

CALL FOR THE GRANTING OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO ATTRACT TOURIST FLOWS

Article 1 Purpose

The Chamber of Commerce of Gran Sasso d'Italia, recognizing the need to attract new tourist flows, provides contributions as a reimbursement of expenses to groups of tourists staying at accommodation facilities operated as businesses (Hotels, Agritourism, Tourist Villages, Residences) in the provinces of L'Aquila and Teramo.

Article 2 Beneficiaries

Eligible for the benefit are tour operators, travel agencies, public and private schools of all levels, non-profit associations, corporate recreational clubs, recreational and cultural clubs, foundations, non-profit tourist organizations, organizations promoting accessible tourism, pensioner associations, amateur sports associations and sports clubs, social tourism groups organized by municipalities or professional organizations, parishes, DMCs (Destination Management Company), PMCs (Product Management Company).

Amateur sports associations and sports clubs cannot access the funding provided by this call for overnight stays related to participation in sports events scheduled in federal championships calendars or programmed/organized by federations, whether related to competitive or amateur activities.

Initiatives carried out by political parties are also excluded from the benefits of this regulation.

The participating groups must consist of at least 25 people, of any nationality.

Article 3 Duration of stay and validity periods

The minimum duration of the stay is 2 consecutive overnight stays in one or more accommodation facilities, as referred to in Article 1, in the provinces of L'Aquila and Teramo. The benefits provided for in Article 4 apply to periods of low seasonality for all municipalities, except for the provincial capital municipalities of L'Aquila and Teramo, as follows:

- **From January 7th to June 15th**
- **From October 1st to December 21st**

* For mountain municipalities hosting ski resorts, the date of January 7th is postponed to April 15th. For the provincial capital municipalities of L'Aquila and Teramo, applications are valid for all periods of the year.

Article 4

Funds granted and benefits provided

The amount allocated for the disbursement of contributions amounts to € 100,000.00.

For each application admitted to the contribution, the sum of € 30.00 per participant will be disbursed, for a minimum total amount of € 750.00 (€ 30.00 x 25 participants).

Guide/Companion Services

To partially reimburse any expenses incurred for accompanying services provided by guides/companions recognized by the Abruzzo Region under Law No. 39/1987 and Law No. 86/1998 and by national-level federations/associations, a contribution equal to 50% of the documented expenses incurred will be recognized, supported by appropriate supporting expenditure documents.

Each beneficiary subject referred to in Article 2 of this Call may submit, within the year, a number of applications, even in different accommodation facilities during the same period and/or at different times, up to a **maximum of 250 participants**.

Article 5

Methods and deadlines for submitting applications

The contribution applications, drawn up based on the form attached to this Call, must be submitted to the Chamber of Commerce of Gran Sasso d'Italia exclusively to the certified email address: cciaa@cameragransasso.legalmail.it, starting from the date of publication of the Call on the chamber's website

at least 7 days before the start of the stay, under penalty of exclusion.

In the application, to be drafted according to the attached template (Attachment 1) must be indicated:

- the legal nature of the requesting party accompanied by a copy of the deed of incorporation/statute
- and/or tax code;
- the date of arrival and departure of the group;
- the location and accommodation facility(s) chosen for the stay;
- the number of participants.

Within 5 days of the end of the stay, the declaration referred to in Attachment 2 must be sent to the Gran Sasso d'Italia Chamber of Commerce, **under penalty of exclusion from the contribution**.

In case the funds available for financing the initiative are exhausted, the Chamber of Commerce will promptly communicate the non-admission to the contribution.

After approval by the Chamber's Board, this Call will be published on the institution's website www.cameragransasso.camcom.it.

Article 6

Eligible Expenses

Expenses related to stays in accommodation facilities in the provinces of L'Aquila and Teramo (accommodation, half board, full board) are eligible.

Expenses incurred for tourist accompanying services must also be justified by appropriate documents such as invoices and/or receipts, with supporting evidence of payment (bank transfers, checks, credit/debit card payments). Cash payments are excluded.

Article 7

Examination of Applications and Contribution Liquidation

Applications for admission to the contribution received within the deadlines specified in Article 5 will be examined in chronological order based on the date and time of receipt of the certified email by the Chamber of Commerce.

Within 30 days from the end of the stay, the beneficiary must submit an application for the liquidation of the granted contribution.

The following documents must be attached to the application:

1. Copy of the invoice/s issued to the beneficiary entity (Article 2 of the regulation), issued by the accommodation facility showing the date of arrival, duration of stay, name of the hotel accommodation, location and number of participants, and amount;
2. Copy of the bank transfer/s bank receipt, checks and ATM payments showing movement in the bank statement, tax receipt, fiscal receipt.
3. Declaration issued by the accommodation facility confirming the provision of services and declaring their payment;
4. List of overnight guests indicating the number of overnight stays, signed by the representative of the accommodation facility and the representative of the "Beneficiary Entity".
5. Copy of the identity document of the owner or legal representative.
6. INPS registration number for the DURC request or declaration attesting to non-registration with INPS. The DURC is acquired automatically from the competent authorities. In case of confirmed irregularities during disbursement, the amount corresponding to the non-compliance will be withheld and paid to social security and insurance institutions (Law No. 98/2013, Article 31, paragraphs 3 and 8-bis).

Incomplete applications in any part or those failing to indicate any of the required elements or data, as well as those lacking the necessary documentation, will be requested by the Chamber of Commerce to provide further documentation and/or Clarifications to supplement the application.

If additional information is provided, for the purpose of eligibility, the application will be considered complete as of the date of submission of the last supplement.

Contributions will be disbursed to the Beneficiary Entity by the Chamber of Commerce in a single installment.

The allocation of contributions is arranged after an investigation by the designated office.

The Head of the Department will commit the expenditure based on the budget availability and adopt a specific determination for the liquidation of contributions.

The Chamber of Commerce will carry out, in accordance with DPR 445/2000, sample checks to verify the conformity to the original documents transmitted and the accuracy of the declarations made.

The Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to request additional documentation necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements of current regulations.

Article 8
European Reference Legislation

The initiative is implemented in accordance with the provisions of the European "de minimis" regime pursuant to Regulations No. 2831/2023, 1407/2013 or No. 1408/2013 of December 18, 2013 (EU Official Journal L 352 of December 24, 2013), or Regulation No. 717/2014 of June 27, 2014 (EU Official Journal L 190 of June 28, 2014).

For matters not expressly regulated or defined by this Call, reference is made to the aforementioned Regulations; in any case, nothing in this Call can be interpreted differently from what is established by the relevant provisions of these Regulations.

Article 9

In accordance with Law No. 7 August 1990, No. 241 and subsequent amendments and additions regarding administrative procedures, the responsible party for the procedure is the Head of the Economic Promotion and Market Regulation Department.