

Church Association for Sudan & South Sudan ('CASSS')

FUNDING CRITERIA

In considering any applications for grant funding from CASSS, the trustees will use the following criteria to assess whether a grant should be made:

- the application must be from a recognised charitable organisation (e.g. one that is governed either by a Synod or a Board of Trustees)
- the aims and objectives of the grant application must be clearly expressed in writing
- the purpose of the grant application must either:
 - support the work of the Episcopal Church of Sudan ('ECS') or the Episcopal Church of South Sudan ('ECSS'); or,
 - serve the wider purposes of the ECS or the ECSS (e.g. training of pastors to serve ECS or ECSS in another country or the delivery of relief to ECS or ECSS parishes by another organisation)
- the purpose of the grant application must fit with the charitable purposes of CASSS and be in line with the strategy agreed by the trustees (details can be made available on request)
- the application must include a budget or some description of cost against expected income against which we can see how the contribution from CASSS fits.
- the application must be signed or (in the case of an e-mail submission have other evidence of authorisation) by an approved person (e.g. the Archbishop or Provincial Secretary in the case of Provincial applications, the Diocesan Bishop for applications from a Diocese or, in the case of other organisations, the Executive Director)
- the application must include an outline plan that demonstrates how it is intended to achieve the aims and objectives of the project and provide evidence of an awareness of potential risks that could derail the project and how those risks will be mitigated
- the application must include evidence as to how sustainable the initiative is once CASSS funding has come to an end and make a clear distinction between capital (one-off) costs and recurrent costs that will repeat in successive annual budgets. CASSS funding may be given to support a five-year budget but will normally be on a tapering basis to encourage sustainability following the ending of funding. A commitment of longer than five years will not normally be made.
- There must be evidence of:
 - the security of account into which funds will be received
 - an indication of how the use of the funds will be accounted for
 - an intention to provide regular reports that demonstrate the impact of the funding and not just activity

In addition, it should be noted that the trustees of CASSS will seek to balance disbursing funds across Sudan and South Sudan. Any funds disbursed to in Internal Province will be counted as part of the allocation for the whole Province. We would suggest that there needs to be some reporting framework within ECSS so that all parts of the ECSS know where funding is going. CASSS is not responsible for determination of funding priorities in ECS & ECSS but reserves the right to question how requests fit within a long term strategy, and with an equitable approach within ECS & ECSS