Grant making

The grant making programme is the most visible evidence of our activities in trying to build up our community. Organisations can apply by sending a letter of request between the total of R1000 – R10 000 within our broad focus areas of Youth Development, Women Empowerment, Education and Skills Development, Environmental Management and Tourism, Health, Community Development. Projects are classified into 3 categories, such as:

1. **Development projects and initiatives:** Long term projects and initiatives aimed at creating sustainable impact in people's lives and targeting people with some assets who require assistance in mobilising additional assets.

2. **Vulnerable people focused projects and initiatives:** Vulnerable people are children and the elderly. Vulnerable people are those who are unable to effectively utilise their existing assets and mobilise additional assets without assistance.

3. **Crisis intervention initiatives:** Short term initiatives aimed at assisting people to meet their basic needs after a man-made crisis (fire, fighting) or natural disaster (drought, floods). After a crisis situation, people have a temporary loss of assets and require assistance to regain their assets.

No grants will be given to crisis intervention initiatives. These requests will be referred to people who specialise in crisis intervention and are equipped to provide crisis relief. WCCF will also actively inform people of the assets they can access in times of crisis through the information sessions.

Development and vulnerable people projects or initiatives must meet the following criteria in order to receive grants:

1. Development projects and initiatives.
- Grant must enable people to make more effective use of their existing assets.
- Grant must clearly assist people to mobilise additional assets.
- People involved in the development project or initiative must be willing to go through ABCD training and take an ABCD Approach if they are currently taking a needs based approach.

2. Vulnerable People focused projects and initiatives.
- Grants to meet needs of vulnerable people will be granted for up to 6 months only.
- During these 6 months the people managing the project or initiative must ensure that all available assets are accessed in order to meet the needs of the vulnerable people served by the project or initiative, such as social grants.
- The people managing the project or initiative must be willing to go through ABCD training and take an ABCD Approach.
- After the initial grant, all other grants made, must to some extent assist in mobilising assets to create sustainability to meet the vulnerable people's needs.

We strengthen community base organisations that are governed by an active steering community, with a constitution and a bank account in the name of the organisation. Our support services like mentoring, monitoring and evaluation are the crucial component to ensure accountability and sustainability of an organisation.

Review process

You may submit a request in English and Afrikaans, by e-mail, fax, or post. We accept letters all year, but grants are awarded only bi-monthly after approval by our Allocation Committee. After you submit a letter, a notice of receipt will be sent within 3 days of its arrival at our offices. You will receive a decision on your request in approximately 3 weeks. Please note that WCCF is not able to award a grant to all the deserving groups that apply and that we are also often unable to award the total amount requested.

Capacity Building

The capacity building programme aims to build the institutional strength of community-based organizations and the skills of their members so that they achieve and maintain good quality grassroots initiatives. We provide capacity building to programmes on a regular basis supporting the grantee organizations and the related beneficiaries of these organizations. Training takes place in a workshop environment and when funds allow; workshops take place locally rather than centrally, to reach more people in their own environment.