

Recreational fund for children of refugees living in Iceland -Allocation Rules-

History of the recreational fund

Late in the year 2015 donors came to the Icelandic Red Cross with donations that they wanted to be used for the recreation of children of refugees living in Iceland. To create a framework for the donations, a decision was made to form a fund that would allocate to the recreation of children of refugees. The following rules apply to the fund:

Article 1 – Purpose

The purpose of the fund is to support refugee children, 17 years old and younger, who participate in recreational activity that is not eligible for grants elsewhere. Refugee children refers to unaccompanied minors, children of resettled refugees, children of refugees who are granted asylum following an application in Iceland and children of refugees who are granted protection on humanitarian grounds. In addition, the International and Humanitarian Department of the Red Cross can apply for toys, stationery or fees for courses for groups of refugee's children.

Article 2 – Supervision and Promotion

The fund was set up as a pilot project for two years and is under the supervision of the Icelandic Red Cross Head Quarters (IRC). The fund is managed by the Fundraising and Communication Department. The IRC Head Quarters supervise donations to the fund, by either specific fundraising or one-off donations.

The Head Quarters provide Red Cross Branches with information and advice regarding the fund, as well as keeping a record of recipients of the grants and the amounts allocated.

Article 3 – Eligible Activities

Grant from the fund can be given to any kind of children's activity as it should be the children's and their parents' choice what activity is practiced. The grants can be used for courses, music, sports, dance or other kind of leisure and trips related to them. The International and Humanitarian Department of the Red Cross can apply to the fund according to article 1.

Article 4 – Applications

Applications should be admitted to the Red Cross Branch in the municipality of residence. Branches in a certain area can decide to entrust one Branch with applications to the fund and then applicants should be directed to that Branch. Each Branch should however, as

much as possible, assist applicants in contacting the right branch which handles the applications.

Applicants submit invoices and fill out a special application form where the following is stated:

- The name of the applicant.
- The activity applied for.
- The amount applied for.
- Bank account number to pay the grant.
- Permission for the IRC to check if other grants have been obtained for the same activity.
- Date and signature of the applicant.

The Branches decide if an application fulfills the requirements for activities set out in Article 3. If an application fulfills the requirements, the Branch sends the application, along with invoices to the Fundraising and Communication Department at the IRC Head Quarters to the email: tomstundasjodur@redcross.is. The Fundraising and Communication Department approves the grant and forwards it to the Finance Department that pays out the grants. The Fundraising and Communication Department keeps an overview of the beneficiaries, which activities received grants and when the funds were allocated.

Article 5 – Allocations

Grants from the fund may be allocated to the children until they have been granted a residence permit in Iceland or for up to 4 years from having been granted an asylum or protection on humanitarian grounds.

Applications can be submitted twice a year for each child. Each child can receive grants for up to 30.000 ISK each year. If a grant is awarded for the maximum amount in one allocation, no other allocation will be awarded that year.

The International and Humanitarian Department in the Red Cross can apply up to 100.000 ISK a year.

Article 6 – Review

These rules should be reviewed, as well as the maximum amount of allocations per year, by the end of each year. This review shall be carried out collectively by the Head Quarters and the Branches that have received applications to the fund during that year.

These rules were prepared by representatives from the Fundraising and Communication Department, Department of Humanitarian Operations, the Red Cross Branch in Eyjafjörður, the Red Cross Branch in Kópavogur, the Red Cross Branch in Hafnarfjörður and Garðabær and the Red Cross Branch in Reykjavík in January 2016.

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