



## Celebrate Your Volunteer

Do you work with volunteers? If you do, you know what they mean to your organisation. They keep your projects running, connect with your visitors, help at events and maintain the building. Their commitment makes all the difference. In 2026, we're helping you show extra appreciation for that commitment with our temporary grant program **Celebrate Your Volunteer**.

### What do we offer?

A contribution to thank your volunteers. This could be a group outing, a dinner or a personal gift. It's not about large amounts, but about the gesture. You can apply for up to €35 per volunteer.

### Who is this grant program for?

Organisations in Utrecht province that work with volunteers. Your organisation is active in one or more of our domains: Arts & Culture, People & Society or Nature & Heritage. Foundations and associations can apply, as well as unincorporated organisations like neighbourhood initiatives.

### What can you apply for?

You can request a contribution of up to €35 per volunteer. The maximum contribution is €1,250 for foundations and associations. For unincorporated organisations, the maximum is €750.

The contribution is for activities that celebrate your volunteers. Examples could be a group outing or a gift that helps you maintain and expand your volunteer base.

### How does applying work?

You apply through our digital application system. Applications open on 17 February and close on 31 December 2026. You'll receive a decision within one month.

Submit these documents with your application: a digital application form with information about your organisation and the appreciation initiative, a description of the initiative, a cost overview, a Chamber of Commerce extract dated within the last twelve months, your financial annual report and your statutes. If your organisation is unincorporated, you don't need these last three documents.

### When will you receive the contribution?

We pay out the approved amount after you've submitted invoices or receipts as proof of costs. You can also request a fifty percent advance. Your approved amount is guaranteed. If you spend less than budgeted, we pay out less.

### What conditions must you meet?

- You are active in Utrecht province and working within one or more of our domains: Arts & Culture, People & Society or Nature & Heritage.
- The total costs of the activity may not exceed €4,000.
- The application must focus on appreciating volunteers. It may not serve as compensation or be used for training or resources necessary for the volunteer's work. Training that works as a gift, such as ceramics or a photography workshop, does qualify.
- Spending the appreciation budget at a local business, preferably in Utrecht province, and using it for a joint activity are a plus.
- The appreciation must not take place in the month after submitting your application, due to processing time. You cannot submit an application retroactively.
- You must complete the appreciation before 1 February 2027 and submit your financial report by 31 March 2027.

### Why now?

2026 is the **International Year of the Volunteer**. The United Nations calls on everyone to celebrate and appreciate volunteers. We're joining this campaign and making it possible for organisations in Utrecht to give their volunteers an extra round of applause.

### Apply

[You can apply here.](#)

### Questions?

Email [hein@kfhein.nl](mailto:hein@kfhein.nl) or call 030 - 232 21 14.

- [Here you'll find more information about the Year of the Volunteer and the national campaign 'De kracht van doen' by Vereniging NOV.](#)
- [Also take a look at the website of Vrijwilligerscentrale Utrecht and check out, for example, the free range of workshops and training.](#)

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