Proposal for allocation of possible unclaimed residual funds

On behalf of the Jewish Community Brno (JCB), the second largest Jewish congregation in the Czech Republic, we would like to bring to your attention a following project. For several years we have been trying to build a complex social facility (Old Age Home) for survivals of holocaust, members of our community and neighbouring Czech and Moravian communities.

1. Target group to be served are members of the Jewish Community Brno (South Moravian region), appr. 100 people, all Nazi victims, most of them living alone. The data is based upon official List of members of the JCB, every personel file is checked by the Board of the JCB.

2. All of them should be treated as needy Nazi victims with reference to the average standard of living in EU (Israel, USA and Australia as well).

3. Two demographic researches (among members of the JCB) have been made between 2001 – 2003.
   In 2001 from 71 respondents
   - 27 were alone (single or widowed),
   - 6 were permanently staying in their flats, not going out,
   - 26 have been using external catering (partly organized by JCB),
   - 5 were not able to use neither tram nor bus,
   - 4 suffered with memory malfunction,
   - 16 have been interesting in some kind of rehab.
   In 2003 from 77 respondents
   - 25 needs permanently medication,
   - 16 are using external catering,
   - 26 need repeating rehab,
   - 35 are interesting in cleaning,
   - 28 need some kind of therapy (physic-, ergo-, psycho-).
Those figures represent only part of interpretation of the full research.
4. Based on those facts we recommend to build the complex social facility, which would include minimum 35 beds in predominantly single rooms, medical care space, daily centre, kitchen and boarding, multifunctional hall for 80 people (dining room, club, video-audio presentation, stage), technical and logistic background. It will serve to our seniors and help to concentrate and improve all types of contemporary and future services for them. The proposed capacity could cover in first step nearly all people living alone and significantly increase the scope of home care for external clients. For the time being, JCB has been elaborating a case – study which includes the reconstruction of existing building owned by the community. The estimated costs of rebuilding are 2 700 000 – 3 000 000 USD. From this sum appr. 10% is secured by JCB itself and from the Czech Endowment Fund for Victims of the Holocaust (joint venture of the Czech Government and the Federation of Jewish Communities in the CR).

5. As a distribution agency is supposed the JCB itself, the investor of the Old Age Home. The whole amount of disposable grant-in-aid will be used for reconstruction and equipment. Administrative expenses are to the debit of JCB. The same is valid to the operational costs after the Home would be put into operation.

6. The project has full support of
   Prime Minister of the CR Vladimir Spidla (former Minister of Social Affairs), nab. Edvarda Benese 4, 118 01 Praha 1, CR,
   Mr. Josef Kamenicek, Mayor of Brno - Central District, Dominikanska 2, 601 69 Brno, CR,
   Ing. Miroslav Foltyn, Head of the Social Department of the Municipality of Brno, Dominikanske nam. 1, 601 67 Brno, CR.

If you decide that our proposal falls within the scope of distribution of residual funds, we are prepared to provide you with all the existing details, documentation and plans regarding the project. We can furthermore furnish any other information that you may need in order to reach a decision.

With regards

Ing. Petr Weber
Chair of the JCB