

# **International Nonviolence Training Fund (INTF)**

## **Grant Guidelines – Criteria and Priorities**

The International Nonviolence Training Fund (INTF) was created in 1994 by a group of concerned donors with the aim of specifically supporting nonviolence trainings organized by social change groups to prepare participants for specific nonviolent actions or campaigns.

Nonviolence trainings seek to help people develop and improve the skills they need to confront systemic injustice through organized, principled, nonviolent action. Trainings also promote the exchange of ideas, information, and strategies, through which activists can become more effective at using nonviolent action in their struggles.

Decisions on INTF grant applications are determined by the INTF Grant Making Board, composed of an international team of experienced nonviolence trainers.

## **INTF GRANT CRITERIA & PRIORITIES**

**INTF offers grants for nonviolence trainings** carried out by organizations actively involved in nonviolent actions or campaigns for social change or justice. We offer grants to groups from many different countries and focus on supporting groups that have a limited access to funds.

### **Projects eligible for support include projects which:**

- prepare participants for specific nonviolent actions or campaigns
- build capacity and leadership among people engaged in nonviolent struggles
- prepare participants for specific nonviolent actions or campaigns through an interactive process
- train the trainers, in order to expand and multiply nonviolence training throughout a targeted community
  - Please note, the purpose of a nonviolence training for trainers (TfT) is to prepare experienced activists to become nonviolence trainers. Such a training includes sessions on planning agendas that fit the needs of the group and the action; learning how and when to use and adapt exercises, role-plays, and other training tools; learning how to facilitate a training; and learning how to work in a team leading a training. The participants of a TfT are expected to be people who already have experience participating in nonviolent actions and have already participated in at least one, preferably multiple, nonviolence trainings.

### **Preference is given to:**

- projects which use trainers from the local area or region
- groups which are small, community-based and have less access to funding from other sources

We also look seriously at gender balance within the training team and for the projected participants.

**The INTF does not fund trainings which are focused primarily toward:**

- resolving conflicts between individuals
- building life skills or job skills, or achieving personal empowerment or economic independence
- conflict resolution or violence reduction programs which do not directly promote activism for social justice

**The INTF does not fund:**

- individuals
- lobbying or political campaigns
- art, films, or dance projects that aren't a component of organizing
- healing or therapy work, that is not a component of organizing
- tuition or scholarships
- university supported projects
- scholarship or other financial support for individuals to travel to attend courses or training sessions
- trainings with budgets over US \$50,000
- trainings run by organizations with annual budgets over US \$250,000

**The maximum grant amount for any one training is US \$5,000**

The INTF can and does directly fund organizations which do not have their equivalent of a non-profit tax-exempt status in their country, and/or which are not registered or incorporated.

If the organization does not have its own bank account or if your organization are not tax-exempt in your country, we will most likely require the use of a fiscal sponsor. A fiscal sponsor is a registered nonprofit that will receive the funds from us and transfer them to your organization.

Please note that we do not transfer granted funds to individuals.

**If you are awarded a grant:**

- An official representative from your organization will be required to sign a grant agreement.
- You will have to provide a complete financial accounting for all funds received from the INTF, demonstrating that they were used in accord with the grant agreement.
- This accounting report is due within a month after granted funds are spent or within six months of signing the grant agreement, whichever comes first. If funds from a grant remain unspent after six months, you must submit an updated accounting every six months until the complete grant is spent.
- This financial accounting should be accompanied by copies of materials produced with INTF funds, a brief narrative report, and the INTF Grant Report Form.