

Non-U.S. Community Involvement Grants - Guidelines

At the CNA Foundation, we understand the importance of strengthening the communities where we do business. Through our Public Affairs Department, we fulfill our mission of building stronger relationships in the local communities we serve. Community Involvement Grants (CIG Awards), which are funded through the CNA Foundation, make grant money available to charitable organizations to help strengthen and enhance CNA's profile at the local level.

Criteria

- A pool of \$75,000 in grant money is available to fund grants to organizations based outside the U.S. annually. Generally, the grants should range between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Grants are made only in U.S. Dollars.
- To be eligible for a grant, employees must complete a Community Involvement Grant (CIG) Award Application Form. Grant requests must be agreed upon and submitted by the Country Director.
- In order for the CNA Foundation, or any other United States grant making foundation, to make a grant to a non-U.S. charitable organization, certain rules and procedures must be followed. We must determine that the organization would qualify as a public charity in the U.S. We make this determination based on documents which we refer to as the affidavit packet. All non-U.S.-based organizations applying for grants must complete the packet in order for the grant application to be considered.
- CIG Awards support organizations in the following categories: Education, Workforce Development, Health, Human Services, Culture and the Arts, and Civic and Community Programs.
- Select your organization strategically – make sure that the goals, objectives and amount requested in your proposal help position the CNA Foundation appropriately in your area.
- Grant applications are reviewed and approved quarterly according to the following schedule:

Received by	Processed by
January 1	March 1
April 1	June 1
July 1	September 1
October 1	December 1

- The awarding of a grant does not guarantee automatic future support.

- The following types of organizations or activities are generally excluded from receiving support from the CNA Foundation:
 - Organizations which are not the equivalent of a public charity in the U.S.
 - Organizations that are supporting organizations described in Internal Revenue Code Section 509(a)(3), as amended from time to time
 - Grants to individuals
 - Political causes, candidates for public office, political organizations or legislative, lobbying or advocacy efforts
 - Professional associations
 - Labor, alumni, military and fraternal organizations, or social clubs
 - Sectarian organizations or denominational religious organizations, except for programs that are broadly promoted, available to anyone and free from religious orientation
 - Organizations that discriminate by race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or disability
 - Endowed chairs or professorships
 - General endowments

In accordance with U.S. tax laws, foundation grants cannot be used for ad books, goodwill advertising, raffles, attendance at dinners, or golf.

For more information, please contact the [CNA Foundation](#).