**AN APPLICATION ON FUNDING OF A HUMANITARIAN PROJECT**

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| 1. | **Project name** | “Square dance of Lovzhan” |
| 2. | **The name of the organization** | Government Agency of Culture “Shumilino district centre of culture” |
| 3. | **Physical and registered address of the organization, phone number, fax, e-mail**  | The Republic of Belarus, Vitebsk region, Shumilino, Lunacharskogo st., 9.phone number/fax: 8-02130 4-24-31 shumilinskiy.rmc@mail.ru |
| 4. | **Information about the organization** |  Government Agency of Culture “Shumilino district centre of culture” is a legal person, which includes 15 village halls branches. The Centre operates in a close connection with the government, public organizations and other frameworks, which promote artistic creativity. The Centre helps to revitalize the authentic unique traditions, customs and operates to preserve folklore heritage. The Centre operates some recreation activities of residents and is working on the establishment of the connections on the international level.  About 4000 events performed during a calendar year. The work of 108 clubs organized. 11 of these clubs have a name “narodnyi” (public) and “obraztsovyi” (model).  Government Agency of Culture “Shumilino district centre of culture” is a base for performing events of different levels. |
| 5. | **Director of the organization** |  Prokhorova Marina Ivanovna - a director of Government Agency of Culture “Shumilino district centre of culture”. Phone number: 8-02130-4-20-66 |
| 6. | **Manager of the project** |  Shavnyova Olga Ivanovna - methodist for amateur associations and social clubs of Government Agency of Culture “Shumilino district centre of culture”Phone number: 8-02130-4-24-31 |
| 7. | **Previous help from other foreign sources** |  Have never worked with foreign partners before. |
| 8. | **Needed funding**  | 10000$  |
| 9. | **Co-funding** |  The Department of the Ideological Work, Culture and of Youth of the Sumilino District Executive Committee of Government Agency of Culture “Shumilino district centre of culture”. 1100$  |
| 10. | **Project duration** | 1 year, starting from the beginning of funding the project.  |
| 11. | **Project goal**  | To preserve and promote cultural heritage; to promote a traditional culture through a family dance “Square dance of Lovzhan”.  |
| 12. | **Project objectives** | - to create such conditions for elderly people that they will use to enhance their lives, spend their spare time, implement their abilities, find spiritual support and realize they have a social value;- to produce sketches of national clothes for the performers of the family dance “Square dance of Lovzhan”; - to create costumes, hats and to purchase dancing shoes for the performers of the family dance; - to purchase musical instruments for a musical score of the dance;- to create a concert activity for the performers of the dance within the Republic of Belarus and the countries which a close and far abroad;- to organize master-classes with the elements of the dance “Square dance of Lovzhan” for interested tourists and locals; - to systematize music and folklore materials for a handbook “Square dance of Lovzhan — a traditional dance of a country”;- to show the cultural heritage of Shumilino district;- to create a movie about the regional dance “Square dance of Lovzhan” as about an element of the intangible cultural heritage of the Republic of Belarus.  |
| 13. | **Detailed description of the project activity in accordance with the set objectives**  |  Target group of the project: performers of the dance "Square dance of Lovzhan" - (elderly people: men and women (50-75 years). Responsible person: Shawnewa Olga Ivanovna – the author of the project. The next actions planned to perform during the project:- to decorate the cabinet with the attributes of traditional culture for the rehearsals of the performers of the dance; - to organize the meetings with youth for creating a succession of cultural traditions and formation of social experience; - to learn the details of clothes pattern and to create sketches of the dancing costumes, taking into account the peculiarities of the traditional culture of Shumilino district;- to produce costumes, to purchase dancing shoes for the performers of the dance; - to purchase musical instruments for a musical score of the dance;- to purchase a multimedia installation for demonstration of the work of the dance performers and cultural heritage of Shumilino district; - to purchase of a laptop computer and a printer for data typing and making the booklets, a handbook and carrying out online master classes of the dance; - to purchase a video camera for creating the movie “Square dance of Lovzhan”;- to create a tourist route across Nikitiha agro town, where the dance “Square dance of Lovzhan” will be shown; - to publish a handbook “Square dance of Lovzhan — a traditional dance of a country” and informational booklets for tourists in two languages (Belarussian and English); - to increase the amount of the concerts where the dance “Square dance of Lovzhan” performed;- to increase the number of events of different levels where the dance performed; |
| 14. | **Project feasibility** |  Family dance ¨Square dance of Lovzhan¨ is a visiting card of Shumilino district. Elderly people revitalized the dance and demonstrate it on the events to preserve and promote cultural heritage. The participants are the carriers of traditional culture. Keeping such dances alive is a way for self-actualization, artistic activity and social importance for them. The support of elderly people who want to prove themselves and make their lives more active, as well as to preserve and promote the cultural heritage of their motherland through the family dance to next generations will be provided. Tailoring of the costumes, in which will be reflected traditional peculiarities of cutout garments, colours, ornaments and other elements which are specific to the region, will not only grant a true representation about a regional family dance but also will allow the crew to brightly and authentically demonstrate the dance on different stages. The performance of the dance in Nikitiha agro town will become one of the stages of a tourist route through Shumilino district, where foreign tourists will invite to.  |
| 15. | **Activity after the end of the project** |  The tourist route will include Nikitiha agro town, where the family dance “Square dance of Lovzhan” will be performed in new costumes. This will catch eyes of foreign tourists and enhance the interest to the national heritage of Shumilino district.  The project will give a boost to organize the concert activity of the performers of the dance “Square dance of Lovzhan”; so that will bring a new vision of the culture, traditions and customs of Shumilino district. The regional dance “Square dance of Lovzhan” will be awarded a status of the intangible cultural heritage of the Republic of Belarus, which will help in the creation of a regional brand — a folklore festival “Square dance of Lovzhan” in Shumilino district of Vitebsk region. The festival will broaden the borders of international cooperation establish comfortable conditions for citizenship, patriotism and love to the motherland. |
| 16. | **Project budget** | 1. Creation of the costumes and hats’ sketches for the performers of the dance following a national colour and the character of the dance, specific to the region, taking into account the ornament**150**$.   2. Tailoring of costumes and hats **5200 $.**3. Purchasing of dancing shoes for the members of the crew **1 320**$.4. Expenditures on the office supplies, publishing activity and transport usage **560 $**5. Purchasing of a multimedia installation, laptop computer, printer, video camera and projection screen **2000$**6. Fitting-out with musical instruments **770$**TOTAL: **10.000**$ |