

Acquisition of Bibliographic Materials Allocated for Libraries Integrated in the Andalusian Public Library Network

La Rinconada City Council

NON-COMPETITIVE SUBSIDIES GRANTED TO AUTONOMOUS ENTITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC MATERIALS ALLOCATED FOR LIBRARIES INTEGRATED IN THE ANDALUSIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY NETWORK. CO-FUNDED BY THE NEXTGENERATIONEU FUNDS VIA SPAIN'S RECOVERY, TRANSFORMATION AND RESILIENCE PLAN, regulated by Order TER/836/2022, of 29 August, approving the regulatory basis for subsidies for the digital transformation and modernization of local entities within the framework of the *Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan*, and opening the call for 2022.

The subsidies made pursuant to this order fall under Spain's *Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan*, namely the section *Social and Territorial Cohesion*. More specifically, these regulatory bases have been designed with the intent to carry out **Component 24 – Enhancement of the Cultural Industry. Investment 12 – Revitalization of Culture Across the Country. Project 4 – Bibliographic Allocations**, of the aforementioned *Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan*.

- These subsidies are meant to allow for the acquisition of physical bibliographic materials by libraries from Andalusian autonomous entities and municipalities, in order to increase reading rates in citizens by offering a wider variety of free books.

1. INTRODUCTION

La Rinconada City Council has been granted a subsidy meant for the acquisition of bibliographic materials for our libraries, as they are part of the Andalusian Public Library Network.

La Rinconada has three public libraries: the **La Rinconada Public Library** (subsidiary number 862), located at 2 Zenobia Camprubí Street; the **San José de la Rinconada Public Library** (subsidiary number 847), located at 5 Luis de Góngora Street; and the **Hacienda Santa Cruz Public Library** (subsidiary number 831), located at 2 Carretera de la Estación Street. The last two are located in San José de la Rinconada.

With this subsidy, our goal is to improve the physical bibliographic offer in our public libraries, in order to increase reading rates in citizens by having a wider variety of free books.



1. LOCATIONS OF THE THREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN LA RINCONADA



2. LA RINCONADA PUBLIC LIBRARY



3. SAN JOSÉ DE LA RINCONADA PUBLIC LIBRARY



4. HACIENDA SANTA CRUZ PUBLIC LIBRARY (I)

2. SUBSIDY GOALS

The goals established for this subsidy (no. 25045) are as follows:

- Provide Andalusian local libraries—e.g., La Rinconada’s—with bibliographic materials. This involves acquiring batches of printed bibliographic materials in order to expand these public libraries’ collections and make them more diverse.
- Increase reading rates as well as the visits to these public spaces. Having more books available may entice more citizens to visit the libraries to learn about what they offer.
- Facilitate access to inclusive reading materials, such as easy reading books, large print books, and a selection of books in foreign languages. This will help libraries become more accessible for various social groups.

In short, the goal is to expand the collections that the libraries in the Andalusian Public Library Network offer in order to encourage reading and engaging with culture and knowledge.



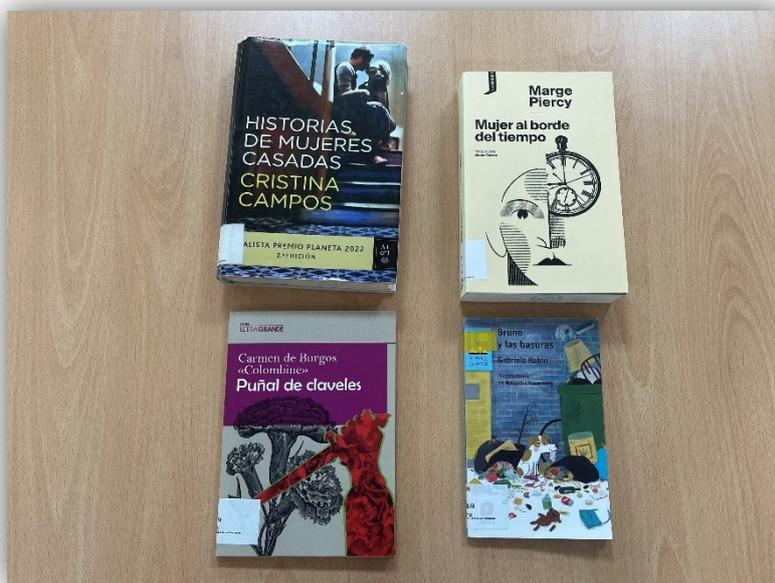
5. HACIENDA SANTA CRUZ PUBLIC LIBRARY (II)

3. ITEMS ELIGIBLE FOR SUBSIDIES

These subsidies cover only the acquisition of printed bibliographic materials, in any format or condition—new or used—, within the following thematic categories:

- *Reference works* (dictionaries, major literary works)
- *Children's and young adult literature* (prose fiction, etc.)
- *Literature* (poetry, novels, essays, etc.)
- *Science*
- *Andalusia*
- *Inclusive materials* (easy reading books and/or large print books)
- *Books in foreign languages*

Each beneficiary library is obliged to acquire and register at least 92 titles from the aforementioned categories, with at least one inclusive title and a maximum of 10 titles in foreign languages.



6. SOME OF THE BOOKS ACQUIRED THANKS TO THIS SUBSIDY

The books in the photo above, taken in the San José de la Rinconada Public Library, were acquired for this library's collection using the *NextGenerationEU* funds. These books meet the requirements for eligibility, as they are in the stated categories: novel, children's book, and inclusive material (large print book).

4. BUDGET

LIBRARY	AMOUNT
La Rinconada Public Library	€2,047.38
San José de la Rinconada Public Library	€2,049.04
Hacienda Santa Cruz Public Library	€2,054.22

With this budget, which amounts to €6,150.64, we have been able to acquire over 350 new printed books for the three public libraries in our town.

Each library has added over 92 new titles—the minimum required—to their collection, which will be made available to the public. For example, the Hacienda Santa Cruz Public Library has added 147 new books, while the San José Public Library has added 128 new titles to its collection.

As stated in the resolution by the Regional Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's Directorate-General for Documentary and Bibliographic Heritage, who manages these EU-funded grants, La Rinconada City Council has obtained **three subsidies**, amounting to €2,040 each, aimed at acquiring new books for the three public libraries that make up La Rinconada's Local Library Network.

5. FINANCING

This subsidy, allocated for the libraries that make up the Andalusian Public Library Network, is financed by the *NextGenerationEU* funds. Through these funds, the EU contributes to providing Andalusian libraries—such as our three public libraries—with bibliographic materials, so as to make a wide variety of cultural knowledge accessible to the public.

According to both the RRF (*Recovery and Resilience Facility*) Regulations and the Financing Agreement, it is mandatory to display elements that give visibility to the projects realized as part of the *Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan*. To this end, signs displaying this information have been placed in prominent spaces of our three public libraries in order for them to be as visible as possible. These signs state: "*Part of this library's collection has been financed by the European Union's NextGenerationEU funds.*"



7. SIGN IN THE LA RINCONADA PUBLIC LIBRARY



8. SIGN IN THE SAN JOSÉ DE LA RINCONADA PUBLIC LIBRARY



9. SIGN IN THE HACIENDA SANTA CRUZ PUBLIC LIBRARY

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