

## **APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL JULY 3**

## Studenac Opens Eighth Round of Applications for €20,000 in Grants to NGOs

Applications are open for this round of donations, for organizations from Dalmatia, Istria, Primorje, Lika and Gorski Kotar regions, as part of the One Step Closer to Community program.

Omiš, June 3, 2024 — Croatian proximity retail chain Studenac has opened the eighth round of applications for donations as part of its One Step Closer to Community project. The call for applications is open to non-profit organizations from Dalmatia, Istria, Primorje, Lika and Gorski Kotar regions that contribute to improving the quality of life and general social welfare in their communities. Applications will be accepted online from June 3 to July 3.

Guided by the first, second, and third UN Sustainable Development goals, which relate to eradicating poverty, ending hunger and ensuring health and well-being for all generations, the Studenac expert team will select five groups to support with a total of €20,000.

"As a neighborhood retail chain present and accessible to our customers at more than 1,250 locations across the entire country, in almost every corner, we feel like an integral part of the community," said Tatjana Spajić, Director of Corporate Communications at Studenac. "We are strengthening and deepening this relationship because we believe we have a responsibility to directly impact the well-being of the communities in which we operate. We can do this most effectively by supporting those who know best what people around them truly need. So I have no doubt that in this round of donations for our coastal region, we will achieve results together that we will be proud of."

The eighth round of donations is the second of three planned for 2024, in which a total of 60,000 euros will be donated, covering all regions of Croatia. The first round this year was focused on Slavonia, where Studenac donated a total of €20,000 to five associations. In the final round, at the end of the year, donations will be made to groups from the Zagreb and Central Croatia areas.

In the seven donation rounds conducted so far as part of the One Step Closer to Community project, Studenac has donated a total of €101,000 to dozens of NGOs.

One Step Closer to Community has been implemented since October 2021 and is part of Studenac's long-term, comprehensive campaign to contribute to positive change in society and support humanitarian, health and other programs that improve the lives of the community.