



Giving Philosophy

Boston Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers is an independent non-profit organization. As part of our mission of supporting Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, we fund small grants twice annually. Grants may support work being done overseas or locally.

Boston Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers™ BARPCV believes that it is important to contribute to the communities in which we served as Peace Corps volunteers as well as the communities in which we operate in the Boston area. We strive to increase participation in our communities, to better understand needs and opportunities for improvement, and to address some of those needs and opportunities that are most consistent with the values of our organization and its members.

Past award recipients include:

Women in Technology, Nepal

Project enabled two groups of women to receive computer and technical training which will enable them to seek out and acquire computer based employment.

Pollination Station, Madagascar

The project combined the raising of butterflies and bees with a tree nursery in the northeastern region of Madagascar. The project was carried out by the local farmer's association with assistance from the local and former Peace Corps Volunteers.

Leadership and Capacity Building Training for HIV+ Youth, Northern Cameroon

This project trained 20 HIV+ youth from three HIV+ youth support groups in Cameroon on leadership skills and organizational capacity building. The participants will return to their respective HIV+ support groups with strategies to better organize their members and work together in collaboration.

Parent-Child Literacy Project, Chelsea, MA

This project supported parent-child educational activities by providing opportunities to visit a select number of educational places in the city of Boston. The outings were specifically designed to promote literacy among the participants, often recent immigrants.

Funding

Grants are one time for up to 500.00USD.

Eligibility

Small grants are available to all members of BARPCV. (Please note that if the applicant is currently serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer, the award must be awarded through the Peace Corps Partnership program.)

Restrictions

BARPCV does not fund:

- applicants that do not meet requirements of "BARPCV Grant Application and Agreement" or do not submit a complete proposal as specified below
- academic research
- individual scholarships
- sponsorships or advertising
- international travel for applicant

Application Procedures

Proposals will be considered only if they meet the guidelines outlined and provide the following supporting documents:

- name, mailing address, telephone number and e-mail of the applicant
- name and contact information for the benefiting community or organization
- background information on the benefiting community
- grant application must include signed "Application and Grant Agreement" form in order to be considered for funding.

Proposals should include the following information regarding the particular program for which funding is being sought:

- brief abstract of proposal
- purpose and objectives of the project
- expected contribution to community
- plan of action and time frame
- qualifications of project stakeholders
- total funding required (budget), projected resources, community contribution (if applicable), and amount requested of BARPCV
- how the project's success will be determined/measured
- any affiliation the applicant has with BARPCV or any of its affiliates
- any potential conflicts of interest applicant may have if grant is approved
- other donors or project contributors (if applicable)

Individuals wishing to be considered for a grant should submit a written proposal approximately 4-6 pages in length that includes all of the above information.

Applications are accepted on rolling basis throughout the year and are reviewed in late November and early May. Ideally, grant recipients would be present at the semi-annual Welcome Back/ Send Off party to accept the award; next scheduled event is May 9th.

Award Process

The proposals will be reviewed by the BARPCV board. Members of the board will make recommendations about which proposals to fund. Applicants will be notified via e-mail about their proposal one week prior to the Welcome Back/ Send Off event.

Awardees agree to acknowledge BARPCV as a sponsor of the project. Proposals funded in any one year are not assured of future funding.

Reporting Process

Award recipients are expected to send two updates to the BARPCV board – one three months into the project and one at the end of the project. The reports should detail the accomplishments to date (including photos) and any challenges that might affect the project.

E-mail proposals are accepted and preferred. Proposals and requests for information should be directed to: Kendra.Gray@gmail.com