

Criteria for funding

Our Mission:

To support Israeli and Palestinian grassroots and civil society initiatives bringing about dialogue, bridge-building, humanization, transformative interactions and any constructive action improving living conditions.

Our Support:

We support our initiatives by giving them visibility and networking opportunities. We help them in their capacity-building efforts and contribute funds for specific projects.

Approach:

B8 of Hope favours human contact over paper work!

We rely on our network to carry out due-diligence on new Grantees. We rely on informal communication (both written and oral) with the B8 of Hope team for our evaluation and monitoring of ongoing projects.

Furthermore, our representative in Jerusalem and certain members of the Geneva team commit to deepening this informal process through regular meetings and visits on the ground. We are committed to build close relationships with our grantees so as to be as responsive and useful as possible.

“We don’t want to turn field activists into bureaucrats. Our due-diligence is our network in the field.”

Application:

1. Read this GUIDELINES below.
2. Ensure the profile of your initiative fulfils our CRITERIA.
3. Send your application to hope@b8ofhope.org. Outline the initiative, budget and specific project you would like B8 of Hope to fund. Have a look at the initiatives we already support and include relevant references who know us.

Guidelines:

Although we try to ensure that B8 of Hope’s criteria are always applied flexibly and pragmatically, we feel it appropriate to provide these guidelines for the assistance of our grant applicants. All applicants must be:

- Israeli and/or Palestinian grassroots and civil society initiatives. We believe that peace will come from the bottom up: a peace process at the political and diplomatic levels will be successful only when supported by the Israeli and Palestinian people.
- Working towards a just and sustainable coexistence between Palestinians and Israelis based on equal rights, respect, dignity, inclusivity and security. The initiatives could focus on fostering a coexistence mindset or laying the pre-conditions necessary to this potential coexistence.
- Focusing on **at least one** of the following obstacles on the ground:
 - cross-border divides between Israelis and Palestinians
 - internal divides within each border
 - improving peoples’ living conditions

Criteria:

We help initiatives that are committed to :

- Rejecting any and all forms of violence. Are dedicated to building bridges, promoting dialogue and connecting people.
 - The initiatives we support encourage participants to challenge their own perspectives, empathize with one another, build professional and personal connections and stay in touch through follow-up meetings and alumni networks.
- Being inclusive.
 - The initiatives we seek to unite rather than divide and promote a common and inclusive identity. They welcome participants from all backgrounds and celebrate diversity.
- Prepare their respective societies for responsible action.
 - The initiatives we support are centered around positive messages and emphasize empathy, responsibility, teamwork, entrepreneurship, and the strength of the community. Their initiatives bravely pursue a better future for their community.
- Make a concrete impact
 - The initiatives we support combine meaningful goals with realistic projects. They span early stage/novel ideas to mature initiatives that are already running. The initiatives must have a measurable impact which can be documented and sent back to us.
- Willing to cooperate with other initiatives/NGOs
 - The initiatives need to be ready to scale up by working with other initiatives (synergies). Because there are so many peacebuilding NGOs and movements in the region addressing a diversity of topics, we strongly believe in the benefit of cooperation and synergies. The initiatives we support agree to work together when it makes sense so as to establish a constructive influence in the region and to show the international public opinion that peace-building initiatives are not isolated and working on their own.

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