

Caribbean Conference of Churches
HIV/AIDS Seed Fund Programme

Goal

To *strengthen the* Faith-based response to HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean

Purpose

To support existing activities or stimulate new initiatives to combat HIV/AIDS by Faith-based Organisations in Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago through the provision of grants to enable or assist in the implementation or strengthening of suitable projects.

Criteria

In order to qualify for a grant, projects should aim to:

1. Inform, educate or increase the knowledge and awareness of groups, communities or populations at risk or affected by HIV/AIDS in order to:
 - (a) **Encourage behaviour change** to prevent the spread of the disease,
 - (b) combat mis-information about the disease, or
 - (c) reduce the stigma and discrimination and other negative attitudes displayed towards PLWAs,
2. Provide counseling, care and support services, or
3. Communicate appropriate messages of behaviour change

Projects would also be appraised on the basis of the following criteria:

- technical design
- sustainability of impact
- implementation plan
- Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Plans
- The Organisation's management and coordination capacity
- Program Team
- Cost effectiveness, and
- Feasibility

For more detailed information on these criteria, see Appendix 1c – Criteria for Project Appraisal - supplied with the Project Application Form/Format.

N.B.: i) Grants will not exceed US\$8,500.00 per project in total. ***In rare and special circumstances the Seed Fund Committee can use their discretion to increase the grant.***

ii) Funds will not be provided for the construction and furnishing of buildings or to meet recurrent administrative costs.

iii) Projects must have a duration of not more than 6 months.*****

iv) Applications must reach the Office of the Regional Coordinator no later than October 31st 2005

Submission of Applications

i) Applications should comprise a request letter with a signature and/or printed name of the contact person and position he/she holds within the Organisation to facilitate the determination of authenticity) along with a project proposal, prepared using the Application Form or following the Format provided.

ii) Applications should be submitted in writing, typed or sent electronically (i.e. by e-mail or on diskette) to:

The Regional Coordinator
HIV/AIDS Programme
Caribbean Conference of Churches
#8 Gallus Street
P.O.Box 876
Port of Spain
Trinidad & Tobago

iii) A copy of the completed application should also be submitted to the respective Sub-regional HIV/AIDS Programme Officer using one of the following addresses:

(a) ***The Programme Officer, HIV/AIDS***
Caribbean Conference of Churches
#8 Gallus Street
P.O.Box 876
Port of Spain
Trinidad & Tobago
e-mail: ccchq@tstt.net.tt

(b) ***The Programme Officer, HIV/AIDS***

Caribbean Conference of Churches
Bishopgate Street
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(c) ***The Programme Officer, HIV/AIDS***

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