

International Peacemakers' Fund

Application Guidance Notes for 2021

Please complete the associated application form and send to office@for.org.uk by Thursday 7th January 2021 with the subject 'IPF Application for 2021'. The projects need to start after 1st April 2021.

Background

The Fellowship of Reconciliation's (FoR) International Peacemakers' Fund (IPF) was created to provide financial support to international communities: experiencing violent conflict; in a process of recovery after the cessation of violent conflict; in which violent conflict is likely to start. Priority is given to projects in keeping with the aims and values of FoR. Projects must therefore be committed to organizing for nonviolent social change, and utilise the methodology and principles of active nonviolence, conflict transformation, and systemic peacebuilding to work for justice and reconciliation. In 2021 the IPF can offer no more than between £2,000-£4,000 towards a project and would wish to see this contribution make a clear difference to the project finances.

Selection Process

1. Please read our selection criteria carefully before making your application.
2. On receipt of your application the clerk of the IPF will contact you to acknowledge its receipt and elicit further information if required.
3. All applications will be reviewed by the IPF Committee in January 2021.
4. All applications will be presented to the Board of Trustees in February or March of 2021, including the nomination(s) from the IPF Committee. Trustees will make a final decision at the meeting.
5. All applicants will be informed of the result by the 1st April 2021.

Please note the following exclusions – what we *do not* fund

1. Individuals, including travel bursaries, study, and overseas payments
2. Academic Research
3. Capital Projects (e.g. building projects, land purchase, etc.)
4. International agencies and overseas appeals
5. General humanitarian relief projects, e.g. provision of food or medical aid
6. The same organisation two years in succession.

Selection Criteria

1. **Project Focus:** What is/are the specific area(s) of community work and development that the project is seeking to address? This will help FoR approach other UK-based charities on the applicant's behalf who specialise in that area of work. Priority is given to those applications that can clearly demonstrate the use of the principles and strategies of Active Nonviolence and peace-making.

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2. **Project Beneficiaries:** Applicants must clearly demonstrate who the beneficiaries of the project are, in terms of geographical location; age; gender; economic circumstances, etc.; and a plan to publicise and market the project in the selected community. You must be clear about: who will benefit from the project; how will the project seek the participation of the community; which members of the community will benefit; how will participants be selected?
3. **Community-based Projects:** Priority will be given to local peacemakers working at the grassroots level within the communities experiencing conflict, who otherwise may find it difficult to raise funds from other sources.
4. **Strengthening Capacity:** Priority will be given to applicants who are looking to train others as trainers, applicants who support development workers in communities, i.e. priority will be given to projects that maximise their impact capacity.
5. **Core Costs:** Projects must include provision for core costs that support the applicant organisation as a whole.
6. **Faith Perspective:** The IPF supports organisations both religious and secular, however it is keen to support organisations who pursue peace from a faith perspective.
7. **SMART Objectives:** Projects must demonstrate SMART Objectives
Specific – objectives should specify what they want to achieve.
Measurable – you must be able to monitor your project effectively to be clear whether your objectives have been met.
Achievable – make sure your objectives are clear and achievable.
Realistic – you must be properly resourced to attain your objectives
Time – when do you want to achieve your objectives? Have you left enough time?
8. **Other funders:** While priority is given to smaller community-based projects that find it difficult to raise funds, if you have raised funds from other sources please let us know – particularly if an IPF grant is being requested to supplement a larger, costlier project. Inform us if an IPF grant enables you to complete a funding target and provide the financial resources to begin peace-building.
9. **Strategic Partners:** Priority will be given to projects that can demonstrate they are engaging with the community through a variety of local partners – particularly working ecumenically with local churches, interfaith groups, other NGO's and, where possible, in partnership with local government.
10. **International Fellowship of Reconciliation:** the awarding organisation is a member of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation and looks favourably on applications from its branch members and affiliates. The IPF grants awards to all organisations and is not restricted to IFOR branch members and affiliates.
11. **Project Start Date:** your Project must start after 1st April 2021. If it does not end in 2021 you need to be clear of the project duration in your application, including how it is to be resourced beyond 2021.
12. **Safeguarding:** your organisation must have policies that ensure your projects participants can be safe from harm in any way.

Evaluation and Monitoring

Successful applicants must return an **Evaluation Report** at least 2 A4 pages in length, for return within two months of the project completion date. If a more detailed evaluation report is already being produced for the project you will need to send FoR a copy of your evaluation procedures along with the report upon completion. In addition to the evaluation report we require a copy of the **Financial Accounts** for the project and **Personal Stories** of those who have benefitted from the peace-making. **Photographs** of project delivery, from all environments, are **essential**.

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