

J. KIRBY SIMON FOREIGN SERVICE TRUST

Invitation To Propose Projects For Funding In 2018

The J. Kirby Simon Foreign Service Trust is a charitable fund established in the memory of J. Kirby Simon, a Foreign Service Officer who died in 1995 while serving in Taiwan. The Trust is committed to expanding the opportunities for professional fulfillment and community service of active Foreign Service personnel and their families.

The Trust supports projects that are initiated and carried out, on an entirely unofficial basis, by Foreign Service personnel or members of their families, wherever located. The Trust will also consider projects of the same nature proposed by other U.S. Government employees or members of their families, regardless of nationality, who are located at American diplomatic posts abroad.

In 2017 the Trust made its 21st round of grant awards, approving a total of 42 grants that ranged from \$500 to \$4,000, for a total of almost \$90,000. These grants are described in the document, *Grants Awarded in 2017*, available on the Trust website: kirbysimontrust.org. Past grants have included:

- **Education Projects:** School supplies for refugee and other conflict-afflicted children and for orphanages; English language learning materials for high school students; day-care facilities for underprivileged women learning marketable skills; specialized education equipment for the disabled; kitchen and other equipment for occupational training programs.
- **Projects for Children:** Playground and sports training equipment, educational toys, furnishings, household appliances, toilet and shower facilities for special-needs schools and orphanages; clean-ups to improve sanitation and create play spaces; school fees and food for abandoned children.
- **Health and Safety Projects:** Dental care for impoverished children; staff training for crisis shelters; health care equipment and improved sanitation for maternity clinics and orphanages; a visual impairment survey among HIV-positive children; rebuilding homes of earthquake victims; photo documentation of murdered women set on fire by husbands or in-laws.
- **Revenue-producing Projects:** Machines and materials for income-generating programs for sick and disadvantaged children and adults, including abused women, migrant workers, refugees, Roma and victims of sex-trafficking; a cooperative for deaf carpenters.

We invite eligible applicants to submit proposals for support in 2018. Grants will be made at similar funding levels and to similar projects as described above. Please note:

- Funds from the Trust cannot pay salaries or other compensation to U.S. Government employees or family members.
- The Trust does not support projects that have reasonable prospects of obtaining full funding from other sources.
- The Trust will provide support for a project operated by a charitable or educational organization only where the individual applicant(s) plan an active part in initiating and carrying out the project, apart from fundraising.
- The Trust will support only projects in which each applicant's role is clearly separate from his/her official responsibilities.

Application forms and more detailed instructions are available on our website:

www.kirbysimontrust.org.

Proposals must be received no later than April 1, 2018. Email proposals and questions to: kirbysimontrust@gmail.com. Thank you for your interest in the Trust.