

Pursuant to Article 14 of the Constitution of Montenegro, Article 23 of the Law on the Legal Status of Religious Communities (Official Gazette of Montenegro 9/77) and Article 41, paragraph 1 of the Law on State Administration (Off. Gazette of Montenegro 38/03, 22/08 and 42/11), the Ministry for Human and Minority Rights adopted the following

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

Article 1

These Criteria shall stipulate the rules on the basis of which funds may be allocated to religious communities.

Article 2

Beneficiaries of financial resources shall be registered religious communities or their organizations, which have the status of a legal entity in accordance with law.

Article 3

Allocation of financial resources may concern the following fields:

1. social protection
2. humanitarian activity
3. construction and reconstruction of religious and other facilities
4. publishing and informative activity
5. organization of religious ceremonies, conferences and other forms of inter-religious cooperation
6. other material expenditures intended for the activities of religious communities.

The overall material status of the religious community and its ability to use the awarded financial assistance in line with the established purpose shall be examined while allocating funds.

Article 4

Evaluation of applications of religious communities for the allocation of financial resources shall be made on the basis of Article 3 of these Criteria.

Article 5

The decision to award funds to religious communities shall be issued and signed by the Minister on the basis of the proposal of the Commission Awarding Financial Assistance (hereinafter referred to as 'the Commission').

Religious community or its organization shall use the obtained financial resources for intended purposes.

Article 6

Justifiability of applications for funds submitted by religious communities or their organisations shall be examined by the Commission.

The Commission shall have three members.

President and members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Minister by means of a decision.

Article 7

Monitoring the intended use of allocated funds shall be conducted by the Commission which may ask the religious communities or their organisations to submit a report on the use of allocated funds.

Religious community or its organisation which is found to have spent allocated funds for unintended purposes shall return the allocated funds to the Ministry, within the period and in the manner established by the Minister in his decision.

Article 8

These Criteria shall enter into force on the date following that of the adoption of a decision appointing members of the Commission Awarding Financial Assistance to Religious Communities.

MINISTER

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Suad Numanović, PhD

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GOVERNMENT OF MONTENEGRO
Ministry of Human and Minority Rights

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Pursuant to Article 14 of the Constitution of Montenegro, Article 23 of the Law on the Legal Status of Religious Communities (Official Gazette of SR Montenegro 9/77) and Article 41, paragraph 1 of the Law on State Administration (Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro 38/03) and (Official Gazette of Montenegro 22/08 and 42/11), the Ministry for Human and Minority Rights adopted the following

Criteria
amending the Criteria for Awarding Financial Assistance
to Religious Communities

Article 1

A new paragraph shall be inserted in Article 4 after paragraph 1 of the Criteria for awarding financial assistance to religious communities no. 01-1297/13 of 27 May 2013, worded as follows:

"Applications of religious communities for allocation of financial assistance should include the approval of the competent and responsible supreme religious representative or authority of the religious community".

Article 2

These Criteria shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Minister
Suad Numanović, PhD
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