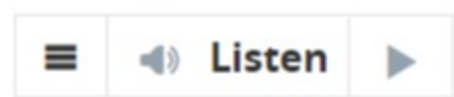


Acquisitions



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For whom and for what?

The Individual Acquisitions Grant is intended for Dutch museums and other cultural heritage institutions, possibly in collaboration with other heritage institutions, which want to acquire special items or partial collections in any field, ranging from contemporary art and crafts to ancient manuscripts and natural history collections. The grant is intended for a purchase that will enrich the collection of the Netherlands Institute of Cultural Heritage and which will be displayed to the public permanently or semi-permanently. The grant also applies to purchases subject to the Cultural Heritage Preservation Act.

The aim is to increase the quality and profile of the Dutch National Cultural Heritage Collection.

The size of the Individual Acquisitions Grant will be determined on a per-application basis. The maximum grant awarded by the Mondriaan Fund is 40 percent of the estimated value of the acquisition.

Conditions

In addition to the [General Terms and Conditions](#), Individual Acquisitions Grants are subject to the following conditions:

- The application procedure is open to publicly accessible Dutch institutions that are in charge of museum collections of national or international significance.
- Applicants must be listed with the Dutch Museums Register.
- Grants cannot be used for acquisitions which institutions can be reasonably expected to fund from their regular budgets.
- Museums which receive a Collection Programme Grant must explain in their applications why they are unable to fund the acquisition from their Collection Programme budget.
- The application must include a provenance research, in which the periode around World War II must play an imporant part, if applicable.
- Individual Acquisitions Grants cannot be used to fund constructional provisions, the preservation of listed buildings, the excavation of archaeological objects or passive conservation. Nor can they be used to document the institution's collection.
- The estimated value of the object must exceed €50,000.
- The institution must be willing to loan the object to other Dutch institutions and must act in accordance with the reciprocity principle. This means that it will not charge Dutch museums a fee for having the object in loan and that it will do its utmost to minimise direct costs such as transport, insurance and packaging (handling fee).
- The acquisition will remain part of the Dutch National Cultural Heritage Collection for a long time and its ownership will not be transferred without the Mondriaan Fund's authorisation.
- The preservation of the acquired object will be safeguarded through proper constructional provisions, climate control and security measures.
- The applicant will make a significant financial contribution to the acquisition of the object itself.
- Please be advised that grants exceeding €500,000 are rarely awarded. Applicants who require a substantial grant are advised to contact the Mondriaan Fund. No more than €1 million is to be paid for the acquisition of objects included on the list published with the Cultural Heritage Preservation Act. The grant application is more likely to be successful if the applicant has raised some funds itself by means of a crowd-funding campaign, e.g. through [voordekunst.nl](#).
- The applicant is required to provide an insight into the processes involved in the establishment of the purchasing price, which may or may not involve a discussion of the following items: How did the market value of the acquisition come about? How was the amount determined? In this way, museums can demonstrate, for instance, that they spent a long time cultivating a relationship with the seller. Was the purchasing price subject to negotiations, and if so, what was the result of these negotiations?
- If the Mondriaan Fund chooses to appoint a representative of an auction house to the advisory committee, the museum will not be allowed to request an appraisal or countercheck from the same auction house.
- Privately owned museums can only apply for a grant if their articles of association state that their collection or the object concerned belongs to the publicly accessible Dutch National Cultural Heritage Collection.
- The acquisition will be displayed to the public at once or as soon as possible.

Assessment

All applications that comply with the formal conditions and that have been submitted with the requested annexes will be presented to a committee which will issue recommendations on the allocation of an Individual Acquisitions Grant. Click [here](#) if you wish to learn how your application will be processed. The advisory committee will assess the proposed acquisition for its cultural and historical significance, its significance to the collection and its relevance to the public. It will do so on the basis of:

- An explanation of the significance of the acquisition and its relevance to the Dutch National Cultural Heritage Collection and to the museum's own collection;
- A presentation plan, including a communication plan in which more information is provided on how the museum seeks to attract and retain the right audience in an inspiring manner;
- A valuation and condition report, a provenance research, as well as more information on how the purchasing price was determined;
- A budget featuring a financial plan, in accordance with the Mondriaan Fund's guidelines.
- An explanation of why the parties are collaborating, where applicable.

