

Inter-Agency Coordination Forum (RCF) – Hungary
Note on Local Funding Opportunities
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The Refugee Response Plan (RRP) is a critical tool for fundraising, as it provides a clear and comprehensive overview of the humanitarian situation and the resources required to address the needs of refugees and displaced persons. By using the RRP as a basis for fundraising, organizations can make a compelling case for why their work is needed and how it will make a difference, facilitating coordination and collaboration among humanitarian partners. This information is often crucial for donors looking to support humanitarian action, as it enables them to make informed decisions about where to allocate their funding.

The European Commission presented on EU funding opportunities and challenges at the RCF meeting on 21 April, this note is to share additional funding opportunities for actors in Hungary, which were found by scanning calls published online. Most likely many of the local organizations are already aware of such opportunities, we are nonetheless sharing them for the benefit of smaller and refugee-led organizations.

As for funding opportunities by the Hungarian State in the past, a call for humanitarian projects somewhat related to refugee assistance was issued by the [Visegrad Fund](#) back in May 2022 with the aim of providing small grants to help mitigate the effects of war on the refugees arriving from Ukraine/residing in V4 countries. Other funding opportunities in Hungary which in the past hosted calls for projects for, among other targets, also refugees:

- [Hungary Helps Program](#): This program provides funding for projects that support vulnerable groups, including refugees and asylum seekers, in Hungary and abroad.
- [Social Infrastructure Operational Program](#): This program provides funding for projects that aim to improve social infrastructure in Hungary, including the construction and renovation of community centres, schools, and healthcare facilities.
- [European Social Fund](#): This fund provides financial support for projects that aim to improve employment and social inclusion in Hungary, including initiatives that support refugees and asylum seekers.

As for domestic non-state funding opportunities, there were a number of tender calls issued throughout 2022 from bigger [Hungarian foundations/associations](#), individual churches, local municipalities, and even political parties, offering mostly financial support, but in some cases laptops, food or other material goods. [Several municipalities](#) conducted fundraising but opted for directly partnering with bigger NGOs instead of doing tenders.

Government and non-state funding opportunities are published online, the below websites are useful for tracking upcoming opportunities:

- <https://pafi.hu/>
- <https://palyazatmenedzser.hu/>

Here are some calls currently open, on various thematic areas, not necessarily targeting refugees but individuals and families in Hungary. We are not able to tell if funds are still available, but they might call for other rounds of submissions in the coming months:

- [CALL FOR PROPOSALS \(profilii.hu\)](#)
- [Közös Értékeink Program | Közös Értékeink Program \(kozosertekeink.hu\)](#)
- [Home | Tesco - community program "You choose, we help" \(closes on May 5\)](#)
- [Municipality of Eger \(only for local NGOs\)](#)
- [Gyökerek és Szárnyak Foundation](#)

We encourage you to explore these funding opportunities and consider applying for them if your organization has a project that fits the criteria. The deadlines for applications vary depending on the program, so please check the details carefully.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application process, please contact the addresses and numbers included in the call. Also, do not hesitate to contact Lorenzo Leonelli (Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator, leonelli@unhcr.org) or any other member of the Forum. We are here to support you and your organization in any way we can.