

## **The Royal Dutch Climbing & Mountaineering Association (NKBV) “Mountain Hut Supporting Fund”**

In 1977, the Royal Dutch Mountain Club (Royal NKBV) set up a separate Foundation, the so called “Hutten Ondersteunings Fonds” (“Mountain Hut Supporting Fund”) to further enhance the possibilities of its members to pursue their mountaineering passion by supporting the infrastructure that is being developed and maintained by its Alpine sister organizations in Alpine countries in Europe, next to the reciprocity arrangements. Not least important is to acknowledge and gratitude, via its support, the massive task in this area that is being done by the sister organizations of the NKBV.

For this purpose, the Foundation uses the proceeds from investments with capital, donated by members of the NKBV and its predecessors. Over the last decade support was given to e.g. the Bietschhorn hut in Switzerland, Falkenhütte and Wangenitzseehütte in Austria, following requests from sister organizations to the Board of the Fund.

Recently, the Board of the Fund has decided to take a more pro-active approach to support initiatives in the field of the development and improvement of the Alpine Mountain Sports Infrastructure. The Fund will organize its funding as follows:

- 1) Every calendar year the Fund will organize two rounds in which proposals for the development or improvement of Alpine Mountain Sports Infrastructure can be entered.
- 2) The closing dates are annually the 1<sup>st</sup> of March and the 1<sup>st</sup> of August.
- 3) All proposals entered before the respective closing date will be reviewed by the Board of the Royal NKBV Mountain Hut Supporting Fund only. The Board will decide which proposal(s) will be granted a support donation.
- 4) Only proposals from Alpine Sister Organizations in Germany, Switzerland, France, Austria, Italy, Slovenia and Spain, if member of the UIAA will be taken into consideration.
- 5) The Fund favors proposals that enhance the sustainability of the Alpine Mountain Sports Infrastructure (e.g. renewable energy solutions, recycling solutions, new connections between huts)
- 6) Each year a total budget of € 50,000 is available.
- 7) Depending on the proposals, in each year a maximum of 2 proposals will be rewarded.
- 8) After a proposal has been granted a support donation, the Fund and the awarded organization will enter into an agreement stating e.g. purpose of the donation, confirmation of works; rendering the accounts of the proposal, joint communication etc.
- 9) Every party that enters into one of the rounds will receive written feedback on its proposal by the Dutch NKBV, be it a positive or negative decision.
- 10) Any proposal can only be entered into the process twice.
- 11) The Fund will pro-actively communicate each funding round to Alpine sister organizations and others.

Questions and proposals could be sent to [voorzitter@nkbv.nl](mailto:voorzitter@nkbv.nl)