

# Call for Proposals

*To provide support to young refugees for improved access to education in the UK*

## 1. Purpose of the Grant

The Families Together Programme invites you to submit a proposal for funding that would see qualified caseworker(s) provide direct support to vulnerable young refugees aged between 13 to 18, who have been through the Refugee Family Reunion process, who struggle to access and fit into the mainstream schooling system in the UK.

The caseworker(s) will work directly with young refugees (and their parents/guardians) to provide options and advice relating to education, support preparation and access, and provide ongoing support to ensure continuity and completion – which includes helping to identify and address (directly and/or through referrals/partners) any significant challenges such as trauma, disability or other issues and vulnerabilities relating to interrupted education, displacement, etc.

As part of the above, the grantee (through the caseworker(s) and other management support) will also engage and work with a range of statutory, non-statutory and private-sector entities, to ensure that their clients (young refugees) have improved access to education and ongoing support. This will include Local Government Authorities, academic and professional educational institutions, psychosocial support providers, and other relevant.

In addition to providing direct support to young refugees, through this grant, the Families Together Programme seeks to acquire key quantitative and qualitative evidence to influence higher-level government policy and procedures to help improve and expand the availability and access to statutory services and resources, for improved education outcomes for young refugees in the UK.

## 2. The funder – Families Together Programme (FT)

Families Together is a multi-donor funded grants programme that is managed by the British Red Cross. The programme, through its re-granting and direct implementation work, seeks to influence government policy, procedures and practices that affect refugee and migrant family reunification and integration in the UK.

FT primarily aims to improve the policy and operational landscape by working with and through the non-statutory sector, awarding grants relating to service delivery, research, comms and campaigns and policy influencing. In addition, the programme works to improve sector capacities, coordination and collaboration at both the operational and policy levels.

With this grant, the FT Programme aims to provide direct support to highly-vulnerable young refugees who have been reunited with their families in the UK, but whose continued education within the formal, UK education system is hindered or prevented due to significant emotional and/or physical challenges due to their experiences, language barriers, lack of quality education in country of origin, etc., to be better able to access and receive quality education in the UK. The grant also aims to acquire high-quality data and information regarding the availability of, and access to, formal education and statutory support for this client group (alongside their experiences of the UK education system) that would be used to influence government policy, procedure and practice, to ensure improved outcomes for young refugees.

## 3. Specifications of the grant

- Clients – 13 to 18-year-old refugee children who have been through the Refugee Families Reunion (Part 11 of Immigration Rules) process.
- The grant should begin no later than 1 November 2019 and end no later than 28 February 2021. This should include an implementation period (support and service provision to clients) of no less than 13 months.
- The above grant timeline should include all key elements of the project cycle, from grant planning and design, start-up, implementation and monitoring, completion, evaluation, reporting to close.
- Models that offer a short design and start-up phase (including recruitment and onboarding) and a longer project implementation period (for direct service provision) will be given priority. However, care should be

taken to ensure that the proposed start-up elements and their corresponding timelines are realistic and well-thought through to ensure successful delivery.

- The grantee (through management and caseworker(s)) shall successfully engage with key statutory, non-statutory and private-sector partners and stakeholders to ensure successful delivery of service to young refugees and to effectively promote changes to policies, processes and practices.
- The project would ideally focus on London, the South-East and/or Manchester, but other locations/regions in the UK may be considered with a strong justification for selection (based on need, service gaps, etc.).
- The caseworker(s) engaged in this grant will be suitably qualified, trained, and significantly experienced to provide the proposed services and support. They should also be adequately supervised, evaluated and supported by a qualified casework manager through the grant.
- Adequate organisational support should be provided to the caseworker(s) and manager for service provision. In addition, the grantee organisational management should support the project staff and be responsible for the engagement of other stakeholders that are essential for grant delivery and success.
- The grantee shall submit 2 reports (narrative and financial) based on the funder's reporting templates (to be provided with grant agreement documents). The first is due after the mid-way point of the grant and the second comprehensive report is due at the end of the grant (no later than one month after project completion).
- The maximum possible budget for this grant is £50,000.

*IMPORTANT: Please note, a time or cost extension will not be possible for this grant*

#### **4. Conditions for proposal development**

- The main proposal should be submitted using the provided template.
- This call for proposal is open to those with significant proven experience and expertise in this area to apply. Preference will be given to non-statutory/charity organisations.
- The proposal should provide a target number of children (clients) who will be supported by this grant.
- Engagement of the target group – In the proposal (section on methodology), please also note how the grantee will identify, contact, assess, prioritise, select and continue to engage the target group (clients).
- All key internal and external stakeholders for this grant should be identified and noted in the proposal, along with how they will be effectively engaged and what outcomes shall be achieved from that engagement (for both service provision and advocacy).
- Service provision – Provide a map of the clients' journey in this grant and a detailed description of contact points between the grantee (caseworkers/management) with the young refugees in this process, along with what services, resources, advice and support will be provided at each point.
- Advocacy – in addition to gathering and providing evidence to the funder (FT), please detail any policy influencing work the grantee organisation may seek to engage on, as part of (or because of) this grant.
- Provide a detailed workplan (e.g. Gantt chart) for the entire grant (with a breakdown of key components).
- Provide a detailed risk assessment for the grant along with reasonable strategies to reduce or negate said risks.
- Evidence for advocacy is critical and proposals with M&E and reporting plans detailing what quantitative and qualitative information on needs; policy, process and practices; outcomes, etc., will be collected and reported, along with when and how, will be given priority.
- Provision of a reasonable and well-thought out budget. Please detail what expertise and support (financial or other) will be provided by the organisation to ensure grant success.

#### **5. Evaluation Criteria**

Your proposal will be evaluated based on the main criteria noted below. However, we are open to creative ideas for achieving the project aims, and your submission will not be penalised if some of the proposed ideas are not practicable for us at this time – provided the main requirements of this grant are met. We would like to know both what you propose given our constraints, and how you would ideally go about this project.

- Understanding of our grant aims and requirements (what we aim to achieve).
- Previous experience and expertise in relevant areas or similar projects (organisational credentials).

- Time and cost-effectiveness. Proposals with reduced (but realistic) time for design and start-up of project and for engagement of key stakeholders, to ensure maximum possible time for implementation will be given priority.
- Quality and robustness of grant model.
- Number of clients supported together with the level and quality of proposed services and support to clients (with expected improved outcomes).
- Identification of significant risks, constraints and proposed contingencies.
- Amount and quality of evidence provided (value for advocacy).

## **6. Proposal submission and awarding**

- Proposals are to be submitted by **5pm, 11 October 2019** to [rweerawardena@redcross.org.uk](mailto:rweerawardena@redcross.org.uk) and [saramahjoub@redcross.org.uk](mailto:saramahjoub@redcross.org.uk).
- Shortlisted applicants may be contacted for further information via email or phone or for a face-to-face meeting during the proposal evaluation and/or pre/awarding period.
- Notification of successful application to be given by or before 21 October 2019.
- Grant agreement completion (awarding) to be done by 31 October 2019.