

QUAKER SERVICE AUSTRALIA
Unit 14, 43-53 Bridge Road, Stanmore, NSW 2048, Australia
Refugees and Asylum Seekers Funding Guidelines, Phase III

Funding guidelines to support development work with refugees and asylum seeker communities in Australia or overseas.

QSA will **NOT support** the use of the bequest for any of the following:-

- Support for any political party of candidate;
- Support for any terrorist organisation or terrorism activity;
- Support for any religious organisation taking part in proselytization;
- Retrospective funding for completed activities;
- Projects that give support to an individual exclusively;
- Purchase of vehicles or significant construction of any type of building or other process which presents a future debt of maintenance costs.

QSA will ensure that all projects funded adhere to QSA's process and reporting guidelines and the criteria of ACFID Code of Conduct. Recognising the extreme vulnerability of the communities we seek to engage, and the risks associated with working in these environments, the following criteria for projects will apply:-

- Individual Quaker members from Local Meetings can apply for funding support to enhance wellbeing of refugees and asylum seekers;
- Be used to fund projects;
- The Management Committee's stated desire to '**not confine** the use of the funds in an overly restrictive manner into the future' (QSA MC Meeting April 20th 2018, Minute 7(i));
- To demonstrate that the risk assessment and mitigation have been considered for the refugees and asylum seekers it is proposed we work with so that we **do no additional harm** to them as a result of the proposed project activities and so that they are treated with dignity;
- Target **specific needs** within populations of refugee and asylum seekers, such as gender, age, disability and cultural needs;
- Has a reasonable **chance of succeeding**;
- Provides the refugees in its **scope** with enhanced wellbeing and long-term resilience, potential resettlement income generating skills including language skills, reduction in sense of isolation, enhancing family cohesion, and assist in good practices to better protect their rights;
- The partnership or collaboration has passed **due diligence** background checks;
- Meets our **advocacy** principles;
- Protects **privacy and safety** of participants;
- **Geographic boundaries for support** – QSA will consider financially supporting refugee and asylum seeker projects where some supportive links and networks already exist;
- **Funding boundaries**
 - an annual budget for overseas projects of no more than \$50,000 including administration expenses, and preferably considerably less than this;
 - Indicative \$20-30,000 maximum for projects in Australia, and funding for smaller budgets will be considered favourably;
 - Maximum indicative figure of \$100,000 per Quaker year (October to September) distributed;
 - Two intakes for applications per year – October 31st and March 31st

- **Joint funding** with another agency will be considered assuming that due diligence for both the project implementing partner and the collaborative funder agency does not highlight any increased risk in any way for QSA
- **Proposed timeframes** – For up to three years maximum, due to funding considerations.

Guidelines for Funding applications

Irrespective of the size of the organisation seeking funds, the following information is required to be included in your funding application

- Name of the organisation and its purpose / mission;
- Project objectives and budget;
- Location of the project, and how was the project idea formed;
- Similar work undertaken previously, and who the donor was for this;
- Is this a new idea, or a continuation of previous work;
- What activities will it include;
- How success of the project will be measured;
- Whether it is being funded in part by another donor organisation or is QSA the only donor for this project;
- What other funding sources does this organisation / group receive, or has received during the past year;
- How will the project have a reasonable chance of succeeding to support or provide the refugees and asylum seekers with enhanced well-being, skills or long-term resilience;
- If this funding proposal is coming from a Quaker, please include confirmation that the Local Meeting and Regional Meeting have been notified of this application.

Applications can be emailed to administration@qsa.org.au, or sent by mail to
 Quaker Service Australia
 Refugee and Asylum Seeker project proposal
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