

The Global Fund for Forgotten People

Grant Making Policy

All our grants are made according to our **Grant Making Policy**, which is laid out in this document. It explains what we do and do not fund and gives some guidance to projects applying for support. You can also find more information on our website (www.forgottenpeople.org). If you have any questions, please contact c.devivies@forgottenpeople.org.

INTRODUCTION TO THE GLOBAL FUND FOR FORGOTTEN PEOPLE

The Global Fund for Forgotten People is part of the Order of Malta. Through The Fund, we raise money for a range of our projects which reach out directly to people who would otherwise be forgotten. The Fund raises awareness of and support for particular issues which have fallen under the radar, and which struggle to get public attention.

The Order of Malta

Throughout its history, the Order of Malta has helped the sick and the needy and the disadvantaged – wherever they are and whomever they might be. We have always gone to the places that other people don't go, tackled the issues that others aren't tackling, and helped those that others forget. We have good works all around the world which are helping people who are suffering beneath the surface of modern day attention.

The Global Fund for Forgotten People has been established to work with the Order of Malta to access additional resources to support these projects. It enables individuals, organisations and corporations to contribute to a range of our projects all around the world that are, both individually and collectively, making a real difference to people who would otherwise be forgotten.

Forgotten People

By "Forgotten People", we mean those who, even in our modern world, when the spotlight of attention seems to shine everywhere, are suffering beneath the surface. Perhaps their community is isolated and ignored. Perhaps they suffer from a disease people think has been eliminated. Perhaps they are the victims of an 'unpopular' problem. It is as if they don't exist. No-one seems to see them. No-one has made a cause out of their plight. It can come as a shock to realise there are still so many people, in developed and developing countries alike, that the world has forgotten.

Specific causes identified by the Fund to date include:

- people with neglected diseases
- the elderly, lonely and isolated
- children with parents in prison
- people with disabilities
- the unacknowledged homeless
- displaced people
- mothers and newborns without healthcare
- the marginalised and persecuted

Objectives

- To raise central long-term funding for, and improve the understanding of, the Order's charitable and humanitarian activities
- To deploy the resources of the Order to help the people and causes worldwide which do not attract sufficient public interest

OUR SELECTION CRITERIA

The Global Fund for Forgotten People provides support to a number of the Order's charitable projects across the world which best fit our objectives. We request information on projects in order to determine whether they meet the standards and criteria for funding.

All projects applying to the Fund must (as a minimum):

- ✓ Be owned, controlled or delivered directly by the Order
- ✓ Reach "Forgotten People"
- ✓ Comply with the imperative of the Order to help the sick, the needy and the most disadvantaged in society
- ✓ Have transparent plans, operations and budgets
- ✓ Have available documentation as specified in the application forms e.g. accounts of the managing organisation (externally audited where possible)
- ✓ Meet legal requirements under which the Fund operates

Special consideration will be given to projects which can demonstrate that:

- they are operating in the absence of other agencies.
- only partial and not all funding is being sought from The Global Fund for Forgotten People; other sources might include national associations of the Order or the European Commission.
- the Order has a legacy of humanitarian activity in the project location.

Some consideration has been given to the long term future of the project; this may be an exit strategy including local capacity-building or development of a sustainable income source. We do appreciate that there are cases where the interventions cannot become self-sustaining. Please also note the following:

- Grants to cover volunteer travel are only made in exceptional circumstances and the strong preference of the Fund's Trustees and Directors is to support project costs.
- Grants are not made to individuals.
- Support for staff costs in general is only considered where there is a clear medium term funding strategy in place.

GRANT MAKING PROCEDURE & DETAILS

Size of grants

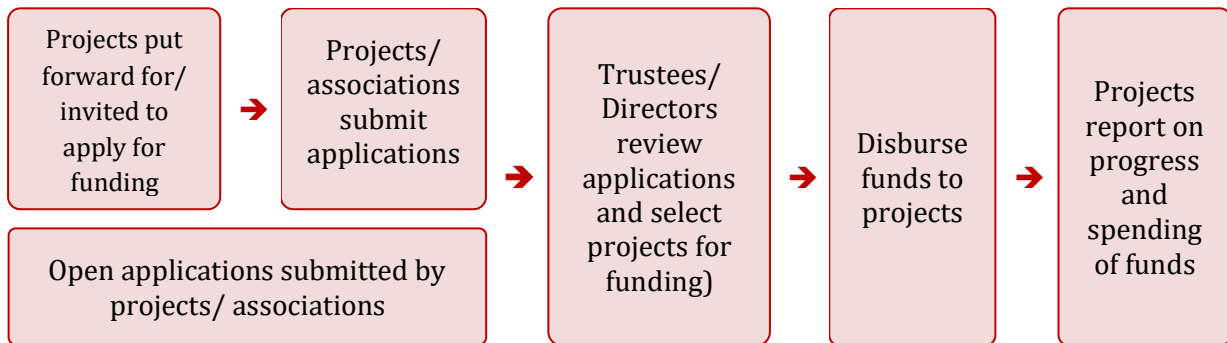
There are two categories of grants: 'small grants', for values between \$500 and \$10,000 per annum, and 'flagship grants', for amounts greater than \$10,000 per annum.

Amounts awarded depend on the amount requested, the scale of the project in question, donors' preferences and the resources available within the Fund. The intention is not to fully fund projects, but to reinforce existing investment of Order resources.

The final decision is made by the Board of Trustees or the Board of Directors as applicable.

Duration of grants

Projects can apply for any length of funding with a maximum of three years. Where more than one year of funding is agreed, it will be subject to an annual review of progress by the Fund and the applicant will need to demonstrate it has met certain agreed criteria before receiving a repeat payment. At the end of the three years, grantees may be invited to resubmit an application for a further three-year period.



The Global Fund runs two grant cycles per year:

1. The first deadline is 7th April for grants to be awarded in June (St John's Grants)
2. The second deadline is 25th September for grants to be awarded in December. (Christmas Grants)

Reporting on progress

All grant recipients will be required to report on their use of any Fund grant. Reporting requirements for flagship grants will be more extensive than those for small grants. A copy of the progress report form can be downloaded from our website, or obtained directly from the International Fund Office.

For all queries on grant applications, please contact c.devivies@forgottenpeople.org.