

The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

Goodwill Caravan (GWC)

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1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us

We are seeking funds for an additional Farsi interpreter to join our Legal Office for three months, an outgoing which was not previously budgeted for and is needed due to the increase in refugees from Afghanistan.

1.2 Tell us more about your project, the impact it will have on those it aims to help, and why you consider the proposed approach to be innovative

Our Legal Service:

Goodwill Caravan's Legal Service is the organisation's flagship project; it started operating as soon as the organisation established its presence in Athens, over half a decade ago. Our Legal Office is tasked with delivering a holistic approach to legal aid so that refugees are given a more complete package of care.

Goodwill Caravan's other projects are in many ways built around the Legal Office; from accessing the Greek healthcare system, benefiting from our Emergency and Detention Release Shelter Project or finding employment, our beneficiaries usually need the assistance of our legal office. This may be as simple as advice and assistance in applying for social security and tax numbers, to more complicated asylum applications or family reunification cases.

While there are a number of other organisations offering legal services within the NGO community in Greece, Goodwill Caravan's unique feature is its holistic approach to its legal service. Beneficiaries are supported right through their journey above, and beyond their legal requirements. More often than not, a client of the legal office will find that the majority of their other needs can be met by one of Goodwill Caravan's other projects, which simplifies things for both the client and our organisation.

Examples of this holistic approach and our complimentary projects include:

- To support an asylum claim by proving vulnerability, as defined by Greek Asylum Services, a beneficiary may need medical or psychiatric assessment and official medical reports. However, accessing the Greek healthcare system can be incredibly challenging for refugees, and this is where our Medical Office could facilitate this access and streamline the legal process.

- Our educational and vocational classes offer refugees the opportunity to invest in themselves while wait for their asylum application to be processed and to prove to the Asylum Services that they have the aptitude to learn and integrate during their stay in Athens, which strongly boosts their asylum application.

- It may take months for a refugee to register as an asylum seeker once they have arrived in Greece and during this period, they are unlikely to be able to access welfare benefits; our Aid Distribution Project supports refugees during this period through weekly distributions of food, clothes, school supplies and baby essentials.

During 2020, our legal office served nearly 600 refugee families (average size 4.3 members) from a variety of nationalities, with a variety of legal needs. Additionally, our beneficiaries were from a range of ethnic backgrounds, religions and sexual orientations as we operate a strict non-discrimination policy. The majority of our beneficiaries are from Afghanistan and Syria, but we serve refugees from all over

the world.

The return of the Taliban to power in Afghanistan led to a surge in the number of Afghan refugees arriving in Greece and applying for support from our Legal Office. This led to a severe strain on our resources, and we are seeking £2565 to fund the salary of an additional qualified Farsi interpreter for three months which was not previously budgeted for.

Goodwill Caravan has an Access to the Job Market Program providing training and experience to refugees to help them find employment either with our own organisation or others. We have been training a female farsi speaking refugee as an interpreter and she is poised to take on this role. It is particularly important to have female members of staff to assist refugee women and children who may be uncomfortable disclosing abuse to males.

1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?

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Our beneficiaries are forced migrants, who have fled violence and persecution. We support their asylum applications, ensuring they are given access to their rights and are able to understand this highly complex process. We also empower them to rebuild their lives through assistance applying for housing, tax, and social insurance numbers, giving them the ability to work and integrate.

1.4 Which country is the project based in?

Greece (GR)

1.5 Will the project continue after initial funding has ended?

Yes

1.5b Please give details of how you plan to continue after initial funding has ended

GWC's Legal Office is an ongoing operation and while it may expand and contract incrementally as a result of funding variation in the future, we have almost consistently kept it running over the past five years at a steady growth rate. We are working to increase our social media presence and the number of grant applications we submit which should enable us to raise larger sums of money to continue growing our Legal Service.

1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

We prepare impact and evaluation reports on a regular basis for a number of our donors, which entail extensive reviews and offer immense learning opportunities and feedback from our beneficiaries. We dedicate even more resources to our own evaluations of our projects that we carry out once or twice a year. These involve quantitative, qualitative and financial reviews and are used to underpin strategic planning decisions and the measurements of operational and financial KPI's.

2.1 Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Lawyers' Salaries (3 months)	£14,289	3 Lawyers
Legal Partnership - Greek Islands (3 months)	£1,600	Partnership with a Private Legal Firm
Farsi Interpreters' Salaries (3 months)	£4,702	2 Interpreters (1 requiring funding)
Arabic Interpreter' Salary (3 months)	£2,137	
Legal Office Assistant Salary (3 months)	£2,778	

Social Worker Salary (3 months)	£5,129	
GWC Reception Team Salary Allocation (3 months)	£1,642	Reception & Registration of Beneficiaries
Project Coordinator (3 months)	£5,678	
Travel & Transportation (3 months)	£1,032	
Case Expenses (3 months)	£1,548	Application fees, notarised translations..etc
Compliance & Governance (3 months)	£1,290	
Admin & Overhead Expenses (3 months)	£7,314	@15%
TOTALS	£49,139	

2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
Arzan Wealth	£24,570	£0	We are part of their CSR program and receive regular funding.
Grant applications	£12,177	£0	Applications currently in progress.
Private donors	£9,828	£0	Through targeted social media campaigns and recurring monthly donations.
TOTALS	£46,575	£0	

2.3 What is the total amount (in £ sterling) your organisation is requesting from The Edith M Ellis Trust?

£2,565

2.4 Has your organisation made an application to The Edith M Ellis Trust before?

No

2.5 Please state your organisation's annual turnover (in £ sterling)

£276,490

2.6 Do you wish to upload your audited accounts or financial statement?

Yes

2.6b Upload File

<https://theedithmellischaritabletrust.org/assets/uploads/2021/11/GWC-2019-2020-Annual-Report.pdf>

2.7 Please tell us where payment should be made if your application is successful

Goodwill Caravan
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3.1 Your name

Philippa Majid

3.2 Your contact telephone number

07986665606

3.3 Your position within the organisation

Communications volunteer

3.4 Your email address

admin@goodwillcaravan.com

3.5 Organisation name

Goodwill Caravan (GWC)

3.6 Please state the status of your organisation

UK charity

3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does

Goodwill Caravan covers refugee protection projects including aid distributions, sheltering the most vulnerable, legal and medical support for refugees in Greece. We focus particularly on vulnerable refugee families, lone women, single mothers, detained and unaccompanied children; those who are at the highest risk of trafficking, sexual exploitation and GBV. We provide refugees with a complete package of support; from basic necessities to complex legal advice, our holistic approach is tailored to each individual or family.

3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation

22 Lucerne Road
London
N5 1TZ

3.9 UK telephone number

+44 7828 255919

3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)

1176314 England & Wales Charity Commission

3.11 Year established

2015 (registered 2017)

3.12 Website (if applicable)

<http://www.goodwillcaravan.com>

3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)

<https://www.instagram.com/goodwillcaravan/>

<https://www.facebook.com/goodwillcaravan>

4.1 How did you hear about The Edith M Ellis Trust?

Internet