

Grant Resources

for Civil Society Organizations



The World Bank's purpose is to reduce poverty and improve living standards for people in the developing world. The Bank provides loans, policy advice based on economic and sector analytical work, technical assistance, and increasingly, knowledge-sharing services to governments.

The World Bank acknowledges the importance of the engagement of civil society in development. There are a few facilities or programs that provide grants to civil society organizations. This is a list of grant resources from the World Bank sources that are available to qualified organizations. This list is not comprehensive and is subject to change. Interested applicants should check the website for updated information before sending a proposal as application guidelines, criteria, and deadlines vary and may change.



For more information on the World Bank, see the website www.worldbank.org. The link to "NGOs and civil society" provides information on the Bank and other useful external links for these groups.

The website www1.worldbank.org/prem/askus.htm provides quick access to Bank information and resources on development issues of interest to the global development community. For questions on development issues, refer to the World Bank Sectoral/Topical Help Desks and Advisory Services listed on this site.

Before you submit an application...

RESEARCH THE /GRANT PROGRAM you are interested in to learn more about application deadlines, procedures and criteria. Be sure your organization can meet all the requirements.

DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS with related local, national and regional organizations.

DOCUMENT AND DEMONSTRATE your organizations' qualifications and experience relevant to the program's activities.

This list has been prepared by the Small Grants Program, NGO and Civil Society Unit, Social Development Department.

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- Robert S. McNamara Fellowships Program
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- Global Development Network (GDN)
- infoDev Conference Scholarship Fund (iCSF)

Capacity Building

PARTNERSHIP FOR CAPACITY BUILDING IN AFRICA (PACT)

What activities does the program fund?

Strengthening indigenous human capital and institutions to address the problem of inadequate capacity for development in sub-Saharan Africa; improving the public sector and its interface with the private sector and civil society to enhance good governance and sustainable development.

Who is eligible? African NGOs, governments and private sector organizations in public-private-civil society partnerships

How to apply? Implemented by African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), Harare, Zimbabwe. Apply directly to ACBF, 7th Floor Southampton Life Centre, Corner Second Street and Jason Moyo Avenue, P.O.Box 1562, Harare, Zimbabwe.

Website: www.acbf-pact.org

World Bank Unit: Public Sector Reform and Capacity Building



Education

PRESTON MEMORIAL FUND FOR GIRLS EDUCATION

What activities does the program fund?

Improving the quality of girls' primary school education by building primary schools; paying school fees and staff salaries; buying uniforms; providing room and board, books, classroom furniture and laboratory equipment; role modeling, coaching and career counseling; promoting scientific careers; and providing community education to promote girls' enrollment and retention.

Who is eligible? Schools, teacher training and curriculum programs, locally-based community organizations, non-governmental organizations, local women's associations and women's rights organizations, and coalitions focused on the issue of girls education.

How to apply? Proposals should detail the specific challenges to girls' access to education to be addressed by the project, and outline the project strategy and long-term plan for financial and program sustainability. More information on the program and how to apply are available on the Global Fund for Women website.

Website: www.globalfundforwomen.org

World Bank Unit: The Preston Fund was established in memory of Lewis Preston (former President of the World Bank) with funds from J.P. Morgan & Co., the World Bank, the Dutch government, and many institutional and individual donors. The Global Fund for Women administers the Preston Education Fund for Girls. (Global Fund for Women, 1375 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California 94109, USA)

Environment

CRITICAL ECOSYSTEMS PARTNERSHIP FUND (CEPF)

What activities does the program fund? Creating strategic alliances for a comprehensive, coordinated approach to conservation challenges; managing protected areas and coordinating biodiversity corridors; training; transboundary planning; encouraging local dialogue with extractive industries; engaging in conflict resolution; priority setting and consensus building; strengthening indigenous organizations and facilitating partnerships between the private sector and protected areas.

