



## WCRC Partnership Fund Criteria

### General Requirements

1. Applications for funding may be made by:
  - a) WCRC member churches
  - b) Regional groupings of member churches
  - c) WCRC area councils
  - d) WCRC networks or programme offices
2. Applications must include a written narrative description of the project as well as a detailed financial budget (see application form).
3. Applications will not be processed until a previous project has been completed and formally closed off.

*This rule does not apply to emergency aid applications.*

4. The grant for a project shall not normally exceed CHF 30,000 (Swiss francs).

*Exceptionally, the WCRC Partnership Fund committee may authorize a higher grant.*
5. A local financial contribution of at least 20 per cent of the total cost of the project is normally expected.
6. When funding has been approved, the grant for the project will be transferred:
  - a) Member churches: to the account of the church.
  - b) Regional groupings of member churches: to the account of the church that is taking the lead in the application.
  - c) WCRC area councils: to the account of the area council.
  - d) WCRC networks or programme offices: through the WCRC's internal accounting.

*No exception can be made to this rule.*

7. *Emergency aid:* a grant of CHF10,000 (Swiss francs) will be given for emergency aid, for example, in the case of an earthquake.

*This applies whether a church has a normal project running or not.*

A report about how the grant was spent must be submitted within six months upon reception of the grant.

8. *Reporting and accounting:* A narrative report and an audited financial statement must be submitted within two months of completing of the project.

*An application for a new project will be considered only if the final report and financial statement for the previous project have been received and approved.*

## **Criteria for Category "A" Projects**

The following projects are eligible for funding in Category "A".

1. A small development project:
  - a) To support groups that are socio-economically disadvantaged
  - b) To promote self-help by such groups
  - c) To improve living conditions of disadvantaged people in rural areas or urban slums
2. A training project:
  - a) To train people for specific purposes, for example, leadership training in the prevention of HIV/Aids
  - b) To train young people or women, for example, literacy training
3. A human rights project:
  - a) To respond to violations of human rights by providing legal assistance, advocacy and pastoral accompaniment
  - b) To provide direct legal and moral assistance to prisoners
  - c) To support refugee and rehabilitation programmes
  - d) To enhance the sharing of expertise and experience among member churches and organisations in the defence of human rights
4. An educational, environmental, health or media project.
5. A project to promote peace or reconciliation of divisions within a nation or region.
6. A project to enhance the effectiveness of one or more member churches in difficult or hostile circumstances.
7. A small building project.

*Note: project funding is normally limited to CHF30,000.*
8. An emergency response project, for example, responding to floods, earthquakes.

*Note: emergency aid is limited to CHF10,000.*

## **Criteria for Category "B" Projects**

1. The project strengthens the witness of one or more member churches.
2. The project provides leadership development or training for ministers and lay people with regard to ministerial duties.
3. The project promotes cooperation among member churches in a geographic region.
4. The project helps one or more member churches to increase their knowledge of the Reformed tradition and its application in their witness today.