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A total of 78 non-profit organizations are competing this year in the Canary Islands in Fundación Cepsa's Social Value Awards; this year's edition has received the most submissions to date. The submitted projects are championed by the same number of Cepsa employees in the archipelago who act as charity sponsors.

The jury for the awards in the islands has been selected and will be once again chaired by Ombudsman Rafael Yanes, who will be accompanied by the Deputy Minister of Social Rights of the Government of the Canary Islands, Gemma Martínez; the Managing Director of Citizen Participation and Diversity for the Council of Tenerife, Nauzet Gugliota; the Minister of Social Policy and Accessibility for the Council of Gran Canaria, Isabel Mena; the Delegate Councilor for Social Action in Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Rosario González; the Delegate Councilor for Social Services in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Carmen Luz Vargas; the head of Tenerife Solidario, Beatriz Sicilia; Cepsa's Canary Islands Director, José Manuel Fernández-Sabugo; and the Head of Fundación Cepsa in the Canary Islands, Belén Machado.

The meeting for the jury's decision will take place during the first half of November. The winning projects for this year, up to a maximum of seven, at least one of which must be aimed at providing assistance to people affected by the Covid-19 crisis, will divide up to €62,000.

The aim of these Awards, Fundación Cepsa's primary social action, is to recognize and promote social initiatives that favor inclusion and welfare of disadvantaged people or groups, as well as to encourage these charitable values among Cepsa's professionals, who act as sponsors in presenting the organizations interested in submitting their projects.

Since the awards were first launched on the islands in 2008, they have already helped fund 50 projects of different shapes and sizes and have paid out a total of €435,000.

435 projects submitted this year globally

This year, 435 projects have been submitted from across all the regions where Fundación Cepsa's awards are run: Canary Islands, Campo de Gibraltar, Madrid, Huelva province, Portugal, Colombia and Brazil. The total budget has been increased to €500,000, twenty-five percent more than in previous editions, to address the unusual circumstances caused by Covid-19. Since it was first held in 2005, these awards have handed out more than three million euros to help projects from more than 340 organizations, which have in turn helped improve the quality of life of over 40,000 people.

Employees' Special Award

This is an additional award presented by Cepsa's very own professionals. Of the 14 projects selected by the different juries in Spain, Portugal, Colombia and Brazil, Cepsa professionals will choose five winners this year, who will divide up to €46,000, a sum that has also been increased to mitigate the effects of the pandemic.

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