Who is eligible? Civil society organizations, NGOs, community groups and private-sector partners in the biodiversity conservation field. Projects must be within a biodiversity hotspot in a developing country that has ratified the Convention on Biological Diversity. Hotspots are: Caucasus, Atlantic Forest Region, Cape Floristic Province, Chocó—Darién—Western Ecuador, Brazilian Cerrado, Central Chile, Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya, Guinean Forests of West Africa, Mountains of South-Central China, Indo-Burma, Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands, Mesoamerica, Philippines, Polynesia/Micronesia, Succulent Karoo, Sundaland, Tropical Andes, Wallacea, Western Ghats and Sri Lanka, parts of the Caribbean, parts of the Mediterranean.

How to apply? Information and application materials are available on the CEPF website.

Website: www.cepf.net

World Bank Unit: A joint initiative of Conservation International, the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the Environment Department of the World Bank.

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY NGO SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM (GEF/SGP)

What activities does the program fund?

Addressing local problems related to biodiversity loss, climate change, and degradation of international waters: community-based assessment and planning; pilot activities demonstrating innovative community-level approaches to global environmental problems; technical assistance and training focused on developing community and NGO capacities; program monitoring and analysis; dissemination, networking, and policy dialogue.

Who is eligible? National and local environmental NGOs and community-based organizations. To be eligible for GEF/SGP support, projects must fit the GEF/SGP country strategy and eligibility criteria, and be consistent with the Operational Strategy and relevant Operational Programs established by the GEF (see SGP website).

How to apply? Contact the GEF national coordinator in your country or: Global Manager, United Nations Development Program (UNDP) - GEF Small Grants Programme, 304 East 45th Street, FF-1610, NY, NY 10017

Website: www.undp.org/sgp and www.gefweb.org

World Bank Unit: The program is administered by UNDP. Implementing agencies are World Bank, UNDP and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY MEDIUM-SIZED PROJECTS (GEF MSP)

What activities does the program fund?

Projects under \$1 million in the GEF priority areas of biological diversity, climate change, international waters, and depletion of the ozone layer.

Who is eligible? NGOs, CSOs, governments, academic institutions, private sector organizations who meet GEF criteria

How to apply? Develop and submit project concept paper for preliminary review by one of three implementing agencies (World Bank, UNDP, or UNEP). The GEF focal point in each eligible country must endorse the MSP at the time of approval. Project proposers should get GEF focal point support for their MSP from its concept stage. Application procedures and information available on GEF website.

Website: www.worldbank.org/gef

World Bank Unit: GEF Coordination Unit, Environment Department

CASPIAN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM PRIORITY INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO PROJECT (CEP-PIPP)

What activities does the program fund?

Developing priority investment projects to address transboundary environmental issues in five Caspian littoral countries (Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakstan, Russia and Turkmenistan). The Matched Small Grants component supports implementation of demonstration or pilot projects for small-scale investment projects that result in protection and sustainable management of vulnerable ecosystems and biological resources of the Caspian region. Priorities include prevention and mitigation of industrial pollution and recovery of sturgeon stocks and habitat.

Who is eligible? NGOs, government and private sector organizations from Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakstan, Russia and Turkmenistan

How to apply? Grants awarded based on compliance with program criteria. Requires 100% matching of grant funds by the applicant (up to 50% may be in-kind goods and services). Information on application procedures will be available on the CEP website. The Project Coordination Unit (PCU) in Baku, Azerbaijan will manage the project. Email address for the PCU: Kabdullayev@caspian.in-baku.com or Dstewart@caspian.in-baku.com.

Website: www.caspianenvironment.org.

World Bank Unit: Europe and Central Asia Region -- Social Sector Development Network

MEDITERRANEAN ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PILOT NGO SMALL GRANTS FACILITY (METAP SGF)

What activities does the program fund?

Reducing the effects of environmental degradation in the Mediterranean region through small-scale innovative activities initiated by community-based NGOs. The SGF is active in Turkey and Lebanon, where grants are being disbursed, as well as Algeria and Jordan.

Who is eligible? Community-based environmental NGOs in Turkey, Algeria, Jordan or Lebanon (grants for existing funds have already been made for Turkey and Lebanon)

How to apply? Contact the Bank Country Office for Algeria and Jordan, or the UNDP Resident Missions in these four countries for information

Website: Go to main World Bank website (www.worldbank.org); under Countries and Regions, select Middle East and North Africa Region. From Topics and Sectors, select Environment, then click on Mediterranean Environmental Technical Assistance Project.

