

RESOURCE DOCUMENTS

Our Resource Documents webpage houses a variety of guides and other materials that may be helpful throughout the grant application process. Visit the webpage at this link: eafrelief.org/appresourcedocs.

HELPFUL DEFINITIONS

Charitable Class: The People First Fund for Afghan Resettlement Charitable Class is the group of individuals who are eligible to apply for a grant, per the Fund's criteria.

Emergency Assistance Foundation (EAF): Emergency Assistance Foundation administers all People First Fund for Afghan Resettlement activities, including accepting donations, objectively reviewing grant applications, and awarding and distributing grants. EAF is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, public, non-profit organization.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the People First Fund for Afghan Resettlement?

The People First Fund for Afghan Resettlement was created to help those impacted (Charitable Class members) who need immediate financial assistance due to the threat of continuing to live in Afghanistan after the withdrawal of U.S. troops in 2021. The Fund relies on support from donations made by you and the general public. Every donation makes a difference, no matter the amount, and combined with the donations of others, helps to provide grants directly to those in need.

Are grants from the Fund taxable?

Grants from the Fund are considered tax-free for grant recipients who are subject to United States IRS tax regulations. For recipients outside the United States, the tax treatment of your grant will differ based on local policies/laws. For questions related to the tax treatment of grants received, please contact a local tax professional.

Who can apply for a grant from the Fund?

The Fund's Charitable Class (those eligible to apply for a grant) includes:

- Afghan citizens who were in Afghanistan on August 20, 2021 (the date of final withdrawal of U.S. troops); and
- Are threatened by continuing to live in Afghanistan; and
- Have an active application for an SIV, P-2, or P-1 visa from the U.S. or equivalent from another country leading to permanent residence in that country; and
- Are active participants in resettlement programs sponsored by Central Eurasia Leadership Alliance (CELA), EastWest Institute (EWI), National Democratic Institute (NDI) or similar organizations.

How large of a grant can I apply for?

The People First Fund for Afghan Resettlement grant maximum is US \$10,000 and the minimum amount that can be requested is US \$1,000. Actual grant award amounts are based on individual financial need as demonstrated through required documentation in the grant application.

What are the criteria to qualify for a grant from the Fund?

The People First Fund for Afghan Resettlement was designed to provide direct financial assistance to as many eligible applicants as possible in accordance with the Fund's criteria and United States IRS regulations. Emergency Assistance Foundation (EAF), the Fund's administrator, strives to award grants

whenever possible, but there are many factors that determine whether a grant can be awarded. The most basic criteria include the following:

1. You or your eligible dependent (including your spouse/domestic partner) were impacted by one of the qualified Events included in the chart below.
2. Due to the impact of the qualified Event, you or your eligible dependent (including your spouse/domestic partner) incurred one or more of the qualified Expenses included in the chart below.
3. Your application would meet the following conditions:
 - a. You are applying within 365 days after the Event.
 - b. Standard grant awards are limited to 1 every 3 months.
 - c. If your previous application was not awarded, you must wait 30 days before reapplying.
4. IRS regulations require us to ask for proof of the Event that has impacted you or your eligible dependent (including your spouse/domestic partner), as well as proof of the resulting Expense(s) for which you are seeking assistance. You must be able to provide the required supporting documentation, which should be dated within 60 days of the application date. Please review our Supporting Documentation Guide at eafrelief.org/approurcedocs for detailed information.

This chart shows all of the Fund's qualified Events and Expenses. Qualified Expenses are dependent upon the qualified Event. A checkmark indicates which Events and associated Expenses are qualified. Grants are not available for Events and Expenses that are not marked in the chart below.

		QUALIFIED EXPENSES THAT ARE COVERED BY GRANTS																				
		IMMEDIATE NEEDS			MEDICAL			HOUSING *				TRANSPORTATION		MISC.								
		Food – immediate needs only (usually applicable up to 2-4 weeks after the Event)	Clothing – immediate needs only (usually applicable up to 2-4 weeks after the Event)	Reasonable evacuation expenses resulting from an Event	Reasonable funeral, travel and burial expenses.	Significant medical expenses	Prescription medications	Travel expenses related to the medical care	Rent: temporary housing up to 30 days	Reasonable repairs to damaged property	Essential appliances and furnishings	Essential utilities (gas, water and electricity)	Security deposits (for new housing if unable to inhabit existing home)	Mortgage or rent assistance for primary residence	Adaptive improvements and solutions related to the Event	repairs/other train routine maintenance, or repairs that could not have been avoided	Cost of public or commercial transportation	Cost of car rental up to 30 days	Psychological counseling deemed by a physician to be necessary following an Event.	Expenses resulting from flight from domestic violence such as temporary	Unable to work due to the event	Unexpected child care up to 60 days
Terrorist actions		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓			✓
Impacts primary residence: fire, flood or unusual life-altering expense not paid by insurance		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			✓
		* Primary residence only																				

Who does the People First Fund for Afghan Resettlement include as eligible dependents?

