



# STEWARDSHIP FOUNDATION

## GUIDELINES

1. Grants are made to Christ-centered organizations that share their faith in Jesus in word and deed with others throughout the world.
2. Grants are made to organizations and projects addressing the following programmatic themes: Leadership, Poverty, Justice and Reconciliation, Faith and Discipleship, and Children at Risk.
3. Grants are generally made in support of programs and general operating expenses, and rarely for capital projects. Only organizations with a prior funding relationship with the Foundation are eligible for general operating grants.
4. Grants are made to non-denominational parachurch organizations.
5. Domestically, grants are made to agencies that have a national impact except for local agencies serving the citizens of the Puget Sound area in Western Washington.
6. Grants are generally limited to 10 percent of total operating revenue.
7. Grants are generally for one year's duration. Multiple year requests are considered only when subject to annual review.
8. Grants are made to organizations holding a United States Internal Revenue Service letter verifying public charity 501(c)(3) status.
9. Organizations applying for program funding must practice full control of donated funds, discretion over their use and evaluation of their program's effectiveness.
10. Grants are not made to:
  - Individuals for scholarships or fellowships
  - Endowments
  - Debt reduction
  - Emergency disaster relief
  - Missionary sending organizations
  - Lobbying or influencing elections or legislation
11. Grants are not made to organizations where, because of location or other reasons, the cost of evaluation is out of proportion to the size of the anticipated grant.
12. The Foundation will not participate in conduit fundraising.
13. Organizations are eligible to apply once per year.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Stewardship Foundation provides resources to Christ-centered organizations that share their faith in Jesus in word and deed with others throughout the world.

- **The resources** we share include financial support (primarily through operating and project) and counsel.
- **The people** we serve include the poor, the marginalized, the disadvantaged and those who lack faith in Jesus.
- **The areas** we serve include Puget Sound region, the United States and the Developing World.
- **The programs** we target include Christian leadership, poverty, justice and reconciliation, faith and discipleship, and children at risk.

## **PROGRAMMATIC THEMES**

The Stewardship Foundation will consider grants to organizations who promote:

### **Leadership**

- We support organizations that prepare and train leaders for the church and society.
- The Foundation favors instruction, mentoring and discipleship of indigenous leaders in the least evangelized world.

### **Poverty**

- We support organizations that alleviate urban and rural poverty with a local emphasis on homelessness.
- We support organizations that alleviate urban and rural poverty in the developing world through community development including agriculture, economic, education, health, and water initiatives.

### **Justice and Reconciliation**

- We support organizations involved in intervention and advocacy on behalf of people suffering injustice, oppression and persecution.
- We promote reconciliation and healing in the context of current and historic divisions.

### **Faith and Discipleship**

- We support organizations whose work draws people closer to Christ.
- We support efforts to nurture faith in Christ through genuine, faithful relationships.

### **Children at Risk**

- We support organizations that assist vulnerable children, protecting them from abuse and unfair treatment, helping them to develop and thrive as healthy human beings.