

PRESS RELEASE

**The Prins Bernhard Cultuurfund Caribbean Region has allocated the total amount of \$110,000 to the Windward Islands from The Nature & Culture Relief Fund.**

Willemstad – Following our press release of September 20, 2017, the board of the Prins Bernhard Cultuurfund Caribbean Region (PBCCG) would like to notify that they have allocated, from the Nature & Culture Relief Fund, the total amount of \$110,000 to several foundations/organizations of the Windward Islands. We know that this amount is in no way sufficient to cover the devastation caused by the hurricane Irma and Maria in September, but will at least alleviate the pressure to meet the specific and unique needs of the nature and culture community including immediate recovery and preservation of artwork, tools, equipment and facilities.

Underneath we have listed the name of the foundations/organizations which have received a subsidy allocation and the reason for the subsidy granted:

| Foundation/Organization                            | Island                    | Reason for the Subsidy   |
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| AXUM, Art Agency Foundation                        | Phillipsburg, St. Maarten | For the repairs of the porch and banisters outside, the replacement of musical instruments, the replacement of the signs outside, the replacement of damaged fans. |
| Artcraft Café Artschool                            | Phillipsburg, St. Maarten | To restart the art school, for new aircos, kilns, lighting, furniture, materials etc and for rebuilding the art gallery.   |
| DOW's Musical Foundation                           | Phillipsburg, St. Maarten | For musical equipment's, rental of music school premises, overhead costs ( mainly payments to teachers) for the span of 2-3 months.                                |
| Environmental Protection in the Caribbean (EPIC)   | Phillipsburg, St. Maarten | For new office equipments and furnishings for staff housing.   |
| St. Maarten Nature Foundation                      | Phillipsburg, St. Maarten | For the replacement of 60 moorings   |
| National Institute of Arts (NIA)                   | Phillipsburg, St. Maarten | For the covering of salaries of the teachers, for the span of 2-3 months.  |
| SIMARC, ST. Maarten Archeological Research Center  | Phillipsburg, St. Maarten | To salvage what is possible of the collection, purchase and trasportation of a container and boxes/shelves to house the collection.                                |
| Spaceless Garden                                   | Phillipsburg, St. Maarten | For the rebuilding of the 3 structures (toilets, sitting/teaching area and shed) out of concrete.  |
| Charlotte Brookson Academy of the Performance Arts | Phillipsburg, St. Maarten | For the purchasing of laptops  |
| Indisu Dance Theater                               | Phillipsburg, St. Maarten | For the repairs to the building and repairs/replacement of 6 mirrors, ceiling tiles, sheet rock and hard wood floors of both studios.                              |
| InterVision Foundation, Seaside Nature Park        | Phillipsburg, St. Maarten | To get paddocks for "the animals' back up and also fix the toilet.   |
| Sint Eustatius National Parks                      | Oranjestad, St. Eustatius | For the rebuilding of the shade house in the botanical garden and cleaning and clearing of all the 17 trails with chainsaws.                                       |
| Saba Conservation Foundation                       | The Bottom, Saba          | For the replacement of signs and interpretive displays and construction materials, tools and manpower.   |
| Child Focus Foundation                             | The Bottom, Saba          | For the cleanup and restoration of the playground.   |
| Malofi Foundation                                  | The Bottom, Saba          | For the replacement of a computer  |

We are especially thankful for the generous extra contribution of the Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds in the Netherlands which helped made these grants possible.

As mentioned in our previous communication we are still in communication with other potential donor organizations, including PBC in the Netherlands, to contribute to Nature & Culture Relief fund. We believe that our 64+ years of experience on these islands, with people on the ground make us the most capable partner to aid the nature and culture NGO's under these circumstances. Anyone or any organization that wants to contribute to our fund, can contact us via [info@pbccaribbean.com](mailto:info@pbccaribbean.com) or call us at +59997671584, we will gladly accept a helping hand.

The PBCCG believes that the grants offered will be used to bring people together, foster collaboration, and be a catalyst for further sustainable development and rebuilding efforts.

On behalf of the  
Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds Caribbean Region

Michèle Russel-Capriles  
Chairman

Enclosed: Photo of our chairman in St. Maarten with representatives of the NGO's