

# Activity Grant

# General Guideline

**For Fiscal Year 2025**

※Supporting period: April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027

※ Important Notice :

For organizations based outside Japan:

Please note that there is an important notice regarding eligibility for applications in this fiscal year (FY2025). In general, organizations that do not have a physical presence in Japan—such as an office or operational base—will not be eligible for application this year. In details, be sure to carefully read “2. Policy on the Eligibility Criteria for Applications in FY2025 (Important)” on Page 4 in this General Guideline.



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# Objectives

Peace is the hope of all humankind.

Many people in many nations are working unstintingly to bring it about.  
In spite of this, enormous problems still exist.  
How best to handle them is the task facing us today.

The causes of obstructions to peace are manifold, ranging from those involving the individual, the family, the local community, and the nation through problems involving nature and the environment. It is no overstatement to say, however, that the way human beings themselves live is the root of these problems. In times like these, a religion that teaches peace and tolerance has an important role to play.

Based on these considerations, the Niwano Peace Foundation promotes interreligious understanding and cooperation. It also strives to strengthen cooperation among people actively making continuing efforts, in a religious spirit, to achieve a peaceful society.

The Foundation does not support any specific religious group. Respecting the uniqueness of all religions and embracing the spirit of tolerance, it aims to build a world of peace and coexistence. The Foundation makes grants in order to actively encourage activities undertaken in the spirit of religious principles grounded and conducted in such a way as to invite broad social participation.

\*This program has been conducted by the sponsorship of the Rissho kosei-kai  
Donate-a-Meal Fund for Peace Since 2005.

# Overview

## 1. Fields eligible for support

Grant will be provided for activities as described in items A or B below;

### A. Social activities based on the spirit of religious principles

Social activities based on the spirit of religious principals are defined as those undertaken for individual and community welfare and peace, both physical and spiritual, based on the spirit of religious principles that emerge from reverence for God, Buddha, or other universal spiritual reality.

In particular, these include peace-making activities related to education, volunteer work, development cooperation, environmental protection, human rights or the social problems of aging societies done in the spirit of religious principles which transcend religious boundaries.

### B. Grass-roots activities deployed in a local community

Activities to vitalize local communities through interdisciplinary workshops and meetings with particular emphasis on collaboration by groups and individuals from diverse organizations and religious groups.

It is expected that local communities will come up with some new values with an independent mind.

Examples would be workshops and outreach programs to inspire people to think about how people living in faraway countries are related to their own lives, or to encourage development of local activities in which people "think globally, and act locally."

### ※ Project/Activity eligible for support

- a. Practical activities, short-term or long-term, directly related to peace building.
- b. Activities which stimulate activities not only in one's own field but as well in other fields and can be creative and pioneering models for realization of peace.

NPF also pay attention to the following points;

- Activity should be specific and target serious issues in society.
- Activity that approaches the problem using innovative and effective methods.
- Outcome of the activity has sustainability and has a broad impact, and those functions are built in as a system in the activity.

### ※ Project/Activity ineligible for support

- a. Activities undertaken for the benefit of a specific religious group.
- b. Activities based on or for the advancement of a specific political ideology.
- c. Activities for profit.
- d. Activities the purpose of which is holding conferences only as such.
- e. Projects for which the applicant's primary intention is to publish the results of activities. (This does not apply to past grant recipients.)
- f. Grants are not scholarships as such, and are not to be used as financial support for Study abroad.

## 2. Policy on the Eligibility Criteria for Applications in FY2025 (Important)

For fiscal year 2025, applications will be accepted only from organizations or individuals that meet the following conditions.

### Conditions for 'Organizational' Applicants

#### (1) Essential Conditions Regarding the Nature of the Organization

Regardless of nationality, an organization must maintain both an office (including a branch or sub-office) and personnel in Japan in order to be recognized as having a physical presence in Japan.

This condition shall not be satisfied in cases where only an agent or interpreter resides in Japan, or where a foreign organization has merely appointed a representative responsible for Japan within its head office located overseas, or employs a Japanese national within the organization.

#### (2) Condition Regarding Language

Both the application and the reports must be prepared by the applicant organization itself in Japanese. Submissions in any other language will not be accepted.

#### (3) Condition Regarding the Location of Activities

No distinction shall be made based on the location or country where activities are carried out, provided that the organization satisfies the above (1) and (2) conditions.

#### (4) Condition Regarding Beneficiaries

No distinction shall be made based on nationality or ethnicity, provided that the organization satisfies the above (1) and (2) conditions.

All of the above conditions must be satisfied.

### Conditions for 'Individual' Applicants

#### (1) Essential Conditions

Applicants must either:

- Reside in Japan for a certain number of years, regardless of nationality; or
- Be of Japanese nationality and currently residing in a foreign country.

#### (2) Condition Regarding Language

Both the application and the reports must be prepared by the applicant personally in Japanese. Submissions in any other language will not be accepted.

#### (3) Condition Regarding the Location of Activities

No distinction shall be made based on the location or country where activities are carried out, provided that the applicant satisfies the above conditions.

#### (4) Condition Regarding Beneficiaries

No distinction shall be made based on nationality or ethnicity, provided that the applicant satisfies the above conditions.

**Note** This policy applies exclusively to the FY2025 Activity Grant Program and is not intended as a permanent measure.

### 3. Method of determination

Among applications, few successful applicants will be selected by the Screening Committee, specifically sets up for this activity grant scheme. Selection meeting will be held once in a year.

### 4. Grant amount

The grant amount which one applicant can apply will be up to 1,000,000 Japanese Yen.  
The grant amount which one can apply will be up to some USD, equivalent to 1,000,000 Japanese Yen. After screening and determination by Screening Committee, actual amount to be provided can be sometime reduced than original amount in applying.

Note:

The above maximum amount does not represent the total budget of the proposed project. It indicates the upper limit of the portion of the project budget requests to our Foundation. Please note that all foreign currency amounts must be stated in U.S. dollars (USD). Applications showing or presumed to be based on other currencies will not be accepted.

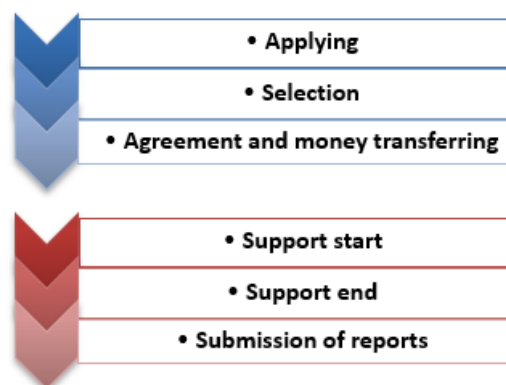
### 5. Supporting period

Providing grant is for one year, from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March in every year.  
Extensional or renewal support may not be operated. However, one can apply the same activity for next fiscal year if submit application anew.

### 6. Requirement for successful applicant (Report submitting)

Successful applicant will be required to submit a narrative report and financial report about granted activity, after finished supporting period.

### 7. Procedure in general



### 8. Schedule

Schedules of important dates are as follows;

Starts application receiving at NPF	2025,	October 20
Deadline application receiving at NPF	2025,	November 20 (not later than Japan time 20th (23:59))
Final Selection and determination	2026,	End of January
Agreement and money transferring	2026,	End of March
Activity starts by support	2026,	April 1
Support end	2027,	March 31
Report submitting (Deadline)	2027,	April 30

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