

The Self-Development of People, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church, USA, enters into partnerships with poor, oppressed and disadvantaged people who want to take charge of their lives.

Criteria

The proposal must be owned and controlled by a group of people who are trying to improve their own lives.

The proposal must clearly demonstrate that the proposing group will benefit directly from the proposed project.

The proposal must define how the project will be controlled by the people it is intended to help. The proposal must describe the goal and the objectives of the project.

Funds

There is no fixed limit to the grants given, though they usually do not exceed US\$30,000.

Deadline

Proposals can be submitted at any time.

For more information, contact

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The Ecumenical Church Loan Fund (ECLOF) is a Switzerland based fund incorporated in 1946. Its original mission was to rebuild destroyed and damaged churches in Europe after the Second World War, but since 1971 it has expanded its mission to promoting social justice and self-reliance in so-called developing countries.

ECLOF's two principal objectives are:

- 1) to loan to churches or to institutions that promote the life of the church in cases where other affordable credit sources are not available;
- 2) to make loans to foster human development in general and, in particular, to promote socioeconomic justice and self-reliance for alleviation of poverty.

ECLOF is organized in a number of semi-autonomous local affiliates, the National ECLOF Committees (NEC). These committees establish the local policies and administer the loans locally. All loan application must be presented and reviewed by the NEC's, which also means that ECLOF can not consider loans in countries where it does not have NEC's.

The following countries have NEC's:

- **Africa:** Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
- **Asia:** India, Japan, Myanmar, Philippines, Sri Lanka.
- **Caribbean:** Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, The Dominican Republic.
- **Latin America:** Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay.

ECLOF has two major financial instruments for its lending activities:

- 1) **General Capital** is used to fund churches, church buildings and community infrastructure such as schools, health clinics, etc.
- 2) **Development Capital** is providing loans specifically aimed at combating the root causes of under-development and at promoting social justice and self-reliance. The loans are used to promote the advancement of community either directly through financing for services such as water sanitation, health facilities, vocational schools or indirectly through loans to groups involved in income generating activities such as agriculture, fishing, small-scale industries and trade.

ECLOF is a Christian-based organization, but it is possible for groups of other faiths to apply for loans as long as the project is not a place of worship.

For more information visit www.eclof.org or email ECLOF at eclof@eclof.org



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Here at ARI, we receive many requests from Graduates for information about funding opportunities for projects. Although ARI does not have the ability to fund Graduate Projects ourselves, we want to help you seek other means of funding with the information that passes through our hands. These opportunities mentioned here are only a few of the ones available to you for application. We hope this can give you a good starting place.

International Living Craft Association imports handicrafts from NGOs in developing countries and sells them at local bazaars and churches in Japan, and also by email order catalogue. ILCA sells mostly small items and their finish must be very good. The market in Japan is very sophisticated and this makes selling handmade products difficult.

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The Presbyterian Hunger Program is a small department in the Worldwide Ministries Division of the Presbyterian Church, USA, which gives grants to support religious institutions and secular organizations working against hunger.

Criteria

The proposal must come from an organization. The proposed activity must work to lessen hunger and poverty or to challenge their causes. The proposed activity must benefit poor people, especially women and disadvantaged groups. The people benefiting must be involved in the planning and implementation of the project. The organization must have good working relations with a national church body in its own country. Proposals must be submitted on the appropriate grant application form.

Funds

The maximum grant given is US\$20,000 with the average grant around US\$7,000. This money is for specific activities, which can be completed within one year.

Deadline

Proposals are accepted any time of the year, though it takes about six months to process so early submission is better.

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World Family Fund is a small Ngo in Japan. It is comprised of both Japanese and Foreigners in Tokyo, all giving of their time freely and voluntarily.

From the profits earned by a sister organization to WFF, International Living Craft Association and

from donations, WFF has a fund to support local, and mainly rural, NGOs, orphanages, and schools.

Funds

The small size of WFF enables them to support projects and organizations each with a maximum of US\$1,000 per year.

Deadline

Proposals can be submitted to WFF at any time.

Fellowship of the Least Coin is a group of Christian women from around the world. They offer their least coin to an international fund to be shared with people in special need.

Criteria

The proposal must come from a church related organization. The project must address the upliftment of women in some way. Applications for grants must be submitted on the original forms.

Funds

The FLC gives up around US\$5,000 one time to support a project.

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Tear Fund is an evangelical Christian support agency providing advice, finance, personnel and their assistance to churches and Christian groups enabling them to help meet the spiritual and physical needs of people.

Criteria

The proposal must come from a church or Christian organization. The community must be involved in a project in its origin, in its planning and in its running and management. The project must help people, not structures. The churches or local communities must contribute a portion of the cost from their own resources. The project must have evidence of a plan to completion or eventual self-reliance. Projects must aim to assist the most needy in society and to alleviate the basic causes of need.

For more information, contact

The Overseas Division
Tear Fund
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The Development Programme Fund is a one time development grant of the Christian Conference of Asia. It is designed to assist grass-roots organizations for small-scale socio-economic and environmental protection activities.

Criteria

The proposal must come from an organization. The grant must be used to uplift the quality of life of the poor and marginalized communities.

Funds

A maximum of US\$3,000 may be applied for. The DPF is now being developed as a "LOAN FUND" rather than a "GRANT". The CCA-D&S desk will work closely with the member churches and councils and church related partners to implement the fund.

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