



2019 PROJECT SUPPORT FUND SPECIAL FOCUS: MIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION

Submission Deadline: July 1 2019

Thematic Focus

For an increasing number of Sites of Conscience issues of justice and human rights are inextricably linked with concerns about migration. The 2018 [World Migration Report](#) from the International Organization for Migration states:

International migration is a complex phenomenon that touches on a multiplicity of economic, social and security aspects affecting our daily lives in an increasingly interconnected world...Migration is intertwined with geopolitics, trade and cultural exchange, and provides opportunities for states, businesses and communities to benefit enormously. Migration has helped improve people's lives in both origin and destination countries and has offered opportunities for millions of people worldwide to forge safe and meaningful lives abroad. Not all migration occurs in positive circumstances, however. We have in recent years seen an increase in migration and displacement occurring due to conflict, persecution, environmental degradation and change, and a profound lack of human security and opportunity.

People are on the move like never before; and while the numbers of migrants and the welcomes they receive vary from one country and city to the next, these movements present challenges everywhere. Some receiving countries are going through a crisis of values, where principles of democracy, human rights, participation and rule of law are lacking or still emerging. At the same time, many nations must cope with the reception and integration of new citizens, who are fleeing war, poverty or natural disaster. As societies become increasingly diverse, democratic futures depend on their ability to develop and sustain intercultural dialogue and integration. Understanding others' cultures and customs is not a matter of 'political correctness' but an effort that must be undertaken if countries are to foster economic and social well-being for all their people.

Whether it is the separation of children from their families at the United States southern border, the growing number of Syrian refugees in Turkey and Lebanon, economic migrants from Eastern Europe to the European Union sparking increased European nationalism, the expulsion of the Rohingya people from Burma, or the 80% of the world's refugee population taken in by African nations--all these events put pressure on communities' ability to live and work together.

Sites of Conscience are uniquely positioned to provide communities with the tools and perspectives to combat racism, xenophobia, and other forms of intolerance linked to migration and immigration. This special Project Support Fund (PSF) call for proposals will support innovative approaches to engaging local communities around these issues. We are seeking groundbreaking projects that use dialogue to engage visitors and/or community partners in issues related to contemporary immigration and migration. Dialogue can happen in many ways: in public or school programs, in permanent and temporary exhibitions, both onsite and off; through art and media projects, and online.

Who can apply?

All Coalition members in good standing (dues fully paid) may apply. Please note that applicants must submit final narrative and financial reports from previous projects or exchanges before applying for new grants. Previous Project Support Fund recipients must wait a minimum of twelve months following the close of their most recent project to reapply.

What types and levels of support are available?

Financial Support:

A maximum of \$7000 per project is available for On-Site Project or Peer-Exchange proposals in this round.

Methodological Support:

The Secretariat works closely with applicants to identify needs and connect applicants with other member sites, trustees, or staff who can address methodological or technical needs. Support could include:

- Providing written models of program designs and evaluation tools
- Collaboration by phone or email on developing the project design
- Strategic advice on communications and advocacy

Objectives of this Special Focus PSF Call

- Support innovative projects that combat racism, xenophobia, and other forms of intolerance linked to immigration and migration
- Provide replicable program models for other Sites of Conscience
- Connect Sites of Conscience around the theme of immigration and migration
- Spark community-based dialogue around the theme of immigration and migration

Types of Activities Funded

All activities must have their basis in dialogue. For more information about dialogue-based activities, consult the online resource center or [Global Programs staff](#). Supported activities may include:

- Exhibitions that have community involvement at the center of the project
- Dialogue-based Public or School Programs
- Oral Histories and Contemporary Collecting
- Peer exchanges with other Sites of Conscience
- Collaborations with other Sites of Conscience on any of the activities listed above

This special PSF call for proposals seeks to create a space for innovation and experimentation on the ways sites can engage diverse audiences and inspire dialogue and action on the issues of migration and immigration. The grant supports initiatives that meet the core goals of Sites of Conscience, which are to:

- Interpret history through site;
- Engage the public in programs that stimulate dialogue on pressing social issues;
- Share opportunities for public involvement and positive action on the issues raised at the site; and
- Promote justice and universal cultures of human rights.

Who Reviews PSF Applications?

