

# FY2022

# Welfare Grants

## ■ Research ■

# Application Guidelines

### 〈 Grant Amount 〉

Up to **3,000,000 yen**

※The maximum period of the grant is three years.

The amount of the grant will be determined by the selection committee after review and examination of the plans and other materials submitted.

### 〈 Application Period and Method 〉

9:00am Wednesday, **September 1, 2021**  
to 5:00pm Sunday, **October 31, 2021**

\*Only online applications will be accepted

Applications will only be accepted through the Foundation's website.

Please visit the following website and fill out the application form:

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### 〈 Grant Purpose 〉

The aim of our foundation is to contribute widely to the improvement of social welfare by supporting those who need physical and social assistance in Okayama Prefecture. We hope to realize a society in which people facing various difficulties are not excluded; instead, we hope that they can live the life they want together with others within an inclusive community. These grants are open to research addressing a variety of social challenges posed by the declining population. Generally, this covers a range of research topics concerning social welfare; specifically, our focus is on migration and poverty. We look forward to receiving applications for research that contributes to the resolution of social issues.

## 1 Eligibility and Conditions

Individuals or groups belonging to one of the following organizations based in Japan, who can be recommended by their organisation:

- ① Universities
- ② Public research institutes (independent administrative agencies, local independent administrative agencies, research institutions of local governments)
- ③ Public interest corporations (general incorporated associations/foundations, public interest incorporated associations/foundations, and special civil law corporations)
- ④ Specified non-profit organizations (NPOs)
- ⑤ Collaborative groups of the above

The application must be submitted by the organization to which the main applicant belongs, with the approval of the head of the organization (i.e., the person with contractual authority, e.g., the dean or president of a university, or the president of a public interest corporation or NPO). In the case of universities and public research institutes, the representative of the applicant must be a member of the organization concerned.

## 2 Research Areas

Within the research field of social sciences, we consider “immigration” and “poverty” as key themes, and other social welfare topics as general themes. The purpose of research is to clarify the actual situation based on fieldwork or international comparisons in order to find solutions to problems that have not been previously addressed, or issues that have newly emerged.

This frame also targets "research into the development of welfare equipment aimed at improving the quality of life of disabled and elderly people: reducing the workload on medical and nursing staff and family supporters" and "research into the development of devices to facilitate communication".

Researchers and practitioners are welcome to collaborate on practical research projects that are based on on-site work in the field to clarify issues in order to produce results that are useful in practice. The research project may be new or ongoing.

### 【 Important Themes 】

#### 1. Research on immigration

Topics focusing on social and economic issues that can help realise an inclusive society. Research concerning the current and/or future situations of increasing immigration to Japan. E.g., citizenship and human rights, counseling and support for shelters, Japanese language education for immigrants, and impact of Covid-19.

#### 2. Research on poverty

Research to eliminate poverty and inequality, such as studies on poverty situations and preventive responses to poverty. Topics include issues brought about by labor conditions, social backgrounds and customs, and social security systems, as well as research to support poverty eradication. E.g., public assistance (生活保護法), public (生活困窮者自立支援法) and private support, unemployment, workfare, basic income, minimum wage, equal work and pay, other wage-related research, and the impact of Covid-19.

## 【 General Issues 】

Research on other social welfare issues

Topics concerning other social welfare issues arising from population decline. Research about medical welfare issues (e.g., social care, support for survivors of domestic violence, support for abuse prevention, guardianship, social work, medical and social care for dementia), labor issues (e.g., the relationship between labor shortage and wage, employment of disabled persons), and other related themes.

## 【 Development of Welfare Equipment 】

Development of welfare equipment to improve the QOL of disabled and elderly persons, and to reduce the workload of medical care workers and family carers. Research and development of devices aimed to facilitate communication as a way toward building an inclusive society.

Conceptual designs and basic research that have already been completed, and that have the potential to be put to practical use through the implementation of research and development, are welcome.

