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COUNTRY DIRECTORS

Please Post: Request for Proposals from PCVs from the San Diego Area

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Since 1989, our regional association of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, the SDPCA, has helped communities where San Diego based PCVs are currently serving. We know that for many PCV communities, a little money and their sweat equity can go a long way. We are pleased to announce a new round of **MARK J. TONNER INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FUND** awards.

Details: We **review proposals and grant small dollar funding to PCV related projects** that we feel are of value to the community, but where adequate funding in-country is missing. The typical project is for \$275 to \$375 (rarely more than \$500) and either enables a community to implement a micro-enterprise, helping many, or it supports needed educational, environmental or health related projects.

The SDPCA raises money for these projects through our dues, by selling Entertainment Coupon Books, Peace Corps calendars, holding silent auctions and "ethnic" dinners. Over the years we have contributed over \$30,000 to projects such as these listed below:

*\$260 to build sanitary tables at a health clinic in Mali....\$475 to establish a garment co-op in Jamaica...\$300 for a rabbit/fishpond/garden project in Guatemala...\$190 for a mushroom growing, village income project in Nepal...
\$200 for a cold climate greenhouse project in Bolivia...\$400 for training women in Morocco on tree agriculture/ oil production marketing...\$393 for TEFL materials in the Philippine...\$500 for an English resource library in Kazakhstan...and many more.*

Naturally, it is desirable to have PCVs remain on site for at least six months or so after project funding to be sure that the project is implemented properly. Please use the attached application form to nominate your host community's project for grant support. To avoid excluding some worthwhile projects, due to short time spans, we accept applications on an ongoing basis.

Upon approval of a project, it is our expectation that your community will provide us with at least one progress report during implementation, and then a final report outlining what was done and specifically how it has impacted the community.

We hope you will allow us to list your project when soliciting funds and/or pass your project ideas to other organizations that may be willing to assist you. We look forward to having you participate in our group upon your return to San Diego.

Sincerely,

Laura Vento

Global Awards Chair
San Diego Peace Corps Association
East Timor 2004-2006

The SDPCA is always looking for photos, stories, articles, recipes, and fun local language vocabulary to include in our newsletter. Please forward submissions to newseditor05@sdpca.org and check out the current issue online at www.sdpca.org!



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PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING

SDPCA funding is specifically for community projects, **nominated** by PCVs who have strong ties to the San Diego area. Approved projects will be funded only to a host country national involved with the project – since donations may not be made to PCVs. Please note that a high percentage of projects are declined due to failure to respond to these questions. Your time is valuable. If you desire our support, please complete the following in 2-4 pages, and submit your request to reach us in San Diego.

Country: _____ Name of Community _____
Project: _____
Name of Host Country National _____
with project oversight: _____
PCV Name: _____ COS Date: _____
PCV tie to San Diego: _____
Best way to contact you: _____
E-mail: _____

1. Describe your community and primary assignment: (10 points)
2. Describe your proposal: (Who is involved? Why is it needed? How will the community benefit?) (30 points)
3. How much money is requested? (Most funding is in the \$300 to \$500 range) What is the cost & how many people will it benefit? If partially funded, how will you apply funds? (20 points)
4. How is the local community contributing to the project? And who else is contributing funds to this project- with how much? (20 points) **Required:** Outline a simple, total budget.
5. How will the project be continued/ sustained after you leave and who will monitor its continuity? (30 points)
6. Method of accounting for expended funds (to be sent back to SDPCA): (10 points)
7. After years of experience, we find that Western Union is the most secure and easily accessible means to transfer funds. Please provide an address and a password code that will allow us to send funds via Western Union. **Note: This cannot be payable to you or anyone else in your family. It must be payable to someone from your host country, in your community who is involved with this project.** Be very specific with addresses, etc., so we can process your request immediately (if approved.) *You MUST research this in ADVANCE of submitting your proposal. Specify the address/ city of the preferred Western Union branch. The SDPCA will not retransmit funds. (10 points.)*
8. Approval of your involvement by your Country Director **is required by Peace Corps policy.** Please have your Country Director signify such approval directly to us via a short email addressed to globalawards05@sdpca.org and lavento@gmail.com or by a memo on letterhead.
9. How did you learn about SDPCA funding?
 Posting of this e-mail from SDPCA Contacted SDPCA myself
 Through In-Country staff I was told while a nominee
 Through Peace Corps Partnership Other: _____
10. Send this proposal to:

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