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## **OBJECTIVE**

To offer National Olympic Committees (NOCs) the opportunity to identify and support a limited number of refugee athletes living in their countries to prepare and participate in high-level competitions.

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## **BENEFICIARIES**

### **National Olympic Committees**

The programme is available to all the NOCs of countries hosting refugees and wishing to join the IOC in its effort to support and protect athletes.

### **Athletes**

All candidates proposed must:

- Be recognised refugees or beneficiaries of international protection according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) agency.
- Have proven high-level competition results in an individual sport.

NOCs must ensure that candidates fulfil both these conditions before submitting an application for them.

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## **DESCRIPTION**

A limited number of individual training grants will be made available for elite-level refugee athletes to prepare and participate in high-level competitions according to their individual situations.

The type of support will be similar to the Olympic scholarship programme for athletes:

- A fixed monthly training grant to cover the athlete's training and coaching costs.
- A fixed travel subsidy that can be requested to participate in high-level competitions.

Once a grant has been awarded by Olympic Solidarity, the host NOC is responsible for agreeing on the use of the funds with the athlete and the subsequent management of these funds as well as on the periodic reporting to Olympic Solidarity.

Olympic Solidarity understands that refugee athletes have very unique and difficult situations and the intention is therefore to offer the NOCs the possibility to manage the programme in an individualised manner.



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## **EXTERNAL PARTNERS**

The NOCs of the countries hosting the refugee athletes will be considered as the “Host NOC” and will be responsible for the identification of athletes and the management of the training grants at local level.

The UNHCR is the only interlocutor of Olympic Solidarity for matters related to refugees in refugee camps. Should an athlete in a refugee camp be identified as having the profile and sporting level to potentially benefit from an individual training grant, the Host NOC may be consulted in view of including the athlete in the programme through an individual training grant.

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## **ALLOCATION PROCEDURE**

### **Application**

NOCs fulfilling the criteria noted above may submit candidatures for training grants using the application form.

### **Analysis**

Olympic Solidarity will analyse each candidature submitted in collaboration with the relevant International Sports Federation and the UNHCR.

The NOCs of the athletes’ countries of origin will also be consulted during the application phase.

### **Approval**

Olympic Solidarity will be responsible for the final approval of training grants.

Since the cost of athlete training varies widely between regions of the world, Olympic Solidarity and the Host NOC will agree upon the amount of the monthly training grant offered to an athlete.

The responsibilities of each party and the budget distribution will be approved in advance between all parties.

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## **FINANCIAL CONDITIONS**

The quadrennial budget allocated to this programme amounts to USD 3,000,000.

Following analysis and approval of an NOC proposal, Olympic Solidarity will inform the Host NOC of the maximum provisional budget available if all the projects are carried out and the administrative requirements are fulfilled.

The budget allocated to the NOC will depend on the scope of the proposal, the budget availability and the agreements reached with the partners.



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## **FOLLOW-UP AND CONTROL**

Following the approval of an individual training grant, Olympic Solidarity will request the following information feedback from the Host-NOCs to monitor each athlete's progress:

- A progress report for each grant holder, to be submitted every four months.
- A signed acknowledgement from the athlete and Host NOC that the grant has been distributed as agreed.

Olympic Solidarity may propose an alternative payment and reporting procedure when necessary.