

# ELIGIBILITY & TYPES OF SUPPORT



## 1. Applicants for all grant funds must have:

- 501(c) (3) or equivalent status;
- a direct or historical relationship with the Congregation of St. Joseph;
- an endorsement by a Sister or Associate of the Congregation of St. Joseph who is involved with the organization/project (including Board membership, as staff or a volunteer).

## 2. The total amount of the Generous Promise Grant Fund to be distributed will be determined annually and will be allocated for grants in the following manner:

- **Change Grants:** Annual grant funds will be awarded to ministries/agencies/organizations focusing on efforts contributing to specific systemic change. Requests up to \$50,000 per year will be considered for projects promoting systemic change.

## 3. Special Emphasis:

- Requests for programs that lead to systemic change and either promote a healthy environment, empower women and children, develop leadership capacity, or support participative decision making are preferred.
- Collaborative efforts are highly valued.
- Requests for general operating support or that enhance organizational capacity—including technology—will also be considered in the context of their contribution toward actualization of a Generous Promise and help toward bringing about systemic change.
- Funding is generally for one-year, although because systemic change efforts require a length of time to achieve results, grants for programs that have been documented to be effective may be renewed up to three (3) years in succession. The Congregation does not, however, make a permanent commitment of support to any project.

## 4. Limitations:

- Applicants are discouraged from submitting requests for endowments, major capital expenditures, building projects, fundraising events, scholarships, operational deficits and debt reduction, partisan political efforts or for grants to individuals.
- An organization will be eligible to receive only one Generous Promise Grant in one year.