i) The Fund has been created by the Prime Minister of Pakistan with a seed money of Rs.200 million, which may be enhanced from time to time.
- ii) The funds provided by the Prime Minister will be allocated as Endowment Fund and the whole seed money will be placed under fixed deposit and the earned interest will be allocated for the financial assistance to the artists.
- iii) Every film producer will be obliged to deposit Rs.100,000/- in the "Federal Government Artists Welfare Fund" upon issuance of the certificate by the Film Censor Board for his film.
- iv) Donations for the Fund.
- v) Artists contribution
- vi) The artists would be encouraged to arrange entertainment programmes and the revenue generated thus shall also be deposited in the "Federal Government Artists Welfare Fund".

(4) Terms of Reference of the Steering Committee

- i) To operate, regulate and manage the "Federal Government Artists Welfare Fund".
- ii) To sanction disbursement of grants and stipends to the deserving artists and writers of film, theatre, Radio, TV and freelance from the Fund in hardship cases.
- iii) To approve cases of special grant to an artist or a writer on medical grounds.
- iv) Maintain a list of artists and writers eligible to receive such grants and stipends from the Fund.
- v) To hold meetings preferably twice in a year to consider the cases related to financial help and matters connected with the Fund.
- vi) To suggest ways and means to generate and obtain donations for the Fund.

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(5) Functions of the Steering Committee

- i) A Steering Committee comprising official **members** and non-official professionals in the field of art with **the Prime Minister or a Federal Minister/Minister of State/Adviser authorized by Prime Minister to be the Chairman** will be constituted to manage the "Federal Government Artists Welfare Fund" and sanction the financial assistance.
- ii) The tenure of the Steering Committee would be three (03) years. A quorum of 60% members would be mandatory for the meeting of Steering Committee. In case a member had not attended the three (03) consecutive meetings of the Steering Committee, his/her membership would stand cancelled.
- iii) The Steering Committee members would recommend deserving cases after personally satisfying the genuineness of the case for approval of the Steering Committee.

Composition of the Steering Committee

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| Chairman | Prime Minister or a Federal Minister/Minister of State/Adviser authorized by Prime Minister |
| Official Members | Minister-in-charge of National Heritage and Culture |
| | Secretary, National Heritage and Culture Division |
| | Secretary, Information and Broadcasting Division |
| | Additional Finance Secretary (Expenditure) |
| | Concerned Joint Secretary of National Heritage and Culture Division (Member/Secretary of the Committee) |
| Non-Official Members | 10 to 15 professionals in the field of art recommended by the Minister-in-charge and approved by the Chairman |

(6) Sanctioning of the Fund

- i) The financial assistance will be granted on the application of the artists or as per directions of the Prime Minister or otherwise, as the Steering Committee may decide. Cheques for such grants would be released within 24 hours of receipt of orders. Such cases would then be formally approved in next meeting of the Steering Committee.
- ii) The amount of one time grant to a deserving artist would be Rs.300,000/- while the maximum amount would be Rs.1,000,000/- (one million). However depending upon the intensity of the need due to medical treatment etc. the amount can be increased and could be provided in two installments. At least 50 deserving cases would be identified and provided assistance in a financial year
- iii) The Steering Committee will meet at least two (02) times in a year. However, in case of emergency, either on directions from the Prime Minister or as per powers delegated by the Steering Committee, **the Chairperson of the Committee, other than the Prime Minister**, is empowered to grant financial assistance to the artist upto Rs.200,000/- in an individual case which shall subsequently be endorsed by the Steering Committee, in its biannual meeting.
Preference in grant will be given to the artists and writers who are suffering from some serious disease or disability or facing financial difficulties.
Stipends can also be granted to artists and writers from the Fund, on monthly or quarterly basis as may be decided by the Steering Committee.
- vi) The administrative expenditure to be incurred on convening the meetings of the Steering Committee including airfare, boarding and lodging of the participants from out stations would be met from the relevant head of account of the **National Heritage and Culture Division** for which necessary provision will be made accordingly.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARTISTS WELFARE FUND
Application Form for financial assistance

1. Name of the applicant (in block letters) _____
2. Name of the father/husband: _____
3. CNIC No. _____ D.O.B _____
4. Name of family members for whom financial assistance required _____

5. Relationship _____
6. Residential address _____
_____ Contact No _____
7. Describe your field of Art and your particular contribution to the field (Field of Art can be Film, Media, Dance, Drama Photography, Music, Fine Arts Crafts and Design. Artistic Heritage etc.):

8. Number of Plays/Serials/Films/Songs and leading roles to be highlighted _____

9. Whether received any Award/Citation: _____

10. Whether previous application consider / rejected _____
11. Period / Duration of Performance: _____
12. Specific reasons for Financial Assistance _____

(you may attach additional information/evidence, Medical certificate etc.)
13. Detail of (amount with date) any Financial Assistance previously granted by the Government (if any): _____

14. Detail of Bank Account _____
(Account #, Bank/Branches Name)
15. Amount required: _____

Note:- Donations will be given to individual himself/herself, spouses and dependent children

(Postal address for sending application)
Federal Government Artists Welfare Fund
National Heritage & Culture Division
4th Floor, Kohsar Block, Pak Secretariat Islamabad

Signature of the applicant