



Covid - 19 Innovation Vouchers Support Programme – Call V

The main objective of the COVID-19 Innovation Vouchers Programme call is to share knowledge and know-how between the business and research spheres that can be utilised by business entities to combat the coronavirus infection and resulting measures to mitigate the impact of further spreading and to support the development of preventive measures applicable on the market.

SCHEDULE

Receipt of applications for support:

- 17. 04. 2020 – 31. 12. 2020

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Purchase of consulting, expert and support services in the field of innovations from research and knowledge dissemination organisations or accredited laboratories to start or intensify the activities of small and medium enterprises to combat and prevent COVID-19. Such activities should be aimed at the following: patient care tools and equipment for patients dependent on care services, protective equipment for healthcare workers and for the public, medicinal products and pharmaceuticals for the prevention and improvement of medical condition and treatment, etc.

APPLICANT

- A 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.
- According to the sworn declaration, the Applicant/Beneficiary have been continually registered as a tax payer in any of the EU member states for the period of two closed tax periods preceding the date when the grant application is submitted; the Applicant acknowledges that it must have a branch or establishment in the Czech Republic as of the date when the aid is paid. 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 fields, shall 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 has not started before the date of filing the application.
- 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

- Consulting, expert and support services in the field of innovations, i.e. measurement, diagnostics, testing, tests, studies, analysis, verification, product certification, calculations, new system designs, technological procedures, unique design solutions, modelling, development of software, hardware, materials, equipment, system elements, prototypes, functional samples in the connection with the new product development or introduction (product, service or process), process optimization, characteristics of products, services, methods, parameters, etc. in connection with the objective of this Call intended to combat/prevent COVID-19

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The support is provided in 50% and 85% regimes from the demonstrated eligible expenditures
- The project grants are provided from CZK 50,000 to CZK 424,000 (85% from the eligible costs – maximum amount of the eligible expenditures under this regime shall be from CZK 58,824 to CZK 498,823).
- The project grants are provided from CZK 250,000 to CZK 999,999 (50% of the demonstrated eligible expenditures – maximum amount of the eligible expenditures under this regime shall be from CZK 500,000 to CZK 1,999,999).
- The Beneficiary must provide a financial contribution of the minimum amount of 15% (depending on the grant amount) of the eligible expenditures, either from his own resources, or via an external financing in the form which does not include any state aid within the meaning of Article 107 (1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.