

# BIBLELANDS' GRANT-MAKING POLICY

## 1 OUR PURPOSE

BibleLands was established in 1854 and over the last 155 years has pursued a number of different ministries. Today we are primarily a grant-making body, supporting Christian social ministry in the lands of the Bible. Our charitable objectives, as set out in our constitution, are currently under review by trustees. They state:

*"BibleLands exists to support the local Christian groups in the lands of the Bible, dedicated to fulfilling the compassionate Ministry of Christ. Our calling is to encourage work for the welfare of children, young people and others in need, with an emphasis on health and education."*

Our support is provided through financial grants to local partners, which may be for one-off projects or for regular revenue support.

## 2 BENEFICIAL AREAS

Our geographical area of support is limited to the lands of the Bible and we concentrate on the following countries:

- Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory
- Egypt
- Lebanon

## 3 OUR PRIORITIES

Areas of preference in the type of work we fund are: education, healthcare, social care, disability and other special needs, support and care of refugees and vocational and adult training. Our focus in these areas is particularly on children and the poor and disadvantaged.

## 4 OUR REQUIREMENTS

Work supported must have leadership from a local Christian group, organisation or individuals. As an ecumenical and inter-denominational organisation, we do not show preference between any of the mainstream, Trinitarian Christian denominations or groups.

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 e.g. Refuge Egypt is specifically for Sudanese refugees; the Helen Keller Centre is specifically for children with a visual impairment etc.

## 5 EXCLUSIONS

Grants will not be made to individuals except in the following circumstances:

- People who undertake a course of study which will be of benefit to a qualifying project. The recipient must agree to return to the project for a specified length of time so that the project can benefit from their training/study;
- Exceptional assistance to key project staff.

## **6 ADMINISTRATIVE & REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Successful applicants will be required to:

- administer the grant or grants appropriately in accordance with the purpose for which it is given.
- submit a copy of their annual, audited accounts to BibleLands
- submit reports to BibleLands outlining how the grant has been used and giving some indication of its effect on the project's beneficiaries. The number and regularity of the reports will depend on whether the grant made is in respect of capital or revenue expenditure.

## **7 EVALUATION/MONITORING**

Revenue grants will be agreed for a specified period, after which, they will be subject to review and evaluation.

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

## **8 APPLICATION PROCESS & TIMETABLE**

Initial enquiries can be made by e-mail or in writing.

Formal applications must be made in English using BibleLands' application forms, which are available upon request. This ensures that we have all the information we need to make a funding decision.

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.

## **9 ENQUIRIES & APPLICATIONS TO:**

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