

Q&A for the applicants of the Small Grants in Buna

1. Who can apply?

All individual persons, NGOs, civil society organizations, universities, schools residing within the boundaries of BRVPPL are eligible to apply. Organizations outside of BRVPPL are also eligible to apply only if they show that they have experience in implementing some projects in Buna and will involve local community members or organizations in the implementation process.

2. Which entities are considered eligible to form a coalition?

Only organizations can form a coalition, not individuals.

3. How can I apply?

You have to read carefully the guidelines and fill-in the application form. You can download the guidelines and the application form [here](#). You are welcome to submit the form to the following email: info@inca-al.org or visit the Regional Agency of Protected Areas in Shkodra and submit application as a handwritten copy.

4. What kind of projects can I implement?

Projects that will be related to sustainable tourism development, sustainable fisheries development, sustainable agriculture development and restoration of habitats. For more information please see the guidelines and eligible examples.

5. What is the end date for receiving project proposals?

The call for application is open till September 23rd, 2019 by 14:30.

6. Do I need a bank account?

Yes, you need to have active bank account in order to receive your project payments. No payments will be made in cash. All bank transfers will be made in EUR.

7. What is the maximum amount for each grant?

Individual proposals - 5,000.00 EUR

Organizations/legal entities/business operators - 10,000.00 EUR

Consortium of several organizations - 20,000 EUR (in case if project covers 2 thematic priorities – 20,000 EUR, 3 thematic priorities – 30,000 EUR and 4 thematic priorities - 40,000 EUR)

Coastal habitat restoration projects - 30,000 EUR

8. What should be the duration of projects?

9. Projects should be implemented between October 2019 and 1st of June 2020.

10. Where can the project be implemented?

The project location should fall within the BRVPPL. Please see the [map](#)

11. By when will I know if my project is selected?

After 3 weeks from the closing date, e.g by October 15, 2019.

12. Who will evaluate my project application?

Evaluation board consists of project partners – IUCN, INCA, PAP/RAC, GWP-Med, TdV, as well as representatives of RAPA and the municipality of Shkodra.

13. What would be the payment scheme?

40% in the beginning of the project and 60% by the end of the project.

14. Could there be a three payments scheme for big projects for NGOs?

A middle payment is possible for big projects above 10 000 for NGOs ex 30% 30% 40 %, such proposal will need to be supported with respective justification.

15. Should I provide report describing the progress?

Reporting template will be provided to all successful grantees. Grantees will be requested to provide one or two mid-term reports depending on the duration of each project and the final report.

16. Why the grant doesn't allow for bigger projects above the ceiling?

The aim of the Small Grants Program is to contribute to the ecosystem and habitat restoration of the BRVPL through the development of **small-scale initiatives at the site level** while at the same time **support improvement of the socio-economic situation of local communities** residing within the target area being the users of its natural resources.