



JESUIT FUND FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Fund Criteria

www.jesuit.org.uk/fund-social-justice

INTRODUCTION

Please read these criteria before making an application to the Jesuit Fund for Social Justice (JFSJ). An application can be made for any need which meets the criteria of the JFSJ - this can be a new initiative or developing a work already established. The funding required may be a one-off payment or ongoing over a period, not to exceed three years. Funding requests will be referred to as “projects” throughout these criteria and the application form.

Application Forms can be downloaded from www.jesuit.org.uk/fund-social-justice and should be sent by e-mail to: jfsj@jesuit.org.uk.

Closing dates for applications are 1st February, 1st June, and 1st October.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The Jesuit Fund for Social Justice is available:

- i. First, to anyone who is connected with the Society of Jesus in Britain; either Jesuits themselves or those who work with the Society through schools, parishes, spirituality centres, volunteering, social ministry, etc.
- ii. Secondly, the JFSJ is interested in supporting projects that seek to live out a faith that does justice in Britain – this could be in association with other religious orders, university chaplaincies, diocesan initiatives, etc.

THE AIM OF THE FUND

- JFSJ is inspired by the Catholic Church's social teaching and the commitment to social justice made by the Society of Jesus.
- These strongly urge social action that is based on Christian faith and ethical reflection.
- Projects supported by JFSJ must be linked with the social mission of the Roman Catholic Church.
- The Church's mission today may well be exercised in an ecumenical or inter-faith venture or in collaboration with agencies which are not religious.

The fundamental aim is to facilitate and encourage social action projects and initiatives directed to address the pressing issues of poverty, injustice and discrimination in Britain today. The fund has special concern for projects supporting those living on the margins and the peripheries of society.



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OUR CRITERIA

JFSJ supports projects and initiatives which address poverty and injustice in Britain. We will assess applications to the Fund by the following three criteria. At least **one** must apply to your project:

- (a) The project offers accompaniment of poor people or direct service to them.
- (b) People who participate in the project will grow in their awareness of the demands of 'a faith that does justice'.
- (c) The project seeks to challenge the causes of deprivation, injustice and discrimination.

Having identified applications which qualify according to the criteria above, we would hope to see **some or all** of the following:

- (d) A project in harmony with the ideals of the Society of Jesus and in relationship with an existing Jesuit work or community.
- (e) A project that helps to empower participants to positive action beyond the life of the project.
- (f) A project that attempts to address the causes of poverty as well as its effects e.g. through advocacy or education.
- (g) A project that encourages the participation of beneficiaries in achieving its aims.
- (h) A project that promotes solidarity among all those associated with it.
- (i) A project which directly benefits those on the outermost peripheries of society.
- (j) A project which encourages intergenerational connectedness.

HOW MUCH DO WE GIVE?

JFSJ makes grants of up to £5,000, and often less than that. Only very occasionally do we give more. We rarely fund salaries or core organisational costs. The majority of grants awarded will be one-off for a single year. Occasionally JFSJ will consider multiple-year grants, up to a maximum of three years.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Application Forms can be downloaded from the JFSJ website at www.jesuit.org.uk/fund-social-justice. Completed applications must be sent by email to: jfsj@jesuit.org.uk. A budget detailing how you propose to spend the JFSJ grant on must be supplied.

The JFSJ Committee meets three times a year and decisions are usually made within six weeks of the application deadline.

Occasionally the JFSJ Committee may contact you for further information or clarification ahead of their meeting. If the project warrants it, we may ask to see a safeguarding policy or statement prior to making an award. Applicants will be notified by e-mail if their application has been successful or not. We are sorry we are unable to offer any feedback on applications.

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