



IRUSA 2021 USA GRANTS FAQ

Salaam all!

We are excited to announce that our 2021 US Grants application is now officially open! To complete the application, please click on the button below.

Application Deadline

Monday, August 30 at 9 AM EST

Please note that your organization's PreScan must be complete and approved in order to be eligible for this opportunity. If your PreScan has not been reviewed yet, you will be receiving a status update within the next two weeks.

If you have any questions, please reach out to USGRANTS@IRUSA.ORG. We look forward to hearing from you and working together for a better world!

Q1. What is IRUSA's US Grants track, and which sectors does it cover?

A. The 2021 US Grants is focused on providing our partners with a funding opportunity that covers a broad array of sectors, so long as the proposed project fits IRUSA's mission, vision and values, and addresses one or more of the following social issues:

- 1. Refugee and Immigrant Services** grants address and meet the various needs of refugees and immigrants in the United States. Grants partners should implement programs that promote self-sufficiency and resilience within these specific communities. Programs can range from English translation services to workforce development classes. The grant-funded programs should dignify newcomers as they adjust and integrate into their new lives in the United States.
- 2. Healthcare Clinic** grants bridge the gaps in healthcare services and address various health disparities in the United States. Grant partners offer primary and/or specialty care to patients who are often under-represented and under-served. Partners may be operating mobile or permanent clinic facilities, bringing health and wellness services to those in need while addressing social determinants of health. Services should be provided with the goal to improve the health and wellness of local communities.
- 3. Food Security** grants tackle the growing problem of irregular availability and irregular access to food across the United States. These grant-funded programs should create solutions to problems ranging from the high cost of healthy foods to limited understanding of personal nutrition needs. Grant partners may operate food pantries, food banks, soup kitchens, and/or feeding programs. The programs recognize and address the detrimental social, economic, and health effects of food insecurity on local communities.
- 4. Community Development** grants create an opportunity to fund unique programs across the United States that support projects that address social issues, such as the reduction or prevention of violence (including domestic violence) or community cohesion as well as support projects that engage volunteers in charitable activities while bringing members of the community together for a united humanitarian cause.



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Q2. What is the range of requests for each project?

A. Each project in the US Grants typically ranges from \$20,000 to \$100,000, with the majority falling on the lower end.

Q3. Can an organization apply for a grant if it has not filled out the PreScan application?

A. Your organization's PreScan must be complete and approved in order to be eligible for this opportunity. If you haven't filled out the PreScan yet, please do so before completing your US Grants application. You may work both applications in parallel. If your PreScan has not been reviewed yet, kindly email us about it at usgrants@irusa.org.

Q4. Can an active grantee apply for another grant while it still has an ongoing project with IRUSA?

A. Given the unprecedented nature of COVID-19, IRUSA understands that certain projects may have fallen behind their agreed upon intended completion dates. If your project is coming to a full completion by the end of 2021, you can apply for another grant under US Grants track.

Q5. Can an organization apply for multiple grants in different sectors under the 2021 US Grants track?

A. Regardless of the number of sectors your organization operates in, we only allow one application for each organization in this grant track; however, your organization is eligible to apply for additional grants under our Seasonal Grants track.

Q6. Which projects and entities does IRUSA not fund?

A. IRUSA will not fund private corporations, government entities, or other programs that are not recognized nonprofits. IRUSA does not fund large organizations with access to significant other resources, unless they are strategic partners. IRUSA does not fund organizations that have taken public stances that run counter to our values, or that engage in any form of unethical or illegal behavior. IRUSA does not fund proselytizing or religious education or programs delivering religious services.

Q7. What is a well-designed program?

A. The proposed program concept has been well thought through. The organization is striving for the maximum impact for the resources requested. The proposed activities should logically result in the desired outcomes. Depending on the type of program proposed, the organization has access to the beneficiary community and the skills and capacities to deliver the proposed services. Overall, the program design adheres to the Core Humanitarian Standards and/or nonprofit standards of excellence.



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Q8. Is the project's budget justifiable?

A. The overall budget request is reasonable for the proposed program, considering both the depth of the change the project will bring about and the breadth of its reach to beneficiaries. The allocation of funds supports program activities. There is a rationale for all line items. IRUSA grants typically range from \$20,000 to \$100,000, with the majority falling on the lower end. IRUSA may offer larger grants to organizations that fit our strategic priorities, have committed to partnership with us over time, and have consistently demonstrated excellence. We will also work toward their ultimate financial independence from IRUSA by encouraging and coaching them to secure diversified funding.

Q9. Does IRUSA support operational/overhead costs of a project?

A. IRUSA supports up to %15 of a project's operational/overhead costs, which is always included in your overall project budget.

Q10. Does the partner fit the profile of organizations IRUSA wishes to fund?

- A. The applicant organization fits one or more of the following three profiles:
1. Small to medium-sized community-based organization with a total budget of under \$1 million, for which the grant from IRUSA will make a meaningful contribution.
 2. Strategic ally (interfaith, ally, academic importance, geographic location, potential for extraordinary innovation), where the grant funding is one aspect of a deeper mutual commitment to advance an innovative program model, a social justice cause, social services for the improvement of the communities we live in, and/or a shared approach to community engagement.
 3. Committed partner with a demonstrated interest in participating in an IRUSA knowledge-sharing and capacity-building network.