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U.S. Sponsored Julia Taft Fund for Refugees

The United States Embassy in Zagreb is seeking proposals for the 2014 Julia Taft Fund for Refugees.

What is the Taft Fund? The Taft Fund is a one-time grant for up to \$25,000 to support projects sponsored by Croatian non-governmental organizations that assist refugees or refugee returnees in the country. While the maximum amount of funding possible is \$25,000, the Embassy encourages smaller projects and proposals as well.

What Projects Can Be Funded? Projects should directly support refugees or refugee returnees. Projects that only tangentially help refugees/returnees will not be considered. Projects should also be for a one-time need. The grant cannot be used to fund ongoing costs such as salaries, building maintenance, rents, etc. Please note that no proposals to fund vehicle purchases will be considered.

Who is Eligible? Only non-governmental organizations will be considered. 20-4 recipients of the Taft Grant are not eligible.

What's the Deadline? The last day to send grant proposals is Monday, April 21, 2014. Recipients of the grant will be notified during summer 2014.

What Information Should Be Provided?

- 1) Name of the organization, address, phone/fax number/e-mail address, name and title of director and/or other staff members involved in the project.
- 2) Background information on the non-governmental organization.
- 3) Please list other donors or possible donors to the project and the amounts they may/will be providing. Please list all previous grants from the U.S. Government.
- 4) Project Description: The proposal should contain sufficient information that anyone not familiar with it would understand exactly what the applicant wants to do. Program descriptions should include information on the beneficiaries of the project, proposed dates, length and location of the program, and a line-by-line budget for the project. The more specific, detailed, and clear the program description, the better, but please **do not exceed one page.**

Proposals can be sent in English or Croatian.

Who Do I Contact? Please send all proposals and requests for more information to ZagrebTaftGrant@state.gov

What Are Some Examples of Past Awards? Past grantees have used Taft funding to:

- Purchase equipment for a rural-agricultural cooperative to harvest fruits more effectively.
- Provide training for mountain guides to improve tourist potential in areas of return;
- Build a playground for refugee/returnee children;
- Provide legal assistance to refugees/returnees seeking temporary residence, permanent residence, citizenship, and identity documents;
- Provide training in traditional handicrafts to refugee/returnee women;
- Provide training and equipment for refugee/returnees engaged in cheese production.