

## **AEJM Advisory Visits Grant Programme**

### **1. Introduction**

The Association of European Jewish Museums (AEJM) aims to promote cooperation and communication between Jewish museums in Europe and to assist members in meeting the challenges facing Jewish museums today. It encourages the exchange of information, ideas and knowledge between European Jewish museums, provides training and learning opportunities and promotes mutual support and cooperation in a wide range of areas.

The Advisory Visits Grant Programme is developed to assist AEJM members in need of expert advice and training. The Programme is particularly focused on key-issues for Jewish museums. The Programme offers AEJM members both professional and financial support for expert advice and in house-training.

### **Guiding principles for the AVGP**

#### *1. Strengthening professionalization of Jewish museums in Europe*

The AEJM aims to stimulate and enhance the appreciation, knowledge, and understanding of Jewish culture, heritage, and history in Europe of both the wider public and museum professionals working in Jewish museums. To achieve this, the AEJM aims to assist its member museums to reach a high quality of professional performance in serving the wider public.

#### *2. Connecting sources of knowledge*

The AEJM believes sharing and connecting knowledge is vital in terms of

strengthening Jewish museums in Europe. Therefore the AEJM supports and encourages networking, communication, and cooperation between European Jewish museums in order to foster exchange of knowledge, mutual support and understanding of common issues and goals, and the preservation of European Jewish heritage.

## **2. Eligibility criteria**

The Advisory Visits Grant Programme offers small grants to support member museums in need of consultancy. By this means, the AEJM is able to provide member institutions with expert advice and in house-training through the support of **visits by museum experts** to our grantees. Applications must be in line with all eligibility criteria.

*Who is eligible?*

Applicants must be AEJM member institutions

*What is eligible?*

Applications are welcome in the following three categories:

### 1. Collection Management

To preserve, document, interpret and display European Jewish material culture is one of the objectives of the AEJM. Assistance in the preservation of this heritage for future generations plays a key role.

The AEJM is open to receiving applications with a primary focus on the identification, preservation, conservation and interpretation of Judaica or other items relating to Jewish life and history. This concerns the research on individual objects and/or groups of objects, or the improvement of preservation and conservation programmes.

In addition, applications relating to the improvement of accessibility of museum collections, such as inventories, cataloguing, and digitization programmes that aim at long-term sustainability will be taken in consideration for grants.

## 2. Museum Education

The AEJM considers museum education as one of the key aspects of the work of Jewish museums in the enhancement of the appreciation, knowledge, and understanding of Jewish culture, heritage, and history by the wider public.

Applications relating to the development of educational programmes and displays for special target groups, such as children departments or special exhibitions for younger visitors, will be considered by the AEJM.

## 3. Permanent Displays

Applications for small grants for advisory visits relating to the development of exhibition concepts for the permanent display of the museum collections may also be considered. This may concern the content and technical/practical aspects of such displays, such as conservation issues in preparing permanent displays.

## **3. What we don't fund**

We don't fund the activities listed below.

- The purchase of supplies and equipment
- The development of temporary or travelling exhibition concepts
- Site visits by staff members of the applying institution

## **4. How we assess the application**

After the AEJM Project Manager has received an application, the AEJM Board will evaluate the application. As part of the assessment process, the AEJM will consult experts familiar with the applicant museum and the references indicated by the applicant.

Applications will be assessed according to their contribution to the long-term sustainability of the applying institution and its holdings.

After the assessment the applicant will be informed about the outcome, within two months after the application.

Applications can be submitted before **April 1** and **September 1 2015**.

For a full description of Judaica see:

<http://www.claimscon.org/forms/prague/Judaica.pdf>

## **5. How to apply?**

If you intend to apply to the Advisory Visits Grant Programme please fill in the application form and submit it to AEJM Project Manager Eva Koppen.

For all questions about the Advisory Visits Grant Programme and the eligibility of your institution or application, please also contact Eva Koppen.

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