

Guidelines for BDK Financial Assistance Programs

Article 1 Purpose

BDK's mission is to contribute to the advancement and improvement of human welfare and world peace by promoting the Buddhist spirit of compassion and, interconnectedness, which form the foundation of Japanese culture, and to promote research into Buddhist culture. BDK desires to provide a modern interpretation of the Buddha's teaching and to create a more compassionate humanity through its global educational programs that, contribute to the advancement of modern society. BDK financial/grant assistance is to support individuals and organizations that agree with BDK's purpose.

Article 2 Categories of financial assistance

A. Establishment and Management of Numata Programs in Buddhist Studies and their Related Activities

This assistance is to support domestic and foreign Universities that develop programs in Buddhist studies and contribute to deepening understandings of the Buddhist spirit and eastern cultures.

B. BDK affiliated organizations

This assistance is for domestic and foreign public service organizations or tax-free organizations that distribute BDK's publications including "The Teaching of Buddha" to local or neighboring countries, or continuously carry out activities promoting the Buddhist spirit and culture.

C. Support for Groups

This assistance supports operating costs of organizations agreeing with BDK's purpose of promoting the Buddhist spirit that is the foundation of Japanese culture, Buddhist culture and academic research. Their activities need to have wide public benefits and the necessity of their continuous activity must be recognized. The period of assistance is a single year, and the amount is limited to 2,000,000 yen per case. The amount of the grant needs to be within 70% of total annual cost of the subsidized activity.

D. Support for Projects

This assistance supports specific projects of domestic or foreign individuals or organizations agreeing with BDK's purpose of actively promoting the Buddhist spirit that is the foundation of Japanese culture, Buddhist culture and academic research. The period of assistance is a single year or multiple

years. Depending on the purpose of project, there are three categories.

D-1 Projects for Promoting Buddhist Spiritual/Cultural and Humanitarian Activities: Up to 2,000,000 yen per case.

D-2 Projects for Promoting Academic Learning: Up to 2,000,000 yen per case.

D-3 Projects for the Protection of Buddhist Cultural Properties: Up to 5,000,000 yen per case.

Article 3 Total Amount of Annual Grant

The total amount of grants fluctuates according to the financial situation of BDK.

Article 4 Eligibility Requirements

Applicants need to fulfill the following requirements.

(1) Applicants must be individuals or organizations that understand and agree with BDK's public interest purpose, and must actively promote the Buddhist spirit that is the foundation of Japanese culture, Buddhist culture, academic research and enrichment activities.

(2) The application content is not for profit

(3) The purpose of the application is not for the propagation of specific ideological agendas.

Article 5 Criteria for Selection

Selection is comprehensively judged based on the following criteria.

(1) Social public benefit

(2) Regional contribution

(3) Feasibility

(4) Past achievements

(5) Continuity and potential for development

(6) Validity of costs

(7) Non-sectarian

Article 6 Application period

Application period is from October 1 to November 30 of every year.

Article 7 Application procedure

The procedure for applying is as follows.

(1) Individuals or groups wishing to apply for BDK financial assistance need to download the "Application Form" from BDK's home page and complete the plan of activity and budget for revenue and expenditures on the form. Those documents must be sent to BDK along with reference materials within the reception period. Regardless of whether or not the grant is approved, the application documents including the attached reference materials will not be returned.

(2) If the subsidized project spans multiple years, the applicant needs to specify the required number of years and the desired amount of the grant for each year. In addition, the applicant must submit a project plan and a budget report of income and expenditures for each year

(3) The application needs to be submitted with recommendation letters written by persons fulfilling the following conditions.

① A third party referee who knows the applicant individual or organization well, understands the proposed activities, and can responsibly recommend the applicant.

② The referee should not have any vested interests in the subsidized project

③ The referee must be able to respond to inquiries from BDK as needed

Article 8 Selection Procedure

After receiving the grant application, BDK will convene a grant examination committee consisting of outside professionals and experts, and after fair examination and consideration by the committee, the grant decision will be made with the approval by the board of BDK. The applicant will be notified of the results.

Article 9 Delivery of grant

The grant will be delivered between April 1st and March 31st of the year following the year in which the grant is decided.

Article 10 Approval of Changes

Individuals or organizations that receive grants must obtain approval from BDK in the event of the following changes. Changes must be reported to BDK without delay.

(1) Withdrawing the grant application

(2) Changing the amount or content of the subsidized project

(3) The subsidized project is not completed within the scheduled period

(4) Canceling or abolishing the subsidized project

(5) Changing the applicant / responsible person

Article 11 Cancellation and Restitution

In case the applicant falls under any of the following items, BDK can cancel the grant or order the recipient to return all or part of the grant already awarded. In the case of cancellations or restitutions, BDK will not be responsible for any loss or disadvantage suffered by the recipient.

- (1) Violating this guideline
- (2) Violating the conditions attached to the grant decision
- (3) Receiving the grant on the basis of false statements or other improper means

Article 12 Responsibility of recipients

Recipients must fulfill the following obligations:

(1) Individuals or organizations that have received a grant need to state that "Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai" is a supporting organization on all pamphlets, posters, and other printed matter created for the subsidized project, and submit copies of those printed materials to BDK.

(2) Individuals or organizations that have received a grant must submit the following required documents about the implementation and expenditure status to BDK after the project is completed.

Required Documents:

Cover of report, final report, accounting report, settlement report for all income and expenditures of the applicant organization, and any other materials (such as attachments).

(3) If the project spans multiple years, the recipient must submit an interim report to BDK every year. For the interim report, the recipient must submit the progress report of the project in the prescribed format. In addition, the recipient must submit the project report and settlement report for income and expenditures of the individual or organization applying for the relevant year to BDK.

(4) Individuals and organizations that receive a grant need to refund any surplus funds from the grant.

Article 13 Privacy Protection

Based on the Personal Information Protection Law, BDK protects personal information as follows.

- (1) Personal Information of individuals and organization is used only for correspondence purposes.
- (2) The personal name, organization name, and activity details are disclosed as recipient information

on the BDK official website.

(3) Except as required by law, BDK does not disclose information to a third party without the permission of the person.

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