

Grant Assistance For Grassroots Human Security Projects

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Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects ' KUSANONE Scheme'

Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects is a small scale funding programme under the Government of Japan aiming at the area of Basic Human Needs with the benefit of grassroots level for the purpose of socioeconomic development.



2018 : KUSANONE' s 30 Years Anniversary

Reached cumulative total 27,015 projects
funded until 2016 in 141 countries



1. Eligible Recipients

The following are examples of potential recipients :

- ◆ **International / Local NGOs**
- ◆ **Local Authorities**
- ◆ **Public Hospitals**
- ◆ **Public Schools (Primary / Junior High school etc.)**
- ◆ **Other Non-Profit Organizations**

The Organization must be older than 2 years from its establishment and they must implement development projects at the grassroots level.

Individuals and profit making companies are not eligible.

Central Government is allowed as an exception if only it is emergency or with reasonable justification.

2. Project Areas

The following areas account for the majority of the projects approved.

- ◆ **Natural Disaster Response**
- ◆ **Environment (Sustainable Energy for Climate Change / Sanitation etc.)**
- ◆ **Industrial Development**
- ◆ **Infrastructure Development (Transport / Electric Power Energy / Water Supply / Communication)**
- ◆ **Health**
- ◆ **Education**
- ◆ **Poverty reduction**
- ◆ **Gender Issues**

3. Implementation period

- ◆ Ideally, to keep the project in good standing, the said project must be completed **within 12 months after the contract date.** (Including the implement of the handing over ceremony align with the final report and final audit report.)
- ◆ Otherwise the recipient needs to submit the request letter or letters for extension of time to complete the said project with the official reason.
- ◆ The Embassy will grant the requisite extension (s) ONLY based on the recipient's written request prior to the due date of current project period, for example, 1 year after signing date.

4. Grant Limit

- ◆ **Standard Limit : 10 million Japanese Yen**
- ◆ Maximum Limit under certain conditions : 100 million Japanese Yen
- ◆ The project funds are provided to the recipient organization after an examination of each application by the Japanese Government on an annual project-by-project basis. The standard grant amount per project is under 15 million yen.
- ◆ 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 and monetary sponsorship for a recipient's hosting of an event.

5. Application

- ◆ If your organization satisfies the conditions described above, please submit an application form (Project Concept Paper) along with a brochure or any other relevant documents of the organization and the project to the Embassy of Japan.
- ◆ The application form can be downloaded from the Embassy's website (https://www.jamaica.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/grassroots.html).
- ◆ When submitting your application form, please note we will assess the following points :
 - ✓ Urgent Quality / Reason of High Priority
 - ✓ Humanitarian Needs / Benefit in Grassroots Level
 - ✓ Organization's Stability
 - ✓ Feasibility

KUSANONE Flow Chart



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