World Bank Unit: The SGF is implemented jointly by UN Resident Missions in the four countries and the World Bank Rural Development, Water and Environment Group, Middle East and North Africa Region.

MANAGING THE ENVIRONMENT LOCALLY IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA (MELISSA)

What activities does the program fund?

Facilitating the acquisition, the absorption, and the dissemination of decentralized environmental management knowledge in Sub-Saharan Africa through participatory action learning, capacity building and networking: facilitating partnership for effective local environmental governance.

Who is eligible? Local organizations and decentralized structures: Urban and rural municipalities; provincial and regional departments, Community-Based Organizations, Non Governmental Organizations, cooperatives, youth groups, women organizations, farmers' groups, school development associations, health committees, research and training institutions. Request proposals submitted in partnership are strongly encouraged.

How to apply? Apply directly by sending your request proposal to: the MELISSA Program Coordinator, World Bank Office in South Africa, PO Box 12629, Hatfield 0028 Pretoria, South Africa. Tel. +27-12-349 2994, Fax +27-12-349 2080, E-mail: melissa@melissa.org. Application Guidelines for MELISSA support are available from the Program web site (See URL below) and from the Program Coordination Unit (see address above).

Website: www.melissa.org

World Bank (managing) Unit: Environment and Social Sector Unit - Africa Region (AFTES).

PILOT PROGRAM TO CONSERVE THE BRAZILIAN RAIN FOREST

What activities does the program fund?

Helping community groups obtain information; participate in formulation of policies; contribute to the design of the program; and exchange ideas through two coalitions of NGOs: the Amazon Working Group (GTA) and the Atlantic Forest Network (RMA).

Who is eligible? Brazilian NGOs and community organizations experienced in locally-based efforts to conserve the Brazilian rain forest

How to apply? More information about the program is available in the program website and the World Bank Country Office in Brasilia, Brazil.

Website: www.worldbank.org/rfpp. A list of program partners is available in the Partner Links section. The Amazon Working Group website is www.gta.org.br.

World Bank Unit: Program is funded in part by bilateral funds and by a trust fund created by the G-7 countries, administered by World Bank's Brazil Rain Forest Unit in the Latin America and Caribbean Region.

■ WORLD BANK/WORLD WILDLIFE FUND ALLIANCE FOR FOREST CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE (WB/WWF ALLIANCE)

What activities does the program fund?

Promoting small-scale activities of NGOs, local communities and other stakeholders that will stimulate investment opportunities in protected areas and improve forest management practices.

Who is eligible? NGOs, local community organizations, governments, private sector, scientific and policy research institutes.

How to apply? Develop project proposals in consultation with local World Bank and/or WWF representatives. Proposals will be evaluated by the Alliance.

Website: www-esd.worldbank.org/wwf

World Bank Unit: Environment Department

■ MICRONUTRIENT INITIATIVE

What activities does the program fund?

Micronutrient-related work in identified priority areas of the Micronutrient Initiative (MI). MI's objective is to contribute to the control and prevention of micronutrient deficiencies (specifically vitamin A, iron, and iodine) in developing countries through improved implementation strategies and effective monitoring and evaluation. The MI has invited research proposals through a Call for Proposals process in the following areas: Assessment Tools, Innovative Technology Development and Testing, and Evaluative Research. Proposals addressing other relevant areas may be considered on a case-by-case basis. MI also supports large-scale programs in developing countries, working with the local governments and partners such as UNICEF, WHO, PAHO, who in turn often sub-contract activities to NGOs. There are some cases where the MI directly funds NGOs.

Who is eligible for funding? governments, research institutions, development agencies, NGOs, food industry organizations

How to apply? Detailed information on the priority areas for funding and the application form for research support can be found on the MI web site under "Call for Proposals". Please carefully note the proposal evaluation criteria outlined in the application form. For additional information, email: mi@idrc.ca.

