

Bayat Foundation
Grant Process and Funding

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Grants Process

Since 2005, Bayat Foundation has invested in Afghanistan to support causes and programs that align with our mission to provide essential services to the people of Afghanistan. These services focus on education, health, the empowerment of women, providing basic human needs and the preservation of the rich cultural heritage of Afghanistan.

Considering Bayat Foundation receives many proposals, we have had to put into place a rigorous grant review process. As we are confronted with making tough decisions regarding funding, we implemented a process that is thorough, fair and leads to wise investments, which ultimately benefits the people of Afghanistan.

The first process is the grant is received by the secretary of the board of directors. The secretary reviews it to assure all required information is present and complete.

The secretary then presents the proposal to the Board of Directors, who then votes on it and has the final approval on all grants.

Funding: Grant Criteria

Bayat Foundation provides monetary and in-kind support to 501 (c) (3) public charities and NGOs (non- governmental organizations) that fit within our philanthropic focus, meet our specific guidelines and serve the people of Afghanistan.

At a minimum, nonprofits and NGOs requesting grant funding from Bayat Foundation must:

- Be a 501 (c) (3) public charity as indentified by the IRS, or sponsored by a fiscal agent that is a recognized 501 (c) (3) public charity.
- Be a registered NGO (non-governmental organization) within the specific country that funds are being requested.
- Serve the people of Afghanistan
- Have no political or religious objectives
- Not exhibit discriminatory behavior or practices
- Complete an online grant application

Priorities are given to proposals that:

- Are emergent in nature and require emergency assistance
- Meet the identified needs of the people of Afghanistan
- Come from organizations that exhibit a strong fiscal management and board participation
- Encourage and explore partnerships and additional support
- Provide possible opportunities for involvement of local Afghan people

Philanthropic Focus

Our primary areas of focus include organizations whose major purpose is:

- **Rebuilding Afghanistan** (Roads, Infrastructure, Mosques, Community center, Hospitals, Clinics)
- **Education** (Schools, Libraries, Computers, Courses)
- **Health** (Basic Health Care, Mother and Child Health, Ambulance Service, Referrals , Health Awareness)
- **Orphanages.** (Building Infrastructure, Providing Financial and Material Assistance)
- **Empowerment of Women**
- **Emergency Assistance** (Food, Clothing, Medicines, Blankets)
- **Basic Human Needs** (Safe Drinking Water, Safe Sanitation)
- **Preservation of the Rich Cultural Heritage of Afghanistan**
- **Campaigns Against Drugs** (Massive Awareness Campaigns, ‘Say NO to Drugs’ Bike Races, Running Races)
- **Concerts, Festivals**
- **Hope, Pride and Unity**

Geographic Focus

Our Foundation is directed only to those nonprofits and NGOs that serve Afghanistan.

What We Do Not Fund

- Organizations that are not public charities tax-exempt under paragraph 501 (c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or Registered NGOs (non-governmental organizations).
- Organizations that do not serve Afghanistan.
- Individuals for any purpose unless associated with the Winter Aid Program.
- Political candidates, committees or organizations
- Fraternal, labor, social or veteran’s organizations.
- Religious or sectarian organizations, unless engaged in a significant project benefiting the entire community.
- Public service agencies such as police and fire departments.

- Organizations that discriminate against people because of their age, race, creed, gender, handicap, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity or national origin.
- Requests to fund publications, audio or video productions. (Although we may make an exception if they serve as supporting materials to a project within our focus).
- Requests to support travel to the U.S. or Afghanistan when that is the primary reason for the proposal.

Types of Support:

Bayat Foundation supports those organizations aligned with our philanthropic focus in several ways:

Cash Grants

General Operating Support. This type of support is intended to help organizations plan strategically, build capacity and become more self-sufficient.

Capital Support. We fund capital Campaigns for construction or renovation of facilities that are vital to the people of Afghanistan.

Project Support. A time-limited project must address an issue or specific population within Afghanistan that falls within our areas of focus. An established evaluation tool must be used to measure intended results.

Product Donations. On a case by case basis, we provide product and clothing donations to public 501 (c) (3) organizations and NGOs that fit within our focus of providing essential human needs to the people of Afghanistan.

Grantees are required to submit progress reports including a comparison of proposed vs. actual budget and an update on projected results.

How To Apply For Financial Support:

Before submitting an application via our online application process, please review in detail the sections on Grant Criteria, Philanthropic Focus and Geographic Focus to assure that your project fits within our guidelines.

Requests for Financial Contribution (Grants)

Bayat Foundation accepts grant requests for capital projects three times per year. Applications must be submitted online through the Bayat Foundation website.

Grant Application must be received by:

	Due Date	Decision Date
Cycle A	December 1	January 31

Cycle B	March 1	April 30
Cycle C	July 1	August 30

Applications will not be accepted by fax or mail. If you have any questions, please email them to: f.bayat@bayatfoundation.org

How To Request a Charitable Product Donation:

Before submitting an application via our online application tool, please review our guidelines, particularly the section on “What We Do Not Fund” to assess whether your proposal matches our philanthropic focus.

Unlike requests for financial support (capital grant funding) which have a set review cycle, we accept requests for charitable product donations and in-kind donations anytime throughout the year.