



BIBLELANDS' GRANT-MAKING POLICY

1 OUR PURPOSE

BibleLands was established in 1854 as the Turkish Missions' Aid Society and for over 150 years has been involved in Christian ministry in the Middle East. Today we are primarily a grant-making body, supporting Christian social ministry in the lands of the Bible. Our vision and mission is as follows:

"BibleLands seeks to improve the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the Middle East. We do this in partnership with local Christians, focusing on education, healthcare and community development."

Our support is provided through financial grants for programmes and projects run by local Christian partners.

2 OUR REGION

The geographic area in which we work is limited to the lands of the Bible, and we concentrate on the following countries:

- Israel and Palestine (West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Gaza)
- Egypt
- Lebanon

3 OUR PRIORITIES

Our focus is on helping the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in society, irrespective of their faith. Our current priority areas are the disabled or those suffering from restricted access to healthcare, vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young adults and those suffering from the effects of conflict.

4 OUR REQUIREMENTS

Although we encourage work which benefits all members of the community, whatever their faith, our calling is only to support projects which, in their implementation, are clearly Christian-led and inspired, and which are seen, by their nature and presentation, to reinforce the local Christian presence. We will therefore require evidence:

- a. That the organisation/project has Christian leadership, whether at board or executive level; and
- b. That the organisation/project demonstrates its Christian inspiration, for example through an appropriately worded statement of faith or mission statement, or through an organic link with a local indigenous church or membership of an appropriate ecumenical body.

We also require all our partners to enter into a partnership agreement which will clearly state our shared, common Christian mission as the basis for the work we are doing in partnership. As an inter-denominational organisation, we do not show preference between any of the mainstream Christian denominations or groups.

The work must be implemented directly by the partner organisation which receives the funds and which is accountable to us. There should be no discrimination by projects in respect of the recipients/beneficiaries of their work on religious, ethnic or other grounds except where specified by the nature of the project.

5 ADMINISTRATION & REPORTS

Successful applicants will be required to:

- enter into a partnership agreement with BibleLands
- administer the grant in accordance with the purpose for which it is given
- submit a copy of their annual, externally audited accounts to BibleLands
- submit reports to BibleLands showing how the grant has been used and giving information on the difference it has made in the lives of the beneficiaries.

6 MONITORING & EVALUATION

Grants will be agreed for a specified period and will be subject to review and evaluation.

Follow-up visits can be expected from BibleLands' staff or trustees to ensure that the grant has been used appropriately and effectively.

7 APPLICATION PROCESS & TIMETABLE

Initial enquiries can be made by e-mail or in writing. For new partners and projects, a shortened application form should be completed to summarise the key features of the grant application, and the project's compliance with our vision and mission. If this is accepted in principle, then a longer application form will need to be submitted. This ensures that we have all the information we need to make a funding decision. Grants are not normally made without someone from BibleLands visiting the project.

Applications can be submitted at any time. If eligible, they will (depending on the amount requested) either be agreed by the management of BibleLands or referred to one of the regular meetings of the BibleLands trustees.

8 ENQUIRIES & APPLICATIONS

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