



Financial assistance from the Federal Office of Culture (FOC) for the protection of Ukraine's movable cultural property

I. Possibility of granting financial assistance¹

Under the Cultural Property Transfer Act (CPTA; SR 444.1) the FOC can grant two types of financial assistance in light of the current situation in Ukraine:

- **Financial assistance for the “temporary fiduciary custody and conservational supervision of endangered cultural property” (TYPE A);**
- **Financial assistance for “Projects to maintain cultural heritage“ (TYPE B).**

II. Requirements

TYPE A: Financial assistance for the “temporary fiduciary custody and conservational supervision of endangered cultural property”²

- a. Recipient: Museums or similar institutions located in Switzerland that are active in a significant and recognised manner in the corresponding specialty and comply with the ICOM Code of Ethics for Museums.
- b. Location of activity: The temporary fiduciary custody must take place in Switzerland.
- c. Mandatory requirements: The fiduciary custody must take place by agreement with the authorities of the other state or under the auspices of UNESCO or another international organisation for the protection of cultural property.
- d. Ultimate objective: Repatriation of the cultural property once the situation has normalised.
- e. Project management: The recipient of financial assistance is solely responsible for the planning, implementation and supervision of all phases of the project. The FOC can provide support if necessary.
- f. Prioritisation: Owing to the current situation, the FOC can prioritise applications for temporary fiduciary custody and conservational supervision of cultural property from Ukraine.
- g. Maximum amount: Financial assistance may amount to a maximum of 50% of the costs claimed and up to a maximum of CHF 100,000 per annum.

¹ The financial assistance is paid out in accordance with Art. 14 para. 1 let. a and b Cultural Property Transfer Act (CPTA, SR 444.1).

² Art. 14 let. a CPTA

TYPE B: Financial assistance for “projects to maintain cultural heritage”³

- a. Recipient: All natural persons and legal entities, irrespective of their place of residence or domicile. International organisations, such as UNESCO, ICOM and Blue Shield can also receive support.
- b. Location and/or place of action: The activity must be carried out in at least one country that is a State Party to the 1970 UNESCO Convention.
- c. Project management: The recipient of financial assistance is solely responsible for the planning, implementation and supervision of all phases of the project. The FOC can provide support if necessary.
- d. Prioritisation: Owing to the current situation, the FOC can prioritise applications for temporary fiduciary custody and conservational supervision of cultural heritage from Ukraine.
- e. Maximum amount: Financial assistance may amount to a maximum of 50% of the costs claimed and up to a maximum of CHF 100,000 per annum.
- f. Possible project types include e.g.:
 - Projects to protect movable cultural property from destruction and/or theft, e.g. safeguarding or transportation;
 - Projects to draw up inventories and catalogues of endangered cultural property;
 - Conferences, seminars, workshops and other awareness-raising activities to promote the protection and preservation of movable cultural property;
 - Development of tools to raise awareness and inform law enforcement and customs authorities, museums, art dealers and collectors about the issue of illicit transfer of endangered cultural property;
 - Joint projects between institutions in Switzerland and abroad for the preservation of movable cultural heritage.

III. Submission of applications and further information

Applications for the 2023 submission period regarding financial assistance to protect moveable Ukrainian cultural property may be submitted up to the two cut-off dates **31 March 2023 or 30 June 2023**. The applications will be reviewed after the applicable cut-off date and either approved or rejected. Applications can be submitted in writing (post or email) using the application form [type A](#) or [type B](#) to the Federal Office of Culture, Museums and Collections section, Specialized Body for the International Transfer of Cultural Property.

Applications to:

Federal Office of Culture FOC
Museums & Collections section
Specialized Body for the International Transfer of Cultural Property
Hallwylstrasse 15
CH - 3003 Bern
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Further information:

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³ Art. 14 let. b CPTA