※ The following are not eligible for funding:

- Research aimed at profit (e.g., patent acquisition, product development, etc.) or research with a high possibility of leading to profit
- Research that has already been substantially completed
- Research that requires a large amount of research funds
- Research for which part or all of the research period does not occupy more than six months of the grant period
- Research in which the majority of the research is commissioned by other organizations or entrusted to other organizations, etc.
- Research that is deemed to contribute to the interests of a specific business or individual

## 3 Funding Period

The period for conducting the research shall be from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

※In principle, the grant period will be one year from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, but in the case of a long-term grant, a multi-year grant may be provided for a period of up to three years. In the case of a multi-year grant, an interim report will be requested from the second year onward, and the research content will be checked and reviewed again.

If you wish to apply for a multi-year grant, please enter the following information when filling out the application form.

- (1) Please set the "Grant Research Period" to match your plan.
- (2) In the "Details of the grant research," please provide an outline (plan) for the entire project, not just for a single year.

Other details may be confirmed at the hearing.

## 4 Grant Amount

Up to 3,000,000 yen per project is planned.

※The maximum period of the grant is three years.

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### ► Expenses to be covered by the grant

Covered by the grant	Expenses necessary to conduct research
Equipment	Expenses for equipment and supplies
Literature material	Expenses for the purchase and copying of literature for the research
Temporary employment	Expenses for part-time work, etc., directly necessary to conduct the research (payments to individuals)
Honorarium	Honorarium for outside experts such as lecturers and interpreters (payment to individuals)
Commissions	Expenses for contracting out research, development, etc. to others (payments to corporations)
Travel and transportation	Travel and transportation expenses for business trips, etc.
Meeting	Venue rental fees, venue set-up costs, tea and snacks for committee meetings and various meetings, etc.
Advertising	Expenses for advertising some kind of event announcement in newspapers, magazines, websites, etc.
Communication	Shipping fee, courier fees, etc.
Printing	Copying and printing costs for posters, pamphlets, etc.
Supplies	Purchase of consumable goods
Miscellaneous	Small expenses that cannot be included in the above expense items

※The following expenses are not eligible for the grant.

- Expenses that are not directly related to the survey and research of the application
- Personnel expenses for staff

### ► Subsidy payment and settlement of the grant

The decided grant will be transferred to the applicant's name or to the designated account of the university or research institution. After the completion of the research, the amount of the grant not used by the researcher will be requested to be returned to the Foundation.

## 5 Selection method, notification of selection results, and method of announcement

The selection will be made by the selection committee, which will make a decision after March 2022. The selection will be based on a comprehensive review of the following factors: suitability of the research area, appropriateness and effectiveness of the research theme, effectiveness of the research and the ability to carry it out (research methods, research plan, system, etc.), relevant achievements, and appropriateness of expenses. In the selection process, the applicant may be asked to submit additional materials, attend a hearing or selection committee meeting, or make a presentation if necessary.

Applicants will be notified of the results of the selection process by early March 2022 via e-mail.

The announcement of the grant recipients will be posted on the Foundation's website. The name of the grant recipient, the project, and the amount of the grant will be made public, so please be aware of this before applying.

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## ■ Cancellation of the grant

- ① In the following cases, the grant may be cancelled and a refund may be requested.
  - If the grant is used for a purpose other than the research for which the grant was awarded.
  - If it is found that the content of the application is false.
  - If we are unable to contact you for a long period of time and cannot confirm the status of your research.
  - If a valid report is not submitted within half a year after the end of the grant period.
- ② In any other cases where the secretariat deems it appropriate to cancel the grant.

## ■ Other precautions

- ① Applications will not be accepted from criminal groups and/or individuals or groups that are deemed to be related to criminal activities.
- ② In the event that the grant cannot be used within the project implementation period, the remaining funds will be refunded to the Foundation.
- ③ Regarding the grant decision process, we may ask you to participate in the debriefing session hosted by the Foundation.
- ④ The personal information provided in the application form will be used only for the selection process of this project and will not be used for any other purpose.
- ⑤ Documents submitted at the time of application will not be returned.
- ⑥ The Foundation will not respond to any inquiries regarding the selection results.



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