

Teaching Materials Grant 2021 Special support for Natural Disasters

Application Guidelines

PURPOSE

This grant supports schools (applicants) that have been affected by natural disasters such as bushfires and floods in 2020 and 2021 by providing financial support for the loss of Japanese language teaching materials.

GRANT AMOUNT

Successful applicants will be eligible for the reimbursement of **100%** of the purchase price of approved materials **up to AU\$1,000.00**.

ELIGIBILITY

In principle, The Japan Foundation, Sydney (JPF Sydney) does not provide grants for:

- State or Federal Government organisations, excluding educational, cultural or research institutes such as universities and museums.
- International organisations which the Japanese Government already makes a financial contribution.

In regards to this grant, the applicant (institution) must:

- Be an Australian primary/secondary school involved in Japanese language education, and have been affected by natural disasters such as bushfires and floods in 2020 and 2021.
Individuals are not eligible to apply.
- Be able to provide sufficient evidence (such as news article etc.) to support that the school was affected by natural disaster such as bushfires or floods in 2020 and 2021, OR be able to provide a letter from the principal explaining how the school was affected by natural disaster.
- Have the same authorised official in charge of the application through to the end of the process. (In cases where this is not possible, please send an email notification to coordinators@jpf.org.au with updated staff contact information).

TIMELINE

This is a special grant where applications will be accepted throughout the application period. Each application will be considered upon submission. Please be mindful that applicants are requested to complete purchasing and all reimbursement-related original documents must arrive at JPF Sydney **by post by March 1, 2022**.

Applications Open: April 19, 2021

Final date to submit reimbursement documents: March 1, 2022

MATERIALS

Materials for special support for Natural Disasters :

- must be related wholly or at least substantially to Japanese language education.
- must be of ongoing benefit to the Japanese language program rather than for individual use.
- may be Japanese language specific software or applications. The cost of any further licence renewals beyond the grant year would be the responsibility of the recipient.
- may include Japanese cultural goods, if the applicant provides a clear case for the relevance of the item to teaching the Japanese language. Please note that cultural goods will be given a lower priority than materials directly related to language learning such as text books.
- must not be stationery, equipment or consumable short-life goods, including gardening materials and stickers. Materials such as water calligraphy paper or kanji dice are acceptable.
- such as iPads and similar electronic devices are not eligible for support under this grant.
- such as hiragana and katakana flash cards and worksheets are not eligible under this grant given JPF Sydney has created a number of free materials through our Classroom Resources (click [here](#)).
- must be approved prior to purchase. Materials purchased before the Outcome Notification are not eligible for reimbursement.

GRANT PROCESS

Note: Due to the current delay with Australian Post deliveries, JPF Sydney is requesting all applicants to send the related documents via email first for faster processing. After confirming all the details on the submitted documents, the successful applicants are requested to send the original documents with the applicants' signature by post, as this is part of The Japan Foundation (JF)'s head office requirements.

1) Application

The following items **must be submitted** to coordinators@jpf.org.au.

1. Completed Form A (Application Form) with two signatures

- In the event of a successful application, JPF Sydney will later request Form A with original signatures to be sent by post.

2. Material List (only fill out the "Requested Materials" columns)

- All prices must be in Australian dollars and GST inclusive.
- If prices are not provided in Australian dollars, they will be converted using JPF Sydney's official exchange rate at the time of approval.
- The exchange rate applicable at the time of applying for this grant will be accepted if sufficient proof is provided (such as a pre-order confirmation page screenshot).

3. Sufficient evidence

- Sufficient evidence must be provided in the form of news articles or similar materials to show that the school was affected by natural disaster (such as bushfires or floods in 2020 and 2021), OR via a **letter from the principal** explaining how the school was affected by natural disaster.

Note:

- Late applications will not be accepted.
- JPF Sydney does not take responsibility for internet delays, delivery failures, or loss by postal service or courier.

2) Screening

- Applications received by the deadline will be assessed in accordance with our budget allocation.
- The specific process for screening of applications will not be made public.

3) Approval

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application via email on as soon as screening is completed.

Successful applicants will receive:

- Official Notice of Grant Outcome by email (PDF)
- Terms and Conditions by email
- Acceptance Form by email
- Original copy of Official Notice of Grant Outcome by post
- Upon receipt of the outcome, successful applicants will be required to:
 - Email back the completed Acceptance Form as a scanned PDF
 - Send back an original copy of Form A and an original copy of the completed Acceptance Form by post (with original handwritten signatures)

Unsuccessful applicants will receive:

- Official Notice of Grant Outcome by email (PDF)
- Original copy of Official Notice of Grant Outcome by post

4) Purchasing

Purchases should be made as soon as possible **after application approval**.

- Only approved materials are eligible for reimbursement.
- Grant offers remain valid only until the reimbursement claim deadline.
- Only receipts for approved materials will be considered for reimbursement.

5) Changing materials

If originally approved materials cannot be purchased for any reason (e.g., out of print, out of stock etc.), please submit Form C (Alternative Materials Request Form) to coordinators@jpf.org.au. After this amendment request has been approved, you may start purchasing accordingly. JPF Sydney will ask you to send the original by post at a later date.

6) Reimbursement

All reimbursement-related original documents must arrive at JPF Sydney **by post by March 1, 2022.**

- **Completed Material List** including “Purchased Materials” columns
- **Completed Form B** (Reimbursement Form + Feedback)
- **Order confirmation for each material (proof of order from the store, etc.)**
- **Paid records for each material from the school**, which can include:
 - Remittance advice from school
 - School ledger
 - Paid school credit card statement (the school name must be included on the statement)
- Proof of currency exchange rate (if applicable)

Note:

- All receipts must match approved items, and reimbursements will be made in accordance with grant terms and conditions.
- If the authorised official cannot make the submission date due to unforeseen circumstances, please contact JPF Sydney by email at least three days before the submission deadline.
- JPF Sydney reserves the right to revoke approval if the receipts for Form B (Reimbursement Form + Feedback) are not submitted in accordance with these grant guidelines.

7) Grant Payment

- Successful applicants will be reimbursed based on the amount and materials indicated in the Notice of Grant Approval.
- The amount stated in the Notice of Grant Approval is based on the approved materials.
- If the actual purchase cost of materials is less than the approved amount, the reimbursement will be calculated based on the actual amount spent.
- Reimbursements will be made to the account specified on Form B (Reimbursement Form + Feedback) in accordance with grant conditions within three weeks of receipt of all required documents for the reimbursement.
- The reimbursement amount received is GST inclusive.

ENQUIRIES

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