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General information

The OBJECT grant scheme is intended to develop the stock of studio space in The Hague – both in quantitative and qualitative terms. The grants can be applied for by both individuals (artists, owners of studios/studio complexes) and organisations (artist-run initiatives, collectives).

There are two distinct OBJECT grant categories:

- **Permanent**, for permanent studios and combined studio/living areas that remain available for this purpose for a minimum of 10 years;
- **Tijdelijk**, for temporary studio complexes that remain available for this purpose for a minimum of 6 months.

Application procedure

Applications for an OBJECT grant can be submitted throughout the year. The two grant types – Permanent and Tijdelijk – are subject to different conditions. Please refer to the respective explanations of the two grant types for a description of the target group for the grant, the framework, the required information and the review criteria.

In the following cases, OBJECT grant applications will not be considered for review:

- Applications for an existing studio space;
- Applications for funding to cover maintenance and renovation costs;
- Applications for construction projects that are already underway, or that have already been realised.

Budget

Stroom requires OBJECT grant applications to conform to a standard budget template (*modelbegroting*). This template can be found on the Stroom Den Haag website.

Grant amount

The OBJECT grant scheme works with a maximum annual amount that can be awarded, which is different for both grant categories. Please refer to the 'Grant options overview' section for further information. If this annual maximum is reached for one of the grant categories, this category can be subject to a grant freeze.

Advice

Before submitting an OBJECT grant proposal, applicants are free to schedule an appointment with Stroom representatives to discuss the proposal or review a draft version of the application. Any recommendations provided to the applicant during such meetings will have no impact on the ultimate review.

Review

After receiving the application, the *medewerker atelierbeleid* (Studio Policy team member) will pay a site visit to the property (a studio, combined studio/living area or studio complex that is either already in use as studio space or to be acquired for this purpose) together with the applicant and/or arrange a meeting with the applicant to discuss the details of the planned new studio space. Stroom will subsequently determine on the basis of the *medewerker atelierbeleid's* findings and the provided documentation whether the application satisfies the requirements set for funding. If the application meets all the requirements, Stroom will issue a positive allocation.

Subsequent stages

After the review, the applicant will receive a formal letter confirming whether the application has been approved or rejected.

In the case of a positive review, the letter of allocation will state the maximum funding that can be claimed for the project. This letter also summarises the specific conditions that apply to the awarded grant.

Allocation and payment

In the OBJECT grant scheme, the definite funding amount is allocated and paid out after the recipient has provided a statement of expenses.

This statement of expenses can be submitted within 2 years of the formal allocation of the grant.

If it turns out a specific grant allocation is unjustified, Stroom Den Haag will revoke the grant. If it turns out the allocated amount was too high, Stroom Den Haag will reduce the awarded amount and will reclaim any excess amounts that have already been paid out. In cases where a project is not fully realised before the close-out date of the grant allocation, Stroom will claim the entire advance amount.

Request to extend the grant term

If the recipient is unable to realise the construction project before the grant close-out date, he or she has the option of requesting an extension of the grant term. This request should include the recipient's motivation for the extension and his or her suggested new end date.

Interim changes

If at any time there will be any substantial changes to the execution, budget or coverage plan for the funded exhibition or documentation project, the applicant is required to notify Stroom in writing before the fact. Stroom will determine whether the proposed changes are eligible for funding via the awarded grant.

Explanation of OBJECT Permanent (PROPERTY Permanent)

What

- The OBJECT Permanent grant is a financial contribution towards the realisation or purchase costs of a permanent studio/combined studio/living area or studio complex. The grant may be used for the following types of project:
- The realisation of a studio or combined studio/living area within an existing building;
- The realisation of extra space for a studio or combined studio/living area within an existing property;
- The realisation of a guest studio or combined studio/living area (AIR);
- Contribution towards the purchase costs of a studio or combined studio/living area.

For whom

- Artists who are registered in the artist database of Stroom.
- Artist-run initiatives, artists' collectives that include members who are registered in the artist database of Stroom.
- Owners of existing or potential studio complexes that accommodate studios which are made available to artists who are registered in the artist database of Stroom.

Framework

Projects eligible for OBJECT Permanent funding include all planned studios in The Hague that form a concrete addition to the city's existing stock of studios. These new studios need to be made available for a minimum of 10 years to artists who are registered in the artist database of Stroom. The rent for the studio in question may not exceed € 35/€ 45 per m² per year.

Application procedure

Applications for an OBJECT Permanent grant can be submitted throughout the year by means of the relevant application form, but should be received no later than 3 months before the start of construction or as soon as possible in the case of the purchase of a studio.

Required information

Applications for an OBJECT Permanent grant consist of:

- a completed application form;
- floor plans/maps;
- a brief description of the planned construction work, together with an indicative planning;
- a completed budget that provides insight into the expected expenses and income. A budget template (*modelbegroting*) can be downloaded from the Stroom website.