Website: www.micronutrient.org

World Bank Unit: Health, Nutrition and Population Department. MI's donors include CIDA, IDRC, UNICEF, USAID, and the World Bank. Its headquarters is located in Ottawa, Canada at the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), and there is a South Asia Regional Office located in Delhi, India.

■ POPULATION AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

What activities does the program fund?

Developing capacity of grassroots NGOs working in population, reproductive health, safe motherhood, female genital mutilation, and other women's and adolescent's health issues.

Who is eligible? Grants are made to international and regional NGOs for assistance to grassroots NGOs in developing countries. International and regional NGOs with links to grassroots NGOs in developing countries can apply for grant funds to act as grant-making and technical assistance intermediaries.

How to apply? Contact the Human Development Network, Health, Nutrition and Population Department at the World Bank for information on how to participate.

Website: At main World Bank website (www.worldbank.org), go to Site Index, then click on Health, Nutrition and Population

World Bank Unit: Human Development Network - Health, Nutrition and Population Department

AFRICAN PROGRAM FOR ONCHOCERCIASIS CONTROL (APOC)

What activities does the program fund?

Providing community-directed treatment for “riverblindness” (onchocerciasis) with assistance from non-governmental development organizations (NGOs working in development , or NGDOs) and Ministries of Health. NGDOs provide technical assistance, human and financial resources, comparative advantage and experience working with communities. APOC offers a global model of how NGDOs can work in partnership with governments, donors, multilateral agencies and the private sector in controlling communicable diseases and strengthening health systems.

Who is eligible? Members of the APOC NGDO Coordination Group with track records in delivering effective community health services.

How to apply? Develop proposal in partnership with the Ministry of Health, and submit proposal to APOC.

Website: www.worldbank.org/gper describes APOC. The World Health Organization (WHO) website provides details on participation of NGDOs in the program: www.who.int/ocp/apoc.

World Bank Unit: Africa Technical Families – Onchocerciasis. APOC is administered by WHO, headquartered in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

INFODEV

What activities does the program fund?

Using information and communication technologies for economic and social development through innovative approaches to consensus building, information infrastructure strategies, telecommunications reform, or demonstration projects. Promoting efforts to use new technology to meet the needs of the poor in developing countries.

Who is eligible? NGOs in partnership with international development organizations, governments or private sector organizations.

How to apply? Submit project proposals following guidelines, procedures and criteria available on website, or by contacting infoDev at World Bank

Website: www.infoDev.org

World Bank Unit: Global Information and Communication Technology Department

COUNTRY GATEWAY PLANNING GRANTS

What activities does the program fund?

Planning “country gateways” for the Development Gateway, an Internet-based forum for exchanging information on development issues. Country gateways will help countries build a network of development communities on the web. Gateway content will come from governments, the private sector, civil society, and other communities working in development. This is an initiative funded under infoDev.

Who is eligible? NGOs, international organizations, public or private sector organizations

How to apply? Information on preparation of the proposals can be found on the website or by email: gatewayinfodev@worldbank.org.

Website: www.infodev.org/gateway/ and www.developmentgateway.org

World Bank Unit: Global Information and Communication Technology Department

Infrastructure

PUBLIC-PRIVATE INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY FACILITY (PPIAF)

What activities does the program fund?

Providing technical assistance to governments related to private sector involvement in infrastructure development strategies, policy, regulatory and institutional reforms, pioneering transactions, and consensus and capacity building. Eligible infrastructure services include electricity, gas transmission and distribution, water and sewerage, solid waste, telecommunications, ports, airports, railways and roads.

Who is eligible? NGOs, academia, developing country governments, international financial institutions, bilateral and multilateral donors. Applications for PPIAF assistance can come from any source, but country-specific activities require formal endorsement from the beneficiary government.

How to apply? Guidelines and information are available on the PPIAF website or from PPIAF Program Management. Email: info@ppiaf.org.

Website: www.ppiaf.org

World Bank Unit: PPIAF Program Management

Microfinance

CONSULTATIVE GROUP TO ASSIST THE POOREST (CGAP)

What activities does the program fund?

Contributing to innovative delivery of sustainable microfinance and financial services to the very poor; improving capacity of microfinance institutions (MFIs) and networks; developing new tools and services.

