



MINISTRY OF ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

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COVID 19 - ARTISTS SUPPORT PLAN 2021

Purchase of Books

GUIDELINES

1. Project Description

The Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage, in line with the Covid 19 Artist Support Plan 2021 is proposing to promote and financially support local authors through the purchase of books.

For this scheme, a financial support, up to a ceiling of Rs 25,000/- per author, will be granted to participants for the purchase of 50 copies of a book, based on any of the below themes or closely related to any of the themes.

2. The Themes

Priority will be given, but not restricted to, books based on:

- *Linite/ Solidarite / Lape*
- *Listwar nou bann zanset*
- *Listwar lil Moris*
- *Kiltir Morisien*
- *Metie lokal*
- *Lakwizinn Morisien*
- *Progre sosial ek / ou swa lekonomi Moris depi lindepandans*
- *Lepep Morisien*
- *Ko-abitasion pliri-etnik Morisien*

3. Conditions

The following conditions are applicable:

- (a) Applicant should be of Mauritian Nationality and 18 years old/or above;
- (b) The support plan is applicable only to artists who are either registered with the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage or with the Mauritius Society of Authors (MASA). Failure to provide any of these certificates will lead to non-approval of the application;
- (c) Participation is opened to any local author who has published a book during the last five (5) years, from January 2016 up to April 2021, based on any of the above themes or closely related to any of the themes;

- (d) The book may be in any language written and spoken in the Republic of Mauritius.
- (e) Priority will be given to Citizens of the Republic of Mauritius who have resided in Mauritius for a period of at least 1 year preceding the application date;
- (f) Application not made on the prescribed form or incomplete application will not be accepted;
- (g) The Ministry shall at no point in time be responsible for any copyright infringement made by the applicant;
- (h) The Ministry reserves the right to award assistance only to the compliant applications;
- (i) The Ministry reserves the right to accept or refuse any application and such decision shall be final and irrevocable.

4. The following books will not be eligible for purchase:

- (a) Books which: -
 - (i) erode the moral values of society;
 - (ii) are not intended for public consumption;
 - (iii) serve to create conflict or misunderstanding in our multicultural society;
 - (iv) are controversial in terms of politics and social issue;
 - (v) is inconsistent or in contravention with public defense, public safety, public order, public health and public morality;
- (b) Academic research;
- (c) School text books;
- (d) Books that have already been purchased, in the past, by the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage;
- (e) Books for which assistance has been received from the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage and the President's Fund for Creative Writing and the National Arts Fund.

5. Documents to be submitted together with the Application Form:

- (a) Copy of National Identity Card of the applicant;
- (b) Copy of the book;
- (c) Copy of registration certificate from the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage and / or the Mauritius Society of Authors (MASA) of the author / illustrator / publisher as applicable;

6. Application Form

Application forms may be collected from the Artists Desk of the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage, 1st Floor, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building, Cnr Pope Hennessy and Maillard Streets, Port Louis. The application can also be downloaded from the website of the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage: <http://culture.govmu.org>.

The Project name: **Purchase of books** should be clearly marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

7. Closing Date

Application forms should reach the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage, 1st Floor, Documentation Unit, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building, Cnr Jules Koenig & Pope Hennessy Streets, Port Louis by Friday **18 JUNE 2021**.

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