

## Funding Policy

This policy guides the Committee of BR4R to act with integrity, fairness and transparency when distributing funding donated to BR4R or generated through fundraising events

This policy ensures that funds donated are used in the most appropriate and accountable way possible.

### General guidance:

- Part of BR4R's goal is to *act locally*. BR4R therefore targets its funds to people under Australian jurisdiction. This includes those who are either living in Australia or are detained at one of the offshore centres/locations set up by the Australian government.
- Although BR4R's focus is always local, it does not preclude considering assistance for those living overseas. However, requests of this nature are unlikely to be successful.

### Procedures:

- When an individual or group within this region or known to BR4R seeks financial help from BR4R, BR4R should confirm the validity of the need and those making the request
  - The Committee of BR4R will then decide what, and how much support to provide.
- When an individual or group within another part of Australia is seeking financial support from BR4R, BR4R should first check if a more local refugee support group or individual can, or has, assisted.
  - if another local group or individual advocate is available, BR4R should confirm the validity of the need via this group or individual
    - the Committee of BR4R should then decide whether and how much support to provide

- If BR4R feels that funding should be allocated, the aim will be to channel funds through the local group, rather than directly to an individual refugee
  - if a local group or individual advocate is not available, BR4R will make all efforts to determine the validity of the request.
    - if the validity can be confirmed, funds will be determined as above
    - if the validity cannot be ascertained, funding will not be provided.
- Any allocated BR4R funds should be offered to meet the individual needs of asylum seekers/refugees.
- BR4R relies solely on fundraising and donated funds. Thus, BR4R could never guarantee a continuation of funds. It is expected that any non-regular payments to trusted organisations or individuals would generally be one-off payments. Any payments that are made on a regular basis may stop at any time. This would be most likely due to BR4R having a shortage of funds.
- BR4R can refuse, without reason, to fund any group or individual.

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