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GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING FOR PROJECTS IN VIETNAM

The Vietnam Foundation is a non-profit, non government, humanitarian organisation based in Sydney, Australia.

The Foundation aims to give a helping hand to the poor and disadvantaged in Vietnam, especially those living in rural and remote areas.

The Foundation accepts direct applications from individuals, community groups and organisations for financial support for their projects in rural Vietnam.

Areas of support

The proposed projects must fall within the following broad objectives of the Foundation:

- To facilitate economic development of or to encourage self-sufficient settlement in rural areas.
- To improve education, health, sanitation, economic and social living conditions of the poor and underprivileged.
- To create job opportunities or to increase food production.
- To introduce knowledge and technology which bring benefits to a large section of the rural population.
- To construct school or medical centres or to procure medical and teaching equipment and facilities.
- To finance education programs which promote birth control, disease prevention, sanitation, healthy lifestyle and conservation of natural resources and the environment.
- To provide scholarships for poor children or for trainee teachers and health workers in remote areas.
- To provide financial assistance or low-interest loans to the needy so that they can establish small business to be self-sufficient and improve their living conditions.

Selection criteria

Projects are to be assessed according to the following criteria:

- The objective of the project conforms to the objectives of the Foundation
- The project has high likelihood to succeed.
- The project meets the highest, urgent needs of the beneficiaries.
- The project has well supported data and is well designed.

Priorities will be given to projects that:

- Have the capacity to become self-sustaining
- Have measurable results
- Make a lasting impact.
- Bring benefits to a large number of people
- Involve the active participation of local communities or target beneficiaries
- Have itemised costs that can be easily verified.

Size of grants

In general, grants for each project will be at a maximum of AUD 30,000 per annum, for a maximum of 3 years.

However more costly projects, which have the potential to generate income and/or attract wide public financial backing, will also be considered.

Grants larger than AUD 20,000 are generally disbursed in instalments. Each instalment will be AUD 10,000 maximum.

Other conditions

- Grant recipients will be required to sign a Grant Agreement before payment is made.
- Details of all grants provided by the Foundation will be made public
- Grant recipients must provide a final report on the project's outcomes within three months of the project's conclusion. The report may be used in the Foundation's publications and promotional materials.
- During the course of the project, the representative of the Foundation may visit the project site.
- Not more than 15 per cent of the grant may be spent on overhead/administration costs.

Examples of past projects supported by the Foundation

- Installation of Solar lighting systems for isolated schools and health centres
- Awarding of scholarships to students whose studies were disrupted by crop failures
- Provision of free corrective surgery for disabled children
- Pilot studies to use Vetiver Grass technology for wave erosion control.
- Provision of cattle, micro-credits and training on integrated farming to poor farmers
- Construction of primary schools, kindergartens, orphanages and medical centres
- Construction of bridges in rural areas
- Donation of recycled bicycles to poor students in remote rural locations

Please visit the www.vietnamfoundation.org.au website for details about the projects that have been supported.

Applications

To apply for funding, please use the Project Funding Application form and provide essential information as requested on the form.