



U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (BPRM)
Julia Taft Fund for Refugees
FY 2021

The U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa, under the auspices of the Office of the Regional Refugee Coordinator and the Community Grants Program Office, is pleased to announce the availability of a funding opportunity through the **2021 Julia Taft Fund for Refugees**.

What is the Julia Taft Fund for Refugees?

The Julia Taft Fund for Refugees (also known as the Ambassador's Refugee Fund) is an initiative by the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) to respond to critical unmet needs of refugees. Created in 2000, the Julia Taft Fund for Refugees supports projects that fill gaps in refugee services not already being addressed by other organizations and that can be filled locally. Successful projects are those that are not being addressed by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), other international organizations, or non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that are already receiving USG funding.

NOTE: This notice is subject to availability of funding.

What types of projects in Ethiopia have been funded through the Julia Taft Fund for Refugees in the past?

Past grant recipients have implemented projects focused on increasing food security and livelihood opportunities; renovating facilities for the reception of children and adolescent refugees first arriving in Ethiopia; developing livelihoods and protecting the environment among pastoralist refugees; and constructing a multipurpose women's center for counseling, training, and community activities.

Program Focus of the 2021 Julia Taft Fund for Refugees

While the Julia Taft Fund is open for applicants to propose any project that could best serve refugees in their region, there is particular interest in proposals focused on **sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) prevention and response services**. Note that all proposals are required to have at least 50% of the beneficiaries be refugees.

Who is Eligible to apply?

The Julia Taft Fund for Refugees is limited to registered non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with at least 1-2 years of experience working on refugee interventions in Ethiopia. Preference is given to support reliable local NGOs to encourage capacity building for smaller, local partners. INGOs are eligible to apply but preference will be given to INGOs that demonstrate close partnerships with local NGOs. Local and international NGO's receiving U.S. Government's broader refugee program funding are not eligible to apply.

Note that the Julia Taft Fund for Refugees is meant to cover a one-time need and will not support a program for more than one year. The 12-month performance period will begin July 2021.

How can an organization apply for funding? NGOs are invited to submit a brief description of their proposed projects by **January 31, 2021** via email to AddisCommunityGrants@state.gov or through the post to the address below:

Community Grants Program Office
U.S. Embassy
P.O. Box 1014,
Addis Ababa

Please note the following guidelines when preparing proposals:

Project budgets cannot exceed \$25,000 USD.

Proposals are due by January 31, 2021, should be no longer than three-pages in length and should include the following:

- Name of organization along with current funding support
- Point of contact information (with alternative contacts)
- Project title
- Project location

- The refugee population to be served
- Number of direct project beneficiaries
- Statement of need (max. 200 words)
- Project description (how the project will be carried out—max 300 words)
- Project Goals and Objectives (measurable)
- Project Budget (major expenditures with budget breakdown) including the amount that your organization will be contributing toward the project.
- Code of Conduct as a separate attachment*

***All proposal submissions must include a copy of the NGO's code of conduct, which must be consistent with the UN's Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) recommendations on the prevention of sexual abuse and exploitation. Any proposal without a code of conduct will be ineligible for funding.**

Organizations must be registered and able to provide a **DUNS number**. To request a DUNS number, go to: <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/> and follow the instructions under "*Click here to request your D-U-N-S Number via the Web*". It is advisable for organizations to register and obtain their DUNS number early.

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