

Editorial



Grantys was almost boiled

Foundation on- line system for submitting grants experienced a severe test again. While many organizations seem to understand that less than half of last year's amount will be distributed, and submitted only their best projects, the number of applications has been decreased by only 13 percent from the last year.

Opinions from our applicants are divided into two groups. Part makes it clear that putting applications over the web is in comparison with systems from other foundations, ministries or regions much easier, others are still didn't get used to it. "Once as a boss I have managed five stores, including all goods and workers, but in comparison with the preparation and billing of the OKD Foundation grants that was actually very easy job," NGOs representative told me a few days ago.

Vladislav Sobol
OKD Foundation spokesman

Actualities

Grant calls: 1177 applications were accepted



In the current grant calls in which the OKD Foundation divides donations in programs For Health, For Joy, For the Future and For Europe, 1177 projects from NGOs apply for grant. They would like to get more than 255 million crowns for the ir projects.

"We can distribute only less than one tenth of that amount, so we will responsibly choose the best and most needed projects," said the director of the OKD Foundation Jiří Suchánek and promised that at least 80 percent will go to Karviná, Ostrava, and Frýdek- Místek as planned.

The system of donations distribution is transparent and fair. "Administrators who judge projects mainly from the technical aspects, as well as grant committee composed of specialists who truly understand the various topics, and know where the funds are actually needed, have very important role in this" said Suchánek. The final word belongs to the Board.

Results will be announced in early May on our site www.nadaceokd.cz.

Supported projects

Double support for the village library



DOUBRAVA – The Foundation "delegation" has visited Doubrava mining community to evaluate the benefits of two grants for the local library. The first one was aimed at modernizing the children's department, the other part for adult readers. Foundation representatives and Mayor Deputy of Dobrava Květuše Szyroka were pleased that almost everything was changed - from the floor through the painting to the shelves and other equipment, and still some money left for new books. Librarian Zuzana Kretschmerová is particularly proud for the reading places where people can sit down, look at books or magazines and calmly decide what to borrow home.

Craft has a golden bottom ... even with the mine subjects



OSTRAVA – More than four hundred pupils from eighth and ninth grades of elementary schools in Ostrava and its surroundings have convinced themselves in the fourth week of January that "recruitment" actions for future apprentices and high school students can be done very interestingly. Organisers of the K- Trio from Ostrava have asked representatives of elementary schools to prepare for their pupils a practical demonstration of their apprenticeship, instead of leaflets. A lot of pupils were fascinated by a competition within many non- traditional disciplines, including those from the mining fields. As usual. Foundation award which organizers got last year is the evidence of a long- term quality of the event.

Snow Festival culminated on the mud



MORÁVKA – Snow Festival, several months project connecting a history of Morávka in Beskydy Mountains with culture and sport, culminated in early February by all day program in the village. The only drawback was the lack of snow, the festival area was rather full of mud; torrential rain was falling from the sky. Fortunately, the enthusiasts in the week before brought the snow from the entire village on one big pile, so several snowmen - who should be a symbol of the event - were finally built. Some changes didn't spare the competition, such as kids put the carrot nose to the snowman chalked on the board. The evening program fortunately didn't have to be changed - performance of Čechomor was enjoyed by three hundred enthusiastic spectators in the gym, tastefully decorated to a concert hall.

Potato Medal for North Moravia on the "Prague" Safety Line



PRAHA – Every child or adult know the Safety Line. Service with an extremely good reputation, which helped to solve thousands of children's crisis. The OKD Foundation also supported it many times, thanks not too pleasing statistics. Children from Moravian- Silesian Region belongs on an imaginary ladder of callers to unflattering fourth place, experts from Prague advise daily several dozen children who call them just from north of Moravia. And from the Mining Foundation flow back to Prague the contributions from here.

Indian camp and children's farm grew up near Kolín



BÝCHORY – While everybody knows the Safety Line, mainly experts are interested in the children's house and school in Býchory. The local facility is at the forefront of nontraditional activities in the education of children without parents or those who find themselves on the edge of the law. Music rehearsal, dogs, horses and dance club shared with children from families is already in the house for a long time, each of these initiatives is already a revolutionary act. The Philosopher's Stone became an innovation, this is a project supported by the OKD Foundation, where the house built an Indian camp, a Celtic settlement and farm with sheep and goats. Everything serves to children from nearby schools who come here for lessons of environmental education and history, and also to boys and girls from the constitutional facility for which it is meaningful work on the farm and in other parts of the site is the best therapy and fulfilling of free time.

The OKD Foundation and chain stores help to Food bank



OSTRAVA – Activity of the Food Bank, an organization until recently completely unknown increasingly gaining importance. Their Ostrava branch supported by the OKD Foundation, accepted last year almost 70 tons of preserved foods, and also donated the same amount. Most of the food goes to the major humanitarian organizations, such as ADRA or Silesian Diocese. Number of needed grows, but fortunately it also increases the number of donors. Large chains such as Makro, Globus and Albert are also engaged in this help..

Enthusiasts repaired the most difficult section narrow- gauge railway



MLADĚJOV – An important step to ensure that trippers could go by train to the closed mine on shale in Hřebeč and a look around here for Permoník named Hugo, accomplished enthusiasts from Mladějovice industrial track. Thanks foundation grant they reconstructed the most demanded part of unique narrow- gauge railway. It was concerned of putting into operation the section from Nová Ves near Kunčina, where the train ends, toward the future station Josefka. The goal is to restore the operation of steam trains on the railway track with track gauge 600 mm built at the end of World War I, which connected the mine in Hřebeč nad Moravskou Třebovou with the factory for fireclay in Mladějov.

Help for a small diabetics continues



OSTRAVA – Several foundation grants went to a civic associations Child with Diabetes in these days. The one from the last year has a name that says everything: Equal access for children with diabetes mellitus. Its purpose is to help children with diabetes quickly to cope with the disease, to understand the principles of treatment, but also to return them to normal life, to be able to participate in all activities with healthy peers. The association's activity is developed in the region and begins immediately upon detection of the disease, continuing in education of children and their parents, and culminates in joint recovery stays and camps.

Repaired "inclined" church has already new bells



KARVINÁ – Undermining and a lopsided church of St. Peter of Alcantara in the Karviná part Doly, which has undergone a complete renovation last year by amount of five million crowns funded by OKD, already has new bells. The Mining Foundation has contributed for them. Bells from the right bell metal disappeared from the church during the World War II. The larger of the two bells is called Henry in memory of another church, which stood nearby, the smaller one is called Peter of Alcantara. Thanks to Foundation grant, parish also purchased clocks with dials that are controlled via satellite from accurate atomic clock in Frankfurt.

