Grant Assistance For Grass-Roots Human Security Projects

Q1. Who are eligible recipients?

The followings are examples of potential recipients: international/local NGOs, local authorities, public hospitals, schools and other non-profit associations. The organization must be older than 2 years from its establishment and they must implement development projects at the grass-roots level. Individuals and profit-making companies are not eligible.

Q2. What are project areas?

As long as the project is geared to grass-roots assistance and completed within a year, it is eligible for financing. However, projects relating to sports, culture and arts are not included. The following areas account for the majority of the projects approved: i) poverty reduction, ii) natural disaster response, iii) education, iv) health, v) gender issues, and vi) environment.

Q3. What is the amount of available funds?

The Project funds are provided to the recipient organisation after an examination of each application by the Japanese Government on an annual project-by-project basis. The grant amount per project is under 10 million yen which is approximately USD 89,000 (including the compulsory fee for the External Audit). **Prospective applicants should note that the following budget items cannot be financed: consumables, electric appliances including computers, regular vehicles, running and maintenance costs of facilities and equipment , administrative costs of the recipient organisation and monetary sponsorship for a recipient's hosting of an event.**

Q4. How to apply?

If your organisation satisfies the conditions described above, you should submit an application form to the Embassy of Japan. The application form can be downloaded from the Embassy's website

(http://www.jamaica.emb-japan.go.jp/en/index.html). Please submit a brochure and/or any other relevant documentation of the organisation and the project if they are available.

When submitting your application form, please note the following points: i) in selecting projects for funding, the Japanese Government places a high priority on the impact and sustainability of the project. You must convince the Embassy that your organisation can manage a sustainable development project well so a detailed description of the past achievements of your organisation would therefore be appreciated and ii) you must show proof that your organization is sufficiently funded and is capable of covering the recurrent expenses on your own.

Please send your application to:	Project Coordinator of Grass-Roots Human Security Project
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	Phone: 1-876-929-3338/9 (ext. 245) Fax: 1-876-754-2542
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