

2025 Welfare Grants

■ Activity Grant ■

Application Guidelines

〈 Grant Amount 〉

Each grant will be between **200,000-3,000,000 yen.**

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

〈 Application Procedures 〉

The application period is from 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 1, 2024
to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2024

*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:

<https://www.hashimotozaidan.or.jp/scholarship/>

〈 Grant Purpose 〉

As Japan is a relatively collectivist society, many groups of people are often excluded from its social systems because of their disabilities and other physical conditions, minoritized identities (e.g., individuals with foreign backgrounds, sexual minorities), or other reasons. We hope to realize a society where people facing various difficulties are not excluded; instead, we hope they can live the life they want together with others within an inclusive community. Realizing inclusiveness would require fostering interests and tolerance for diversity within the society, as well as sustainable economic growth. Given Japan's declining population accompanied by a low birth rate and aging population, we believe that one of the vital means to achieve these goals is to open our door to immigration officially. Welcoming immigrants with various backgrounds will not only have economic benefits but also contribute to society's greater diversity and resilience.

We welcome applications from anyone who shares these interests and concerns we have, and are able to carry our programs and activities continuously to address these issues with a clear objective and a strong will.



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1 Special Categories: "Activities to support immigrants (e.g., temporary, long-term)"

Special Category: Activities to Support Immigrants (e.g., temporary, long-term) in Okayama

As a society with a declining population, one of the most important issues is the need to increase the number of immigrants (e.g., long-term/permanent residents) in order to maintain economic growth and the social security and welfare system. Importantly, we can expect that welcoming immigrants will foster diversity in society, leading to the inclusion of various minorities and social revitalization. With this in mind, the Foundation believes it is necessary to develop a society that welcomes people from abroad as "neighbors" rather than mere "workers." Through this Special Category grant, we hope to support your activities to make Okayama a better place for immigrants (of all kinds) to live.

- ▶ **People your organization supports** / Immigrants living in Okayama (includes any categories of foreign residents)
- ▶ **Eligible activities** / Japanese language support (i.e., classes, interpretation), exchange with the local community, and various other activities to support the daily lives of immigrants.
- ▶ **Eligible entities** / Same as for general grants
- ▶ **Eligible expenses** / Same as for general grants

2 General Category: "Social welfare activities (not eligible for public support)"



▶ Eligible projects and activities

Projects and activities aimed at realizing an inclusive society so that people facing difficulties can be supported to live in comfort in their local community. The results of the projects and activities must contribute to the public interest and not be receiving or eligible for public support (funding).

Specifically, projects and activities that meet the following categories for targets of support ("People You Support") and types of activities ("Eligible Activities") are eligible to apply for this type of grants. (*Only one application per organization will be accepted).

People you support	Eligible Activities
Those who need some kind of support	Activities that are not covered by public support and are categorized as one of the following
Disabled people (including children) and their families People (including children) with medical conditions and their families People who are financially struggling People who have been released from prison Children in social care People who have socially withdrawn from society (Hikikomori) Children who do not attend school Survivors of domestic violence and abuse Socially or geographically isolated households People with other needs	<p>Projects and activities related to emergency and temporary protection of those in need</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Operation of private shelters ● Community support to look after people ● Daily support ● Others <p>Projects and activities to promote autonomy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social participation and assistance finding employment ● Educational support ● Securing housing ● Promotion of conservatorship ● Others <p>Projects and activities to promote inclusiveness in community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Network building ● Creation and maintenance of community well-being ● Others <p>Projects and activities to support a better quality of life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promotion of sports, arts, and culture ● Others

▶ Eligible entities

Eligible projects and activities can be carried out by individuals or organizations (of any type). Newly established ones are also eligible. Projects and activities that can be expected to grow through collaboration with other organizations and those that can help secure future financial resources for the organization are particularly welcome.

The following requirements are common to both special and general grants:

※Activities and projects that are not eligible:

- Projects and activities receiving, or are eligible for, public support (e.g., medical insurance, nursing care insurance, welfare services for the disabled)
- Projects and activities for profit-making purposes
- Hobby groups and activities for the purpose of personal enjoyment
- Business and activities in which the main part of planning and management is outsourced
- Activities outside Okayama Prefecture

Funding Period

The period of funding shall be from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

► Expenses to be covered by the grant

Covered by the grant:	Expenses necessary to projects and activities:
Supplies and consumables	Equipment and supplies
Printing and binding costs	Copying and printing costs for posters, brochures, etc.
Temporary employment	Expenses for part-time work directly necessary for the implementation of the project (payments to individuals)
Honorarium	Honorarium for outside experts such as lecturers and interpreters (payment to individuals)
Commissions	Expenses for contracting out research and studies to other parties (payments to companies)
Travel and transportation	Travel and transport expenses
Communication	Postage, courier costs, etc.
Conference	Venue hire, venue set-up costs, tea and snacks for committee meetings, etc.
Advertising	Advertisement of the project in newspapers, magazines, web, etc.
Facility renovation	Cost of renovation of facilities
Project management	Office staff costs, rent and other expenses
Miscellaneous	Small expenses that cannot be included in the above categories

※The following are not eligible for funding:

- Repayment of loans
- Expenses for dinners, meetings, etc.
- Other expenses not directly related to the project or activity for which the application is made.

Method of selection and announcement

The selection will be made by a selection committee, which will make a decision after March 2025. The selection process may involve the submission of additional materials, interviews, and attendance at selection committee meetings and presentations, if necessary. The winners will be announced on the Foundation's website. Please note that the name of the grant recipient, the project, and the amount of the grant will be made public.



■ Cancellation of the grant

- ① In the following cases, the grant may be cancelled, and a refund may be requested:
 - In the event that the grant is used for a project other than the one for which it was awarded.
 - If it is found that the content of the application is false.
 - If we are unable to contact you for an extended period of time and cannot confirm the status of the activity.
 - 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 We will not accept any changes in the purchase of goods or equipment or in the construction of facilities after the grant has been awarded, which will lead to a change in the project itself.
- ④ We may ask the grant recipient organization to participate in a debriefing session hosted by the Foundation.
- ⑤ 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.
- ⑥ Documents submitted at the time of application will not be returned.
- ⑦ The Foundation will not respond to any inquiries regarding the selection results.



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For more information about the grant and application, please refer to the Hashimoto Foundation website.

<https://www.hashimotozaidan.or.jp/>

