

## **Grant Applications Criteria for Awarding Grants**

### **Jesuit Missions will consider applications from works that:**

- are run by, or directly associated with, the Society of Jesus
- speak up for the vision and values of the Church and the Society of Jesus
- empower others to take charge of their lives
- seek to address and/or advocate on the under-lying causes of poverty/injustice and not just their symptoms
- are supported by a letter from the local Provincial/Regional Superior

### **Where do we work?**

Our geographical priorities are:

- Guyana and southern Africa.

However, we will consider applications from other countries if of outstanding quality and demonstrate a close fit with our criteria

### **What will we fund?**

Jesuit Missions will look on the following areas of work more sympathetically:

- confronting HIV/AIDS
- addressing justice for women
- focusing on children's rights and development
- promoting inter-religious dialogue
- sustaining and protecting the environment

Jesuit Missions will usually expect all projects funded to:

- be approved by the local major superior and include a contribution from his apostolic fund
- enhance the development of the local church and be integrated into its work
- carry a local community contribution (financial/in kind)
- have clear and achievable objectives
- be strategic i.e. for pieces of work which will have a measurable impact on a particular situation
- be sustainable i.e. able to continue after the initiator moves on
- show how learning from the project funded will be captured and fed back into programme design and implementation
- produce a report on the project funded

### **Additional points**

Jesuit Missions:

- is happy to consider pilot projects and test new approaches
- will prioritise worthwhile projects which are unlikely to attract funding from elsewhere

- will consider multi-year funding where necessary

Due to limited funds, we will not fund:

- major capital projects
- running costs
- 'top-up' grants requested because an initial budget has proved to be inadequate
- investment or endowments

## How to apply

The deadline for applications will be **31 January, 30 April, 31 July, 31 October**. You will receive a response within 6 weeks following these dates.

Applications for grants should be made in writing. **An application form is available and must be used for all applications.** Plans and photos should be included where appropriate. Since Jesuit Missions will have many applications to consider, applications should be as concise as possible consistent with providing the necessary information.

In considering any application, Jesuit Missions will be looking at the desired outcomes and how these outcomes will be achieved. The more concrete the proposals are, the more chance there will be of securing Jesuit Missions' help.

It is important that there be full disclosure about local inputs to the project. Projects with no local inputs and little evident local "ownership" will not have a very high priority. Self-help projects will take priority over those where local people are simply passive recipients of help from outside. As can be seen from the Vision, Mission and Values Statement, Jesuit Missions would like to encourage local empowerment and self-sufficiency.

There should be full disclosure about the contributions of other sponsoring organisations. Jesuit Missions will look at the risk of other agencies dropping out of the project and may make any offer of a grant conditional on other agencies also supporting it. We need to know in advance how the project will be adequately managed and evaluated. Before a grant is made, the applicant needs to show that the money will be spent efficiently and effectively.

## Evaluation

As a condition to receive a grant of any kind from Jesuit Missions, one year after a grant has been made, the project proponent will provide:

- a brief narrative report on how the project has progressed towards its objectives
- a brief accounting of how funds have been spent

Failure to report adequately on how funds have been spent will affect future applications for funding from a given individual or apostolic work.

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