The advisory committee will assess applications for the following four interrelated criteria:

- The acquisition's significance to the Dutch National Cultural Heritage Collection.
- The acquisition's significance to the applicant's own collection.
- The significance and reputation of the institution applying for the grant.
- The profile and quality of the plan, particularly with regard to the way in which the museum will seek to attract and retain the right audience.

Generally speaking, grant applications are more likely to be successful if they are submitted by two or more parties. One of the aspects which will be assessed is whether the collaboration will create added value for the plan.

Final assessment

Applicants are only eligible for an Individual Acquisitions Grant if the advisory committee issues a positive recommendation regarding the above criteria.

Such a positive recommendation may come with a recommendation on the sum to be awarded as a grant.

For budgetary reasons, the Mondriaan Fund's board may request the advisory committee to weigh the applications against each other and rank the positive recommendations in order of priority.

Apply

Applications for an Individual Acquisitions Grant can be submitted through the Mondriaan Fund's [online application system](#), for which you need an account. With your account you can access the application form, where you can fill in the questions and upload the information requested in the checklist below. Click [here](#) for the FAQ about online applications.

Applications for an Individual Acquisitions Grant can be submitted throughout the year. Applicants must allow for a total processing period of a maximum of three months from the moment the application is complete. Grants from the Mondriaan Fund cannot be awarded with retroactive effect, which is why the application must be submitted well before the desired starting date. Exceptionally, an application may be submitted later, if, for instance, the purchase has an urgent nature.

Contact

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Checklist

In the [online application form](#) you must upload the requested information as a PDF. We advise you to formulate and collate this information before you fill out the form. We additionally request you to answer various questions, including questions for evaluation purposes.

A recent (not older than one year) registration of your organization with the Chamber of Commerce

Information on the organisation

This should include a description of activities of the platform over the past three years, with your mission, target groups, cooperative partnerships, audience reach and how your normally respond to loan requests. If the application involves a collaboration with one or several organisations, we also ask a description of the activities of those organisations.

Valuation report

By a certified appraiser. If not applicable, please upload a document with the reason.

Condition report

If not applicable, please upload a document with the reason.

Motivation for acquisition

Mention the importance of the acquisition, the (art) historical value and the relevance in relation to the collection of the organisation and the Dutch National Cultural Heritage Collection. Provide insight into the processes involved in the establishment of the purchasing price, which may or may not involve a discussion of the following items: How did the market value of the acquisition come about? How was the amount determined? In this way, museums can demonstrate, for instance, that they spent a long time cultivating a relationship with the seller. Was the purchasing price subject to negotiations, and if so, what was the result of these negotiations?

Presentation plan

With a description of how the acquisition will be presented as soon as possible and a description of how you intend to attract and bind a relevant audience to the acquisition.

Collection plan

The most recent collection plan of the organisation, with an explanation of the importance of the collection and the acquisition plans, and its relevance for the organisation's collection and the Dutch National Cultural Heritage Collection.

Specified budget with a financing plan

If third parties are involved in the financing of the plan, please upload the total budget with financing plan and not just the part for which you apply with the Mondriaan Fund.

Visual documentation of the work

In one PDF file with a maximum of 12 MB.

If applicable:

Articles of association

Privately owned museums can only apply for a grant if their articles of association state that after potential bankruptcy their collection will belong to the publicly accessible Dutch National Cultural Heritage Collection.

Recent bank statement

If this is the first time your organization is applying with the Mondriaan Fund or if your bank account details have changed since your previous application, we request you to upload a recent bank statement.

Declarations of financial contributions

If applicable. Collect all documents in one PDF file.