

## **Asia Minor and Pontos Hellenic Research Center**

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**Project Location:** Chicago  
**Amount Requested:** \$40,000  
**Project Budget:** \$148,000  
**Project Director:** George Mavropoulos  
**Contact Person:** George Mavropoulos

**Organization:** Asia Minor and Pontos Hellenic Research Center. Established in 2011 with the purpose of documenting and raise awareness about the Greek communities of the later Ottoman empire, and the genocide of Anatolian Greeks (1913-1923) by Turkish regimes. Organization has published "*Asia Minor Catastrophe and the Ottoman Greek Genocide*", a self-directed Study Course for the book, and a 5- minute promotional DVD for the project.

**Project:** To produce an hour documentary film exploring and revealing the history, culture, and significance of the tragic expulsion of the Greeks from their ancestral homelands in Asia Minor and Pontos. The goal of the project is that the documentary would be suitable for airing on a PBS Cultural Documentary Series. It is anticipated that Bill Kurtis would be the commentator of the film, as he was for the promotional DVD, and John Davis would support and lend his expertise to the film production.

There are three phases in the completion of the Project:

- Phase 1: Budget - \$68,000; Story development, pre-production planning, interviews, collection of materials, and the production of a 5-minute promotional DVD; Completed.
- Phase 2: Budget - \$60,000; Script writing and editing.
- Phase 3: Budget - \$158,500; Film production.

The purpose of the grant award is to assist in the completion of Phase 3, Budget - \$158,500.

Other Potential Funding Sources for Project – Phase 3

- Stavros Niarchos Foundation: \$30,000
- Ivan Savvidis Foundation: 40,000

### **Grant Committee Recommendation: Matching Funds**

Approved for presentation and Board consideration at the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, subject to the following conditions: 1. Final Budget; 2. Matching Funds – Balance of funds necessary to complete project have been raised; 3. Contracts for all elements necessary to complete project have been signed.

### **Board of Directors Grant Award Determination:**