Sites submit PSF applications to the Secretariat. The Secretariat reviews applications for completeness and, after asking for additional information where necessary, final applications are submitted to the Grant Review Committee for consideration and final funding decisions. The Grant Review Committee is made up of Sites of Conscience representatives who meet strict criteria for their participation, including extensive experience in the development and implementation of exemplary Sites of Conscience programs.

In order to ensure a review and selection process that is effective, fair and equitable and that takes into consideration the varied levels of development (both institutional and programmatic) of applicant sites, the Grant Review Committee will:

- Give preference to projects that are collaborative with other Sites of Conscience (if you are seeking a partner, please check with us--we're happy to help you connect with one).
- Give preference to projects that result in replicable or scalable tools that can advance the work of Sites of Conscience around the world;
- Give special consideration to sites that are under threat because of economic, political, or social conditions that may negatively impact the site's future.

What Expenses can be Supported?

- For On-Site projects: Fees and costs related to the design and implementation of the proposed project, including staffing.
- For Peer-Exchanges: Travel and meeting expenses. Please note that for Mentoring exchanges, the Fund will also support the fees and costs related to the design and implementation of the mentorship, including staffing.

Please note that all applicants will be expected to make some financial or in-kind contribution to the project, which must be identified in the budget, such as time and expertise, accommodation and/or food. Please note that the Coalition's support should be at least 60% of the total budget.

What Expenses Cannot be Supported?

- Requests for costs incurred prior to the date of the grant award will not be considered.

How will the Funds be Disbursed for Approved Projects?

- 80% of Coalition funding for the project will be disbursed upon approval of the project.
- 20% will be disbursed upon receipt of the On-Site Project or Peer-Exchange Final Report (please see below).

What are the Reporting Requirements?

- Within 1 month of the conclusion of the project or exchange, sites complete a final report on project activities, outcome, and evaluation and submit it to the Secretariat following the Project or

Peer-Exchange Report Format. Select Project Support Fund recipients may be asked to write a project toolkit to assist Coalition members in implementing similar projects at their sites. Both reports and toolkits must include a detailed financial report.

- One year after the conclusion of the project grant recipients are asked to submit a twelve-month impact assessment to the Secretariat identifying outcomes one-year post-implementation. Please note that the Fund places great emphasis on careful and thorough project documentation and evaluation by each participating site. Outcomes of the projects will be shared with all Coalition members to further our collective learning and development. As part of the application process, applicant sites will be required to submit a detailed and specific evaluation and impact plan to assess the impact of the proposed project in their communities.

Applications should Clearly Demonstrate:

- How the project uses history to help participants understand or connect with contemporary issues of migration and immigration in ways they could not do otherwise;
- How dialogue is being used in the project;
- How the project uses the physical experience of its site to help participants understand and connect with these contemporary issues in ways they could not do otherwise;
- How the project offers a mode of active engagement among new and a diverse range of participants;
- How the project raises multiple perspectives on an issue rather than promoting a single solution to a problem;
- How the project provides information to participants for public involvement in the issue(s) raised at the site; and
- How the project assesses its immediate, intermediate and long-term impact.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult with the Coalition's Secretariat prior to submitting an application well in advance of the submission deadline. Application drafts reviewed prior to submission by the Secretariat are much more likely to receive funding. As part of this support during the proposal development process, Coalition staff will discuss your overall vision for the project, its planning, and execution, and may connect you with other sites and experts who could provide resources. After this preliminary conversation, Coalition members may submit a final application online through the web link or by email to psf@sitesofconscience.org on or before the submission deadline, July 1, 2019.

Secretariat staff are available for discussion of your application up until 2 weeks before the application deadline. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the PSF Coordinator at psf@sitesofconscience.org before applying and schedule a call.

Completing the Application

You may submit the final application as a Google form in English, Spanish, French or Arabic. If you have any problems submitting it through the grant portal, you may email it directly to psf@sitesofconscience.org on or before July 1 2019. Please only use the space (number of characters) provided.

Application Tips

Some characteristics of a good grant application are:

- Be specific in answering the questions
- Be descriptive yet concise and focused
- Remember, those reviewing your application may not know your organization or its work.
- Provide relevant details whenever possible
- Support your plans with data or direct quotes
- Check your math in the budget