

## Japan Social Development Fund Grant Proposal

<b>I. Basic Data</b>	
<b>Name of Proposed Activity</b>	NGO Support Program
<b>Country/Program</b>	Afghanistan
<b>Grant Amount Requested</b>	US\$2,046,000.00
<b>Grant Type</b> (Select one)	Project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity building <input type="checkbox"/>

### **II. Grant Development Objective(s) and Expected Key Performance Indicators**

<b>Grant Development Objective(s)</b>
<p>The promise of a stable and prosperous Afghanistan depends on the ability of ordinary Afghans to take ownership of their livelihoods, within their own communities. Recognizing this, the Afghanistan Interim Authority (AIA), with World Bank assistance, seeks to launch a two-million-dollar NGO Support Program that would issue grants, through the Government, to local NGOs.</p> <p>The objectives of the program are threefold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the full participation of Afghan communities in the choice, planning and implementation of local reconstruction efforts</li> <li>• Accelerate the provision to local communities of services and resources that improve living conditions and enhance productive capacities at the local level</li> <li>• Increase interaction between the Government and local communities, and between Government institutions and the NGO sector.</li> </ul> <p>The AIA, at the very highest levels, considers this program to be a strategic priority in the run-up to the <i>Loya Jirga</i> in June 2002 where the Government wishes to demonstrate tangible achievements.</p> <p>If rapidly available, JSDF monies will (i) give communities an early say in local reconstruction and rehabilitation activities; (ii) allow the government to establish its involvement in local reconstruction issues; (iii) set a tone among other donors that is bold, creative, community-based, decentralized and supportive of the central Government; and (iv) bestow immediate credibility and international commitment to assist Afghans rebuild their lives, livelihoods and communities.</p>
<b>Expected Key Performance Indicators:</b>
1. At least 100 small grants made to NGOs for community-level sub-projects
2. At least 40 tangible community-improvement activities implemented in social and economic infrastructure
3. At least 60 community-level project committees established in select localities

### **III. Grant Categories of Expenditure and Amounts**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount of Grant Allocated in US\$</b>
Sub-grants (services, training, small civil works, goods)	2,000,000
Incremental Bank costs	46,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,046,000</b>