

Social Justice Funding Guidelines

Overall Goal

The SJF has a mandate to support and fund anti-poverty initiatives in Canada that:

- promote social justice through actions aimed at social, human and economic development;
- include PSAC membership involvement at the community level; and
- raise awareness of the root causes of poverty and social injustice.

Project Proposals

Project proposals must demonstrate how the proposed activities will achieve the SJF objectives by:

- promoting transformation and/or changes in social, economic and political causes of poverty,
- attacking the root causes of poverty,
- enabling the poor and the general public to become more aware of the causes of and the problems arising from poverty, and
- facilitating the involvement of union members in community issues.

Funding Objectives

To fund anti-poverty initiatives:

- whose goal is to attack and seek to overcome the causes of poverty and injustices;
- whose activities encourage community participation that will give low-income people more control over their own lives;
- whose activities seek to give low-income people better information and resource tools with which they can pursue their own education as to the nature and causes of poverty;
- that seeks community based economic development through alternate models (such as co-operatives, non-profit or worker-controlled corporations, etc.); and
- that promote the Make Poverty History Campaign

Guidelines or Partnership

- Groups must have a membership that is mostly low-income.
- Groups must follow a democratic process in their decision-making.
- Groups must include an educational and advocacy component.
- Groups should demonstrate that they have other sources of financing and are not dependent on the SJF funding
- Groups should generally not be recipients of corporate donations

Funding Criteria

Funding applications to the Social Justice Fund will be considered based on the following criteria:

- The activity must be planned and implemented by the group.
- The initiative must promote the goals of the Make Poverty History Campaign.
- Activities should provide ways of allowing participants (both staff and group members) to evaluate, on a regular basis, the progress the group is making in reaching its stated objectives.
- Groups should agree on a reporting formula that is mutually acceptable.
- Activities should facilitate and encourage cooperation, exchange and networking among groups sharing similar objectives.
- Activities should seek community and union participation wherever possible, in the form of human resources, in-kind contributions, sponsorship of events.
- Grants of \$500 to \$2,500 will be made available to projects that are approved by the SJF Steering Committee.
- Projects will need to cover a minimum requirement of three months to one year of duration.
- Funding for economic activities may assist groups to do feasibility studies, to acquire seed money, and to facilitate the group in getting access to capital and operational funding, other than SJF funds, for such activities.

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Project Proposal Application Form

Name of Organization _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Contact Person _____

Position _____

Goal of the organization _____

Status: Non-profit _____ charity _____ other _____

Name of Sponsoring Organization (if grant seeker is not incorporated)

Name of Project _____

Amount of funding requested (Minimum \$500 to Maximum \$2,500):

Other funding Sources: _____

Person in charge of project _____

Objectives of the project:

Activities Planned

How many people will benefit from the project? Who will be involved?

Duration & Timeline:

Expected outcome:

How will you measure impact?

Are you members of the Make Poverty History Campaign? Are you involved in any advocacy work? In what way?
