



Gymeia Baptist Church May Mission Month Project Guidelines

At Gymeia Baptist Church (GBC), our purpose is to be a community of faith that courageously takes up the invitation of God the Father to participate in His grand plan to restore all things in Christ Jesus through the enabling presence of the Holy Spirit.

As part of our expression of loving our local and global neighbours, every year we raise funds through May Mission Month (MMM) to support a range of projects that seek to make a difference in the lives of those in need. Historically, as a church and denomination we have valued supporting mission that facilitates life transformation and we continue that legacy today.

As recipients of God’s undeserving love, members of GBC desire to show grace and generosity to those in need and to steward faithfully the resources we have in serving others. We believe that through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God has set about overturning injustice, violence, poverty and exclusion and is restoring communities of faith, justice, inclusion, hope and peace. As social justice issues become increasingly complex, so does our need to participate with them thoughtfully and respond with appropriate solutions.

Projects Supported

GBC supports projects that aim to address issues of inequality and poverty, and enable people to realise right relationships with God, one another and the earth. We believe that issues of poverty and injustice are multidimensional, that solutions must address the underlying causes of poverty and engage those in need in ways that are sustainable and have a positive long-term impact on communities.

Areas of thematic, demographic and geographic interest to GBC, include but are not limited to:

| Thematic | Demographic | Geographic |
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| Water and sanitation, food security, domestic violence, sustainable livelihoods, education, literacy, health and housing and freedom from slavery. Outreach - sharing the good news about Jesus in an engaging and relevant way to communities. | Refugees, people living with a disability, children, women, the persecuted church, marginalised community groups. | Any country where inequality and poverty has a strong prevalence. Given our church’s focus on Cambodia, where possible GBC will seek to support one project a year in Cambodia. Australian projects where there is an evident need. |

Funding Available

- Non-tax deductible projects funding is available from \$10,000 up to \$20,000.
- Tax-deductible projects funding is available from \$30,000 up to \$60,000.

Key Dates

- Applications open 26 September 2018. Applications close 1 November 2018.
- Funding is for projects commencing 1 June 2019. Projects must be complete by 30 June 2020.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed against following selection criteria.

Project need or opportunity

- The project need or opportunity is clearly defined.
- It is clear who and how many people will benefit from the project.
- There is supporting evidence or research demonstrating that the project approach will achieve the desired outcome.

Alignment with GBC and May Mission Month

- The project aligns with the thematic, demographic and geographic areas listed above.
- The project fits with the vision and direction of GBC.
- The project works through a faith based NFP organisation or a local church.
- The project encourages GBC members to think about issues of the world and engage more broadly.

Community Engagement and Sustainability

- The community have been consulted and have participated in the project design. There are plans for community engagement in project implementation and evaluation.
- The project is utilising resources and capacity of people, services and government agencies where possible to support the project in sustainable and lasting ways. The project does not duplicate existing projects or services.

Quality of Collaboration and Local Partnerships

- There is evidence of effective consultation, networking and project partnerships.

Project Delivery and Organisational Capacity

- Applicant demonstrates ability and expertise to deliver the project.
- Grassroots projects or first-time applicants demonstrate they have the support and framework to try things for the 'first time' and ability to learn and implement changes.
- Inclusion of a clear plan for project development, implementation, evaluation and managing transition at the end of the project.
- There must be child protection policies in place where the project engages children.

Budget

- The project budget is reasonable given the intended outreach/impacts.

- Where there are multiple project donors the budget clearly shows each donor's contribution.
- The administration cost of the budget is reasonable for the type of project.
- Project demonstrates funding and support from the community, government and other NFP where possible.

Eligibility

All organisations must have the appropriate board governance in place.

Tax-Deductible Projects

To be eligible for funding an application must:

- a) Be a Christian Australian not-for-profit organisation with DGR status (Item 1 preferred) or a Christian Social Enterprise and
- b) Be:
 - (i) a signatory to the ACFID code of conduct, or
 - (ii) a full member of Missions Interlink Australia, or
 - (iii) hold full accreditation by Christian Management Advancement Standards Council
 - (iiii) be a member or signatory to a reputable governing body.

Non-Tax Deductible Projects

To be eligible for funding an applicant must:

- a) Be a Christian Australian not-for-profit organisation or Local Church or a Christian Social Enterprise.
- b) Where the project involves any international community development activity the organisation must also meet the criteria detailed above for tax deductible projects.

Not Eligible for Funding

- Individuals, unincorporated organisations.
- Institutional care projects i.e. orphanages.

Acquittal Requirements

Apply only if you are able to provide a mid-term report in November 2018 and a completion report by August 2019.

Media Requirements

If you are a successful applicant, you will need to provide us with quality media that helps tell the story of your project by 20 January 2019. We will require:

- 8-10 high quality, landscape orientation photos representing your project.
- The latest high resolution version of your organisational logo.
- Where possible, generic footage of your project and organisation that tells your story.
- We will provide a PowerPoint template for your presentation that you will need to work with.

If you are a successful applicant, we will provide you with further details of our specific requirements. Here are some of our general guidelines on media for further information:

- Graphics: <http://www.gymeabaptist.org.au/graphics/>
- Video: <http://www.gymeabaptist.org.au/videos/>

Successful Applicants

All successful applicants will be required to give a brief presentation (6-8 minutes) on the project on a date chosen by GBC on a Sunday in May 2019 at three services (8:30am, 10:30am, 6pm). We will provide you with framework for a presentation script and PowerPoint presentation to ensure clarity and consistency. We will vet your presentation early April 2019, in readiness for May.

Further Information

For further enquiries, please email missions@gymeabaptist.org.au including MMM 2019 in the subject header.

For more information about Gynea Baptist Church go to: www.gymeabaptist.org.au