The People First Fund for Afghan Resettlement considers the applicant's spouse/domestic partner, minor children, and others for whom the applicant is financially responsible as eligible dependents. The applicant's parents, grandparents, or other relatives are not considered eligible dependents, unless the applicant claims them as a dependent when filing taxes and can provide supporting documentation as proof. A domestic partner is defined as "an ongoing and committed spouse-like relationship between adults."

Who does the People First Fund for Afghan Resettlement consider an immediate family member?

An applicant may be eligible to receive a grant if they are financially responsible for funeral, burial, and/or travel expenses due to the death of an immediate family member. The People First Fund for Afghan Resettlement defines an eligible immediate family member as any of the following:

- Spouse or partner in a civil union or domestic partnership*
- Parent/parent-in-law/step-parent
- Child/child-in-law/step-child
- Sibling/sibling-in-law/step-sibling
- Grandparent/grandparent-in-law/step-grandparent
- Grandchild/grandchild-in-law/step-grandchild

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I borrowed money from my family and/or friends due to the Afghan Resettlement. Will the People First Fund for Afghan Resettlement reimburse me so that I can pay them back?

No. Grants from the People First Fund for Afghan Resettlement are only available for those in need of immediate financial assistance who do not have any other financial resources available to them.

How do I apply for a grant from the People First Fund for Afghan Resettlement?

To apply for a grant, click [here](#). The first time you access the online grant application platform, you must register by entering your first name, last name, and email address. After submitting the registration form, you will receive a link to the application via email. You can use this link to return to your application at any time. Be sure to look for emails in any filtered inboxes and spam or junk folders. After completing your application, including providing all required supporting documentation, submit the application for review.

Please review our Grant Application Guide at eafrelief.org/appresourcedocs for step-by-step grant application instructions.

How does the grant review, award, and payment process work?

INITIAL REVIEW: Once your application is submitted and received by Emergency Assistance Foundation (EAF), one of our objective Reviewers will be assigned to review your application. If any additional information or supporting documentation is needed, they will let you know. Your application will remain in Initial Review until all supporting documentation is received and the application is complete. This stage normally takes 7-10 business days but, depending on the applicant's response time and the information/documentation, timing can vary.

QUALITY CHECK: After the initial review process is complete, your application will enter the final stage of review, in which a second Reviewer completes a final quality check. This stage normally takes 2-3 business days unless there is a need for additional clarification.

AWARD NOTIFICATION & PAYMENT PROCESS: You will be notified by email if your grant is awarded or not awarded. If you are awarded a grant, the email you receive will include all of the important details related to the grant amount and payment information/instructions.

The processing of grant payments could take up to two weeks. Please note that this time estimate assumes there are sufficient assets to make the grant payment. In addition, banking systems vary by country and certain banking regulations may cause delays that are beyond EAF's control.

Please review our Grant Payment Guides at eafrelief.org/appresourcedocs for additional detail.

Can I apply for a grant on behalf of someone else?

No. If you think an eligible Charitable Class member would benefit from a grant, please share information about the People First Fund for Afghan Resettlement with them. In the case of a Charitable Class member who is incapacitated, a family member or manager can apply on their behalf.

Do I have to repay the grant?

No. Grants from the Fund are not loans and do not have to be repaid.

When I apply for a grant, will my personal information remain confidential?

Yes. Your personal information is only used to determine your grant eligibility and the grant amount. Grant applications will be treated confidentially. However, non-identifying aggregated statistical information will be reported on a periodic basis in an effort to improve the Fund.

How do I contact Applicant Support?

The Applicant Support team at Emergency Assistance Foundation (EAF) can be reached via email at PFF_AR@EmergencyAssistanceFdn.org or by phone at 1-833-775-0840. Please visit PeopleFirstFund.com for additional contact options.

Where can I find additional resources?

Visit eafrelief.org/appresourcedocs for helpful grant application resources and documents.