Who is eligible? MFIs with potential to provide innovative delivery of financial services and reach massive numbers of poor clients in a sustainable manner. Provides grants to institutions that are aligned clearly to CGAP's mandate, including to apex and networks as well as retail microfinance institutions. See funding announcement for specific requirements.

How to apply? Application procedures, forms, and criteria are available on the CGAP website or by writing to the CGAP Secretariat: cgap@worldbank.org

Website:
www.cgap.org/html/mfis_funding.html

World Bank Unit: The Secretariat is housed in the World Bank, CGAP Secretariat.



Multisectoral

DEVELOPMENT MARKETPLACE

What activities does the program fund?

Promoting innovation in development and supporting networks of development practitioners to share knowledge and nurture creative solutions in poverty reduction.

Who is eligible? NGOs, bilateral and multilateral development organizations, academic institutions, government, foundations, and private businesses. Proposals must be submitted in partnership with at least one other organization. (Private businesses must partner with an organization from another category).

How to apply? Funds are awarded based on an annual global innovation competition, as well as through events in selected countries. Themes, criteria, and procedures are announced on website. Contact the Development Marketplace Team at DM2001@worldbank.org for more information.

Website: www.developmentmarketplace.org

World Bank Unit: Development Marketplace Team, Corporate Strategy Group, Strategy and Resource Management

DEVELOPMENT GRANT FACILITY (DGF)

What activities does the program fund? The Development Grant Facility (DGF) supports partnerships with external agencies, providing up to 15 percent of funding for a given activity. The DGF funds global and regional initiatives that can not be supported adequately through the regular country assistance operations of the World Bank.

Who is eligible? DGF funds are normally intended to be executed by an external agency. Most DGF funds are executed by existing leading development institutions (e.g. WHO, SIDA, IFAD, UNESCO, or OECD) or by newly created institutions to coordinate program work (e.g. the Consultative Group to Assist the Poorest, the Global Forum for Health Research, or the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative). Global and regional programs executed by NGOs are eligible for financing. Where DGF funds are provided to existing institutions, such institutions should have a record of achievement in the program area and financial probity.

How to apply? External partners do not apply directly for funding. Rather, all DGF funding applications must be sponsored by a World Bank unit, and be assigned to an individual World Bank program manager who prepares the application. Therefore, the first step for an external partner interested in DGF funding would be to obtain a sponsor from one of the Networks within the World Bank specializing in the area of the activity.

Website: www.worldbank.org/dgf

World Bank Unit: Development Grant Facility, Trust Funds and Cofinancing Department, Resource Mobilization and Cofinancing

PALESTINIAN NGO PROJECT (PNGO PROJECT)

What activities does the program fund? Delivering services to poor and disadvantaged Palestinians; improving institutional and service delivery capacities of NGOs; conducting research on the NGO sector; facilitating relations between NGOs and government.

Who is eligible? Palestinian NGOs may apply for grants independently or in partnership with an international NGO. Development Grants are made directly to community-based NGOs. Block Grants are made to larger NGOs for on-granting to community-based organizations.

How to apply? Competitive bidding in response to published requests for proposals. Project administered by the Welfare Association Consortium composed of the Welfare Association, the British Council and the Charities Aid Foundation.

Website: www.pngo-project.org

World Bank Unit: Middle East and North Africa Region - West Bank and Gaza Unit until June 30, 2001. After June 30, Rural Development, Water and Environment Group.

JAPAN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (JSDF)

What activities does the program fund? Providing project grants for direct relief measures and improvement of services and facilities for the poorer population groups to help alleviate the poverty and social consequences of the 1997-99 global economic crisis. Financing capacity building measures such as increasing the participation of local communities and NGOs in World Bank-financed operations.

Who is eligible? Governments of low-income and lower middle-income Bank Group borrower countries in East, South and Central Asia. Local community groups and NGOs may be selected as executing agencies following demonstration of financial soundness (including satisfactory arrangements for use and accounting of grant funds) and relevant experience.

