



Tithing group | Overseas funding group Guidelines for funding proposals

Old Saint Paul's Church has two funds which support charitable causes:

- the tithing fund, which disburses 10% of the church's disposable income; and
- the overseas fund, which disburses a legacy received for this purpose.

Members of the congregation are invited to make funding proposals to either group for causes which they support and which meet the criteria listed below.

Both groups will consider applications and make recommendations for approval by the Vestry, subject to the following criteria:

- causes must fulfil a clear charitable purpose
- recipients need not be aligned to any faith
- support will be targeted at initiatives where small amounts of money can be of tangible benefit to disadvantaged communities
- the tithing group will consider both national and international projects; the overseas funding group will only consider international projects
- the tithing group will not consider year-on-year financial support to any one project, but annual re-applications will not be excluded
- all the overseas fund, and part of the tithing fund, are committed to sustainable development and to meeting primary needs, such as drinking water, food, shelter, healthcare, education and vaccination programmes
- applications to support disaster appeals will not usually be considered
- support may be given to large, high profile charities where funding can be specifically targeted

The guidelines will be kept under review.

The total sum available from the tithing group is in the region of £7-8,000. The overseas funding group is committed to three major projects for a period of at least 2 years, but has earmarked up to £10,000 every year for the funding of smaller projects proposed by members of the congregation.

Making proposals for funding:

Please complete the form overleaf, clearly marking it Tithing or Overseas, and send it to the church office (39 Jeffrey Street, Edinburgh EH1 1DH). An electronic (MS Word®) version of the form is available at osp.org.uk, and can be e-mailed to tithing@osp.org.uk.