Maximum grant amount

The maximum OBJECT Permanent grant amount that can be applied for is € 10,000 per studio or combined studio/living area.

Review

Stroom will determine on the basis of the findings of the *medewerker atelierbeleid* (Studio Policy team member) during his or her site visit and the provided documentation whether the application satisfies the following conditions:

- The studio or combined studio/living area is a concrete addition to The Hague's stock of studio space – both in quantitative and qualitative terms;
- The studio or combined studio/living area will remain available for a minimum of 10 years to artists who are registered in the artist database of Stroom;
- The rent for the studio in question does not exceed € 35/€ 45 per m² per year.

After the review, the applicant will receive a formal letter confirming whether the application has been approved or rejected.

In the case of a positive review, the letter of allocation will state the maximum funding that can be claimed for the project. This letter also summarises the specific conditions that apply to the awarded grant.

A basic condition of funding via the OBJECT Permanent scheme is that the studio/studios will remain available to Hague artists who are registered as such in Stroom's database – with the exception of the guest studio/accommodations, of course.

Subsequent stages

The purchase of a combined studio/living area or studio complex involves the signing of a *positieve/negatieve hypotheek- en pandverklaring* ('positive/negative letter of mortgage and lien'). This agreement between Stroom and the artists, which is drawn up before a notary, serves two objectives. On the one hand, the letter forms a legal guarantee that the space or complex will actually be used as a studio. On the other, it forms a legal instrument that can be used under certain conditions (e.g. the artist's relocation or deregistration, or the sale of the property) to recover a share of the awarded grant. 'Positive' means that Stroom is entitled at any given time to exercise its mortgage right with respect to the studio or complex. 'Negative' means that the artist will not co-operate with the execution of any mortgage right with respect to the studio or complex other than the aforementioned mortgage right. In addition to the *positieve/negatieve hypotheek- en pandverklaring*, Stroom and the artist also enter into an *overeenkomst subsidie atelierbeleid* ('studio policy grant agreement').

Payment and statement of expenses

As soon as Stroom has received the requisite documents, the applicant is allowed to submit a statement of expenses, after which the funding amount is allocated and paid out. This statement of expenses can be submitted until 2 years after the formal allocation of the grant.

In principle, the grant amount is an advance that is paid out for the agreed-upon term of funding. Each year, a proportionate share of this advance is converted into the actual grant. If the recipient and/or the funded property no longer satisfy the requirements for OBJECT funding, Stroom will re-claim the advance amount remaining after allocation.

For example: Stroom has paid the recipient an advance of € 10,000 for a funding term of 10 years. At the end of the first year, € 1,000 of this advance is converted into a grant; at the end of the second year, another € 1,000 is converted into a grant, etc. As a result, by the end of the fifth year, a total of € 5,000 has been allocated as a grant.

If the recipient were to sell the studio at that point, Stroom will recover the remaining € 5,000 of the original advance.

During the funding term

If a studio purchase has been supported by an OBJECT Permanent grant, throughout the 10-year funding term Stroom will check at the beginning of every new year whether the studio space is still owned by the grant recipient and whether the recipient is still registered in the artist database of Stroom.

Throughout the funding term, recipients of an OBJECT Permanent grant may not be included on the waiting list for a studio or register for this list.

Application form

OBJECT Permanent (PROPERTY Permanent)

Applicant details

Surname

First name

Pronouns: he / she / them / other, i.e.*

Street address

Postcode/City

Studio/Work address

Postcode/City

or

Name of organisation

Name of project contact/authorised representative

Legal entity | Foundation | Association | Company (BV/NV) | Other, namely

Street address

Postcode/City

Daytime telephone number

Email

Website

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In the name of

* not required

** The grant is paid to the applicant personally, not to third parties. If the applicant is a legal entity (foundation, association), a bank account in the name of this legal entity must be provided. The account number cannot be changed between the application and the determination of the grant.

Required information

Please refer to 'OBJECT Grants - Formal requirements/checklist for the submission of the grant application'.

Grant amount applied for

Details on property

The application concerns a contribution towards

- The construction costs of a new studio;
- The purchase of a new studio or combined studio/living area;
- The construction costs of a new guest studio or combined studio/living area;

Address of the studio/studio building or combined studio/living area

Land registry code

Purchase cost of studio building or combined studio/living area €

Please refer to the section '**Explanation of OBJECT Permanent**' for a more detailed description of this grant and the information required in the context of your application.

The undersigned confirms that he or she has filled in all information completely and truthfully and has accepted all terms, requirements and procedures set out in the Grants brochure.

Name

Date

Signature

Mail the completed application form as attachment to the Stroom coordinator studio policy