How to apply? Only Bank staff can officially submit JSDF applications. NGOs should establish contacts with World Bank resident mission staff as a first step in pursuing JSDF grant funding. NGOs and community groups could get involved at the preparation stage of a JSDF grant proposal. NGOs could collaborate with the World Bank task team responsible for management of a Bank operation.

Website: www.worldbank.org/rmc/jsdf/index.htm

World Bank Unit: Trust Fund Coordination, Resource Mobilization and Co-financing

SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

What activities does the program fund? Funds activities to enhance partnerships and promote dialogue and dissemination of information on development, particularly focusing on civic engagement. Funding is usually for projects less than \$15,000 and require leveraging and partnerships with other organizations.

Who is eligible? Civil society organizations in countries with a World Bank Small Grants Program

How to apply? Request information from the Small Grants Program in the World Bank Country Office in which your project is located. Deadlines for proposals are usually once a year. Funding decisions are not being made in the World Bank Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

Website: www.worldbank.org/ngos

World Bank Unit: NGO and Civil Society Unit, Social Development Department

POST-CONFLICT FUND (PCF)

What activities does the program fund? Supporting the transition from conflict to sustainable peace and socioeconomic development in countries affected by conflict; planning and analysis of reconstruction activities.

Who is eligible? NGOs and other civil society institutions, governments, regional and international organizations in any country that is currently in conflict or emerging from a recent conflict.

How to apply? Application form available on PCF website. Upon receipt of a completed application form, PCF will identify a sponsoring unit within the World Bank. Alternatively, external grant applicants (NGOs, governments) can work closely with relevant Bank country or project teams to prepare a PCF grant application. Grant proposals must have active support from a relevant World Bank Unit. The Post-Conflict Unit is available to provide clarifications at any time.

Website: www.worldbank.org/postconflict

World Bank Unit: Post-Conflict Unit, Social Development Department



GOVERNANCE KNOWLEDGE SHARING PROGRAM (GKSP)

What activities does the program fund?

Improving governments' capacity to use donor technical assistance for more effective governance reform by becoming more informed consumers of development assistance. Raising demand for public sector reform by empowering civil society and the private sector with increased public information and discussion. Improving data and analytical tools for learning about the process of institutional change and reform. Projects may support a local initiative for governance knowledge sharing or improve an existing knowledge sharing product of the World Bank.

Who is eligible? Governments, NGOs, academics, students, media organizations, and other partners. Proposed projects should meet three entry criteria: use innovative tools; build on new media and learning approaches to provide better knowledge delivery and assimilation.

How to apply? Submit proposals for innovative projects that stimulate local demand for better governance through governance knowledge sharing. Proposals should have a sponsor inside the World Bank. A proposal for improving an existing Bank product should come from inside the World Bank. The application form can be downloaded from the GKSP website. For more information, e-mail: gksp@worldbank.org

Website: www1.worldbank.org/publicsector/bnpp/

World Bank Unit: PREM Network's Public Sector Board

CITIES ALLIANCE

An alliance of cities and their development partners committed to urban poverty reduction

What activities does the program fund?

Scaling-up slum upgrading citywide and nationwide, with priority to those cities and countries where local authorities are already working in partnership with organizations of the urban poor; and city development strategies (CDS), with priority to those cities already engaged in realizing an inclusive vision for city development.

Who is eligible? Proposals typically originate from local authorities working in partnership with local stakeholders in the private sector, NGOs and community organizations. All proposals which involve investments, must have investment partners involved from the beginning, and all proposals must include co-financing, combining seed funding from the Cities Alliance with at least 20% financing from the cities themselves, as well as from other sources.

How to apply? Detailed information and application guidelines are available on the Cities Alliance website. All proposals must be approved by the government of the recipient country and sponsored by at least one Alliance member.

Website: www.citiesalliance.org

World Bank Unit: Transport and Urban Development Department

WORLD BANK DC COMMUNITY OUTREACH GRANT PROGRAM (WASHINGTON, D.C.)

What activities does the program fund?

