

Criteria

The following standards are used by the Self-Development of People Committee to determine whether a proposal is valid for funding within this ministry:

1. A proposal will address long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression.
2. A proposal will be owned and presented by a group of people who will benefit directly from it. The proposal will identify the people by name, economic situation, and background. While congregations and other organizing groups are encouraged to help groups develop and submit proposals, the proposals must be presented, owned, and controlled by the direct beneficiaries.
3. A proposal will describe, in detail, its goals (the point of the proposal), its objectives (the specific steps the group will take to accomplish the goals), the way the direct beneficiaries will be involved in all stages of the proposed project, and the methods to be used to achieve the goals and objectives.
4. A proposal will not advocate violence as a means of accomplishing its goals or objectives.
5. A proposal will describe fully the resources known to be available to support the project, including a description of a) resources within and available to the community; b) in-kind resources; and c) financial resources sought or to be sought.
6. A proposal will contain a balanced income and expenditure budget. A financial plan showing expected income and expenditures over the life of the project will be included, as well as a statement of how the group intends to manage the program.
7. A proposal will specify how progress toward the stated goals and objectives will be evaluated by the group, and when the evaluation will be made. It also will say how the group will engage the greater community in evaluating the program.