



Technology Support Programme – Call XII – Covid-19

The main objective of the COVID-19 Technology Programme call is to support the growth and improve the competitiveness of small and medium enterprises in the field of production of medical and personnel protective equipment or infectious waste disposal to combat directly the coronavirus infection.

SCHEDULE

Receipt of applications for support:

- 27. 04. 2020 – 29. 05. 2020

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- The projects that will result in the production of materials, technologies and products in the field of medical and personnel protective equipment and infectious waste disposal to combat directly further spreading of the coronavirus infection will be supported.

APPLICANT

- Any business entity, small and medium enterprise pursuant to the definition in Annex I to the Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014 that must keep accounting books or tax evidence extended for special requirements or separate accounting for the project under the programme conditions may be an Applicant/Beneficiary.
- In the event of grant applications exceeding CZK 2.5 million, the beneficiary must have closed at least two last consecutive tax periods as of the date when the grant application is submitted.
- As of the date when the decision granting the aid is given the beneficiary must be authorised to perform the economic activities, for the performance of which the project is implemented.
- The applicant/ beneficiary is, based on their sworn declaration, registered as an income tax payer in any of the EU member states; the applicant notes that it will have to have an establishment or a branch established in the Czech Republic at the moment of receiving the support. The applicant must have the branch registered, as of the first request for payment, in the Register of Licensed Trades.
- The applicant is not, based on its sworn declaration, in arrears to selected institutions in the country of its registration, or in the country where its branch is registered, and to providers of support from projects co-financed from the EU budget;

- The applicant does not have any outstanding liabilities, according to its sworn declaration, based on its employees' wage and salary claims.

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- The projects the outcomes of which will directly manifest in any of the following sectors will not be supported:
 - production, processing and marketing of products listed in part B of the Annex to this Call,
 - agriculture, forestry, fishing, aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A03)

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside NUTS 2 Prague.
- The project must include all mandatory elements listed in the Call for its submission.
- The project does not expect any aid for activities linked to the quantities exported (export subsidies), aid for the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad or for other current expenditure linked to the export activity (customs duties, insurance, etc.) or any aid contingent upon the use of domestic goods instead of imported goods and/or contingent upon the use of domestic services.
- The project did not start before 1 February 2020
- The project must not violate EU horizontal policies and their basic principles, in particular equal opportunities for men and women, equal opportunities and non-discrimination and sustainable development.
- The objectives of the project must comply with the objectives of the programme and of the Call.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Long-term tangible assets (tangible assets for beneficiaries keeping tax evidence)
 - The expenses for the acquisition of machinery and equipment and operating sets that will result in the production of materials, technologies, and products in the field of medical and personnel protective equipment or infectious waste disposal. Operating sets are sets of machinery and equipment including their installation and inventories of an investment character serving to ensure a partial separate technology or non-technological process and are continually put into operation.

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- Aid amount – an amount equal to the maximum of 50% from the demonstrated eligible expenditures for MSP.
- The project grant shall be provided at the minimum amount of CZK 250 thousand and up to the maximum amount of CZK 20 million.
 - In the event of grant applications from **CZK 250,000. – 2.5 million (inclusive)**: The company history is not taken into account, i.e. the grant application can be both submitted by applicants that have been active for many years and newly established entities with new identification numbers to support the combat against COVID-19.
 - In the event grant applications for **CZK 2.5 million – CZK 20 million**: The Beneficiary must have closed last two consecutive tax periods as of the when the grant application is submitted. The rating will be assessed only for grant applications exceeding CZK 2.5 million and also for the Beneficiaries with the minimum

period of two consecutive closed tax periods (financial health of the application expressed via a simplified economic assessment of the intermediate entity must not be less than 5 points)