Improving the quality of life of the people and communities in metropolitan Washington, D.C. It is one of several ways in which the Bank strives to be a good corporate citizen in the host community. Grants support activities in five broad areas: education and youth, health, economic development, employment, and civic development. Grants typically range in size from \$5,000 to \$15,000 and cover a one-year grant period.

Who is eligible? A nonprofit agency with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code and organized and operated for charitable purposes; and located within and primarily serving the metropolitan Washington D. C. area, the District of Columbia, Suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia.

How to apply? Applicants must submit a pre-proposal letter of inquiry. If approved, the Grant Program will invite a full proposal. Application information is available on the website.

Website: www.worldbank.org/dc outreach

World Bank Unit: External Affairs

Scholarships, Fellowships, Study Grants

JOINT JAPAN/WORLD BANK GROUP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (JJ/WBGSP)

What activities does the program fund?

Graduate studies in public policy at any university in a World Bank member country. Applicants propose a program of study related to development, usually economics, business, management, environment, urban/rural planning, or a related area.

Who is eligible? Nationals of a World Bank member country, under 45 years old (preferably under 40); in good health; with Bachelor's degree or equivalent in a development-related field with superior grades; and at least two (preferably four to five) years of full-time professional experience in a field related to economic development.

How to apply? Application forms are available from the JJ/WBGSP Secretariat from September through January and at World Bank offices in many countries. The application can also be downloaded from the World Bank/WBI website. Address inquiries and applications to: JJ/WBGSP Secretariat, 1818 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20433, USA

Website: www.worldbank.org/wbi/scholarship

World Bank Unit: World Bank Institute

ROBERT S. MCNAMARA FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

What activities does the program fund?

Covers costs of research and dissemination (not tuition for post-graduate studies); fellows conduct research on a specified topic, sponsored by a collaborating institution in their country of residence

Who is eligible? Nationals and residents of World Bank member countries, 40 years old or younger, with Master's degree or equivalent. Increasingly, applicants have a Doctoral degree or are enrolled in a Doctoral program

How to apply? Notices of selection cycle are sent to academic and research institutions in member countries, and announcements appear in *The Economist*. Information and application forms are also available from World Bank Executive Directors' offices and Resident Missions. Individuals who make general inquiries are sent the information materials and are invited to request application forms if they meet the basic criteria. Application forms are sent to individuals who give clear evidence of having read these criteria and/or are clearly eligible.

Website: www.worldbank.org/wbi/scholarship

World Bank Unit: World Bank Institute

MARGARET MCNAMARA MEMORIAL FUND

What activities does the program fund?

Supports the education of women from developing countries who are committed to improving the lives of women.

Who is eligible? Women from developing countries with a record of service to women and children in their countries, who reside in the US and are enrolled in an accredited US educational institution, plan to return to their home country in two years, and can demonstrate financial need.

How to apply? Application forms for the following academic year are available in September of each year by email, fax or in writing from The Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund, 1818 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20433.

Email: MMMF@worldbank.org.

World Bank Unit: Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund

■ GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (GDN)

What activities does the program fund?

Supports regional networks of policy-oriented research institutions; initiates training for researchers; conducts regional workshops to build institutional capacity; and sponsors regional research competitions. Offers tools, services and networking opportunities to help these institutions and their members join together to fight poverty. GDN has partnerships with one institution from each of seven regions to implement programs on a regional level. Regional networks administer research grants through a competitive process. All submitted proposals are peer-reviewed by professionals from outside the region. Regional competition winners are eligible to apply for Visiting Fellowships at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Who is eligible? Research and policy institutes involved in development studies.

How to apply? Regional networks make grants through open, competitive allocation of funds for research and participation in regional conferences and study visits. See GDN website for information on how to participate in regional networks and how to apply for research grants.

Website: www.gdnet.org

World Bank Unit: GDN Secretariat

■ INFODEV CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND (ICSF)

What activities does the program fund?

Sponsors participation of individuals from developing countries at conferences on utilizing modern information and communications technologies (ICT) to address development problems

Who is eligible? International ICT conference organizers

How to apply? Conference organizer submits proposal to infoDev for travel and expenses of individuals from developing countries

Website: www.infoDev.org

World Bank Unit: Global Information and Communication Technology