

Global Engagement Grants Program 2022-2023:

NRC-RIM Community Engagement Grants | Request for Proposals

Application Due Date: October 31st, 2022 at 11:59 PM CDT

Objective

The United States continues to welcome tens of thousands of Afghans who fled Afghanistan following the Taliban takeover in August 2021. These individuals were forced to flee their homes because they supported U.S. government activities in Afghanistan or because their roles as human rights defenders, political activists, and others put them at risk under the new government. As Afghans rebuild their lives in the United States, they are supported by a network of resettlement agencies, community organizations, state and local health departments, and health systems.

In partnership with the CDC, the Center for Global Health & Social Responsibility (CGHSR) launched [The National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants](#) (NRC-RIM) in 2020 to support local health departments and community-based organizations in addressing the public health needs of refugee, immigrant, and migrant (RIM) communities. NRC-RIM activities include collecting and developing best and promising practices, developing linguistically and culturally-appropriate health communications and health education resources, creating online training, supporting pilot projects, providing technical assistance, and disseminating resources widely. While initially focused on COVID-19, NRC-RIM is expanding its activities to broadly support the public health needs of Afghan new arrivals (not specific to COVID-19).

A guiding principle of NRC-RIM is that solutions should be developed in genuine partnership with affected communities. Afghans in Minnesota are valuable members of their faith communities, schools, the economy, and every aspect of life in the state. They not only deserve comprehensive and culturally-relevant public health information, they also deserve to have a voice in the development of any program they interact with. It is NRC-RIM's goal to promote, facilitate, and support these partnerships.

Description of the Award

Through the Center for Global Health & Social Responsibility, the National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants (NRC-RIM) calls for proposals from community-based organizations serving Afghan immigrant communities in Minnesota to support innovative pilot projects that address the public health needs of newly-arrived Afghans. Up to two grants will be offered for up to \$40,000 each. Examples of public health needs include but are not limited to maternal and child health, immunizations, mental health, chronic disease, and navigating the U.S. healthcare system. Organizations are encouraged to propose pilot projects that have potential to be scaled and/or replicated in other locations.

Eligibility

Community-based organizations serving Afghan immigrant communities in Minnesota are eligible to apply. Community-based organizations include, but are not limited to, nonprofits that provide health or social services or support community development, common interest groups, and faith-based organizations. Grant proposals should clearly demonstrate how the project will advance known public health needs in Afghan immigrant communities. Organizations are encouraged, but not required to partner with their local health department(s) on the project. In addition, organizations are encouraged to work with and communicate with the Refugee Health Program at the Minnesota Department of Health. NRC-RIM will facilitate if an existing relationship does not already exist. The funding cannot be used to support research and cannot be used for direct patient care or the procurement of medical supplies. The project must be completed by September 30, 2023.

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- **Focus on newly-arrived Afghan communities:** The proposed project should focus on newly-arrived Afghan communities in Minnesota.
- **Community engagement and input:** Afghan community members should be involved in project development and implementation in a meaningful and genuine way.
- **Community needs:** The proposed project should align with a clearly identified public health need among newly-arrived Afghan communities in Minnesota and should be culturally and linguistically relevant.
- **Promising or evidence-based practice:** The proposed project should be informed by evidence and/or data; this could include anecdotal evidence.
- **Potential for replicability and scalability:** The proposed project should have some potential to be replicated and scaled.

- **Experience:** The organization should have experience working with Afghan communities.
- **Budget:** The budget should be appropriate and feasible for the work proposed.
- **Alignment with [CGHSR values of social responsibility](#)**, which include:
 - Mutual partnership and/or bidirectionality;
 - Equity: institutions or individuals involved in the project benefit equitably and scientific outputs recognize contributions from community partners;
 - Projects have a path to long-term sustainability;
 - Activities are relevant, important, and impactful as defined by community partners.

Application Process & Proposal Guidelines

Applications for Global Engagement Grants will be accepted until October 31, 2022 at 11:59pm CDT. Grant applications must be submitted through the [Google form application](#), also available at z.umn.edu/NRC-RIMGrants2022. Applications will include the following components:

Project Proposal: The project proposal section of the application form includes:

- Project name
- Objectives and expected outcomes of the project (150 words max)
- Description of prior experience working in partnership with Afghan communities (150 words max)
- Justification of known public health need (150 words max)
- Outline of proposed activities, including proposed timeline and major milestones (300 words max)
- Likely impact of the project on the needs of the Afghan communities you are hoping to support (300 words max)
- Description of how you intend to measure impact (300 words max)
- Project partners (if applicable)

Supplemental Documents: The components listed below must be submitted via the application form as well.

- Itemized budget using [provided template](#) and budget narrative (300 words max).

Summary of Key Dates

Application due	October 31, 2022 at 11:59pm CDT
Awardee(s) announced	December 12, 2022
Project(s) start/funding available	January 1, 2023
Projects completed	September 30, 2023

Required Activities

During the project period, awardees will:

- Participate in a virtual kick-off meeting with the NRC-RIM team
- Submit a final project timeline
- Implement the pilot project
- Collect data to measure project impact
- Participate in at least quarterly meetings with the NRC-RIM team
- Collaborate with NRC-RIM to disseminate project findings

Reporting Requirements

Funded work must comply with all University of Minnesota and state of Minnesota policies related to COVID-19 as well as other University of Minnesota research, community engagement, and travel policies. Grant recipients must submit a final report consisting of a description of funded activities, lessons learned, and a brief account of how the grant funds were spent, along with a list of other support received (if applicable). Reports should be submitted within two months of the end of the funded activity. A final report template will be provided. We also request photos taken during the activities be submitted as JPG files along with the report, with approval from photo subjects.

Grant Program Contact

All questions related to the application process, requirements, or eligibility should be directed to Erin Mann at nrcrim@umn.edu.