

## **Fundación Cepsa launches the 16th edition of the Social Value Awards and increases its endowment to promote projects related to COVID-19**

- **The Foundation has increased the initial endowment by €100,000 to reaching the total figure of €500,000 to promote charity actions related to the current health and social crisis**
- **Social initiatives from the Canary Islands, Madrid, Huelva, Campo de Gibraltar, Portugal, Colombia, and Brazil are invited to participate in these awards**
- **Since 2005, the Social Value Awards have funded over 340 projects that have improved the quality of life of around 40,000 people**
- **Initiatives may be presented from September 9 until September 30**

Fundación Cepsa reopens the registration period for the Social Value Awards, which seek to recognize and promote a wide range of social initiatives that champion the inclusion and welfare of underprivileged individuals or groups. In its 16th edition, the organization has increased the financial endowment of these awards in order to support charity projects that work to assist those persons most affected by the health and social crisis caused by COVID-19.

The awards will distribute up to 500,000 euros among all the winning initiatives for social projects in the Canary Islands, Madrid, Huelva, Campo de Gibraltar, Portugal, Colombia and Brazil — regions where Cepsa has significant business activities and where it has forged deeper ties and partnerships with the community.

Through its Social Value Awards, Fundación Cepsa recognizes the work of different organizations that seek to improve the quality of life of a broad spectrum of social groups: socially vulnerable individuals, unemployed, sick persons, people with physical or intellectual disabilities, ethnic minorities, children, teenagers and young adults, the elderly and victims of gender violence, among others. In addition, this year's initiatives will go to benefit those affected by the COVID-19 health crisis. Accordingly, the Foundation will allocate an additional 100,000 euros to promote projects aimed at mitigating the health and social effects of the pandemic, in addition to the usual initiatives. In this way, in each city where the awards are held, at least one project will be selected aimed at providing assistance to groups affected by COVID-19.

Entities wishing to take part may enter their projects from September 9 through September 30 via the Foundation's website: [www.fundacioncepsa.com](http://www.fundacioncepsa.com). Likewise, the Foundation has convened the participating entities today in order to explain and clarify the registration procedure and go over the updates to this year's edition.

The decision reached by each of the local judging panels, which include different representatives from institutions working in the field of social action, will be announced in December.

Once the juries have selected the winning projects, Cepsa professionals will choose five more winning projects and will also work alongside the participating entities by acting as solidarity sponsors for all aspiring initiatives in the Social Value Awards.

Since it was first held in 2005, these awards have handed out more than three million euros to help improve the quality of life of over 40,000 people.

In response to the social and health crisis caused by the coronavirus, Fundación Cepsa has implemented a package of measures to alleviate the effects of the pandemic on the most vulnerable groups. Together with Cepsa professionals, the organization has donated 480,000 kilos of basic foodstuffs to the Spanish Federation of Food Banks. Furthermore, in an effort to support health authorities, Fundación Cepsa has supplied the regional governments of Madrid, Andalusia and the Canary Islands with a supply of fuel vouchers worth €50,000 to assist in sanitary transport related to the COVID-19, as well as other professionals who are also actively involved in dealing with this crisis. The organization has also donated €15,000 to the Red Cross for urgent medical transport resulting from the pandemic. Likewise, as part of its corporate volunteer program, Voluntas, the Foundation has launched several online volunteer actions so that Cepsa professionals can provide support to the elderly and sick.

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