

Queen Dona Leonor Fund (FRDL)

Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Lisboa

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Nature of the Support

The Queen Dona Leonor Fund (FRDL) is a non-refundable funding mechanism promoted by the Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Lisboa (SCML), in partnership with the Union of Portuguese Misericórdias (UMP). It is intended to support Portuguese Misericórdias in the implementation of priority social responses and in the recovery of their heritage, with a focus on social innovation and community impact.

Beneficiary Entities

1. Portuguese Misericórdias legally constituted and in full operation;
2. Each entity may submit only one application per three-year period, provided that the previous project has been completed.

Eligibility

Eligible activities are those aimed at achieving the objectives defined in the Partnership Agreement signed between SCML and UMP, under the following terms:

1. Execution or completion of works and installation of equipment that represent a need for intervention and/or have a significant innovation component, particularly in the areas of childhood, intergenerational initiatives, disability, and active ageing;
2. Adaptation of operating spaces and equipment that improve conditions of use for beneficiaries, from a perspective of modernization and humanization of services;
3. Expansion of existing facilities that respond to an identified and duly substantiated need;
4. Financial support for projects aimed at the recovery of integrated architectural, movable, and cultural heritage owned by the applying Misericórdias;
5. The Fund's intervention must ensure the immediate opening and operation of services or heritage assets for public use.

Areas of Intervention

The Fund finances projects falling under one or both of the following modalities:

1. Social Facilities and Equipment

Support for the completion of works or installation of equipment demonstrably necessary for local populations and presenting a need for intervention and/or a significant innovation component, in accordance with the rules and evaluation criteria set out in Annex I of the Queen Dona Leonor Fund regulations.

2. Heritage Recovery

Support for the rehabilitation of architecturally and culturally relevant heritage of the Misericórdias, in accordance with the rules and evaluation criteria set out in Annex II of the Queen Dona Leonor Fund regulations.

Co-financing Rate

1. In the area of Social Facilities and Equipment, the Fund requires a financial contribution from the Promoter of more than 50% of the total project cost;
2. In the area of Heritage Recovery, the Fund's contribution may cover up to 75% of the eligible costs of the works;
3. Support for approved projects may not exceed €300,000 (three hundred thousand euros) per project;
4. Funding provided by the Fund is non-refundable.

Eligible Expenses

1. The Bill of Quantities proposed by the Promoter within the approved project must be fully complied with until completion of the works;
2. Eligible costs must be identifiable in the budget and verifiable in the executed works;
3. The following direct costs are eligible, among others:
 - a) Completion of construction works, expansion or conversion of social and heritage buildings or cultural assets registered under the promoter;
 - b) Equipment directly related to the project;
 - a) Exterior works demonstrably essential for the operation of the service;
 - b) Installation of energy systems;
 - c) Installation of legally required safety systems.
4. The following costs are not considered eligible, among others:
 5. Expenses related to fees and taxes, namely VAT (Value Added Tax);
 6. Costs associated with project design and supervision;
 7. Expenses related to the acquisition and installation of HVAC systems (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning).

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