Development Grants for Literary Creators

Are you a beginning or experienced writer, image maker or illustrator? Then you may qualify for a Development Grant for Literary Creators. This grant is intended for education, coaching, guidance or editing. Or as a contribution to the travel and accommodation costs you incur for education or research in your home country or abroad. The Foundation's intention is to stimulate the talent development and professional development of literary creators.

For whom

Writers in Dutch, Frisian and Papiamento/u and image makers by whom no book has yet been published, or who have received a project grant within the past two years.

For what

Education, coaching, guidance, editing, or travel and accommodation expenses

Deadline

Ongoing

How much?

€500 - €2.500

Budget ceiling

Beginner literary creators: €75,000 Advanced literary creators: €125,000

For what?

The grant is intended as a contribution to the costs of education, coaching, guidance and editing, or to the costs of travel and accommodation for education or research at home or abroad. You can *not* use the development grant to finance a full-time or part-time HBO or WO writing course, nor for general living expenses or electronic aids such as laptops.

Who qualifies?

Are you just starting out as a literary creator? Then you are eligible for a grant only if your debut has not yet been published and you comply with at least one of the following conditions:

 over the past two years you have concluded a contract with a publisher that conforms as a minimum to the requirements of the Model Contract of the GAU/Auteursbond. Or you have received a signed declaration of intent, in which the publisher expresses the intention to publish your debut according to, as a minimum, the conditions in the Model Contract

- you completed an HBO or WO writing course between 1 and 3 years ago
- within the past two years you were on the programme of a literary festival or literary-educational activity that received a grant from the Foundation. During your performance you presented your own work, which was largely written in Dutch, Papiamento/u or Frisian
- within the past two years you published work in a literary magazine that received a multi-year grant from the Foundation
- within the past two years you took part in a talent-development programme by the Foundation
- no more than two years ago you received a grant based on the Foundation's grant 'Makers buiten het boek'
- no more than two years ago you received a grant based on the grant Literature Caribe.

You can receive a Development Grant for Beginner Literary Creators only once.

Are you an advanced literary creator? Then you will be eligible if within the past two years you received a project grant for the writing of a book. You can apply for a development grant only once per project grant awarded.

How much?

You can apply for a minimum of €500 and a maximum of €2,500. You substantiate the sum by submitting a budget.

How are applications assessed?

Applications are assessed, in the order in which they are received, on the following points:

- the quality of the development plan
- the realism of the budget.

The costs in your budget must be in reasonable proportion to the activities for which you apply. Aspects such as sustainability and functionality may also be of relevance.

How do you submit an application?

You can submit an application at any time, by clicking 'Start your application' at the top of this page. During the application you must upload a number of attachments. You cannot save the application in the meantime, so gather all the attachments together beforehand. A complete application consists of:

- the online application form, available via 'Start your application'
- a development plan that is compiled according to the model on this page (see below under downloads)
- a budget
- if applicable, a reflection on how a previously received development grant contributed to your own professional development.