

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	Program Cjeloživotno obrazovanje za obrtništvo
Name of the instrument - English translation	Programme "Lifelong education for crafts"
Scheme ID	316
Country	 Croatia
Reporting year	2020
Type of instrument	Grant for companies
Sub-type of instrument	Support for direct costs
Type of entry	Single instrument

Short description	Training grants are awarded to micro, small and medium enterprises in the craft sector. Awarding grants intend to promote targeted training programmes for crafts that ensure quality and motivated human resources with the aim of enhancing competitiveness, boosting productivity, and growing and developing craftsmanship. The maximum amount of funding depends on the type of support (e.g. the highest amount can be allocated for preparation for the masters' exam (HRK 5 400 (approx. EUR 726))). The minimum amount that can be awarded is HRK 1 200 (approx. EUR 161). The maximum grant is 80% of the amount of eligible costs. Eligible costs include the required licenses, costs for exams, specific types of (re-)training (e.g. for mortician). There is no preferential treatment.
Short description of the related instruments	Not applicable

Level of operation	National
Name of a part of the country	Not applicable
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	Not applicable
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	Not applicable

Relevance	Key instrument
Legal basis	Strategy on Entrepreneurship Development in the Republic of Croatia 2013 - 2020 (Strategija razvoja poduzetništva Republike Hrvatske 2013-2020), State Subsidies Act (Official Gazette 47/14, 69/17), Supporting the Development of Small Businesses Act (Zakon o poticanju razvoja alog gospodarstva) (Official Gazette 29/02, 63/07, 53/12, 56/13, 121/16)
Objective(s) and target(s)	Objectives of this Programme: -Acquisition of key skills and competencies for craft occupations -Encouraging employment and self-employment in crafts
Year of implementation	2014
Operation/management	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development announces the public call and awards financial support. In addition, maintains the statistical database on users and amounts of financial supports awarded. Croatian Chamber of Trades and Crafts publicises the information on the Public Call on its website and promotes the support schemes. Trade unions are not involved.
Eligible group(s)	All of the following target groups are equally eligible: Micro, small and medium enterprises - exclusively crafts, cooperatives, companies. In addition. the enterprises have to fulfill the following requirements: - Must have their headquarters in the territory of the Republic of Croatia. - Must have an average of 1 to 249 employees in the previous business year. - Must have paid taxes, surcharges and contributions to and from the salary. - Must comply with the provisions on small value aid. - Must have fully justified and purposefully used granted small value aid if they have received it. Natural persons are eligible applicants under this Program if they are citizens of the Republic of Croatia and have a permanent residence in the territory of the Republic of Croatia.
Group(s) with preferential treatment	No preferential treatment
Education and training eligible	- Taking (passing) the professional qualification exam for the occupation of a mortician; - Preparation for taking the professional qualification examination; - Taking the master exam; - Preparation for the master's exam; - Retraining for professions in the system of regulated trades and crafts performed under the Unified Model of Education (UME/JMO) - Taking the assistant exam; - Issuance of licenses for organizing and conducting the practical part of the apprenticeship
Source of financing and collection mechanism	National funds
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	The aid is granted to beneficiaries who meet the prescribed conditions according to the order of receipt of applications until the final distribution of the total amount of secured budget funds. The maximum amount of funding depends on the type of support (e.g. the highest amount can be allocated for preparation for the masters' exam (HRK 5 400, approx. EUR 726). The minimum

	amount that can be awarded is HRK 1200 (approx. EUR 161). The maximum grant is 80% of the amount of justified costs. The amount of funding is directly transferred to the employer as costs reimbursement when actual costs have occurred. The grant beneficiary can reapply for the Programme if the beneficiary meets the conditions specified in the Programme. The maximum amount of all small value aid that may be granted to the beneficiary during a period of three fiscal years may not exceed HRK 200 000 (approx. EUR 265 006), including aid received under this Program.
Eligible costs	Fees, examination costs, licensing costs for specified type of training/occupations
Volumes of funding	Overall volumes of funding available:2017: HRK 2 000 000 (approx. EUR 265 006)2018: HRK 2 000 000 (approx. EUR 269 687)2019: HRK 2 000 000 (approx. EUR 268 927)Overall volumes of funding actually disbursed:2017: HRK 2375240 (approx. EUR 314 726)2018: HRK 1998616 (approx. EUR 269 501)2019: HRK 1998273,33 (approx. EUR 26 869 347)
Beneficiaries/take up	Number of companies as beneficiaries:2017: 3232018: 3232019: 313
Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	Ministry of Economy and Social Development
Monitoring/evaluation reports available	Not available
Most relevant webpage - in English	Not available
Most relevant webpage - local language	https://gospodarstvo.gov.hr/UserDocsImages/dokumenti/Otvoreni%20javni%20... (for 2020)
Recent changes	No recent amendment Recent changes in response to COVID-19 No changes
Sources	Ministry of Economy and Social Responsibility Program "Lifelong Learning for Crafts", https://www.mingo.hr/public/Program%20Cjelo%20C5%BEivotno%20obrazovanje%20...