

TEAM Grant - Freelancer Application Information

1. Eligibility Criteria

Targeting war-affected tech freelancers in Gaza, West Bank and East Jerusalem, to support their livelihood and protect their potential.

Tech freelancers, who meet all the following eligibility requirements, are encouraged to apply to TEAM Grant - Freelancer Stipend:

1. Applicants must possess a Palestinian nationality and be residents of Palestine (Gaza Strip, West Bank, East Jerusalem)
2. They have been working as freelancers and were not employed by any local or foreign company during 2023.
3. They are Gazan tech freelancers, contracted by Gazan or non-Gazan companies/startups, and their contracts were canceled, partially or totally, or suspended because of war on Gaza; or
4. They are non-Gazans but have been contracted by war-affected companies/startups working out of the Gaza Strip.

2. Instructions and Structure

Applicants for the TEAM Grant - Freelancer Stipend MUST observe the following instruction:

1. Only applications submitted via RISE Palestine website TEAM Grant Freelancer application form will be eligible for consideration, access on: <https://risepalestine.intersecthub.org/apply-for-support/>.

2. All content provided must be true, complete and accurate. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The application consists of:
 - a. Section 1: Freelancer Profile and Legal Identification
 - b. Section 2: Contracts and Supporting Documents
 - c. Section 3: Impact of the War on Freelancer
3. Scans of the supporting documents are required, especially legal documents such as ID, contracts, references; and any other government/official documents requested by the program.
4. Applicants are responsible for the content submitted.
5. Intersect Innovation Hub will ensure the confidentiality of information.
6. The RISE Palestine Initiative may request additional supporting documents and evidence from the applicant if necessary during the evaluation process.

3. Selection Criteria

The evaluation criteria stem from the main objectives of the RISE Program: aid the harmed tech freelancers' livelihoods, taking into account both their location and the location of the startups/companies they work for. Therefore:

1. Applicants must ensure the truth, accuracy and completeness of all provided data, information, and submitted documents. Incomplete applications may be subject to rejection.
2. The financial committee will apply strict measures to ensure compliance with all relevant and applicable Palestinian laws and full adherence to applicable compliance and anti-money laundering policies and

procedures of the Bank of Palestine. Non-compliant applications will be subject to rejection..

3. The selection criteria will include but not be limited to: evidence-based subsidized salaries for:
 - a. Factors in assessing the level of impact and need of freelancers for a substitute income.
 - b. Cancellation or suspension of their contracts provided with evidence.

4. Amount and Agreement

Company Emergency Stipend Amount Determination

TEAM Grant - Freelancer Stipend amount will be recommended by the Selection Committee following their review and evaluation of the submitted application. Final grant amounts will be determined by the Financial Committee and will not exceed US\$1,500 per month, for up to six months for eligible tech freelancers.

Successful applicants will be notified and invited to sign grant agreements, while unsuccessful applicants will be regretfully notified that their grant application was not successful.