GUIDELINES FOR THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN (FLC) PROJECT GRANT

The **Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC)** is a worldwide ecumenical movement of prayer for justice, peace and reconciliation.

It is a **prayer movement. It is not a fund-raising body nor a donor agency or organization.** Through this movement, Christian women around the world seek fellowship with each other and are reminded to live a reconciling and forgiving life with others. Anyone who wishes to join this movement makes a commitment to spend time in prayer whenever she has a strained relationship with another person, and to uphold in prayer others who are victims of jealousy, hatred, violence and injustice. Each time she prays for justice, peace and reconciliation, she sets aside one **"least coin"** of her currency as a tangible token toward her prayer being answered. These coins are sent regularly to her country's FLC collection point, where it is forwarded to the FLC Fund. The amount collected in each country is never publicized; only the total sum collected each year is announced. It is important that only the **"least coin"** of each currency be set aside so that even the poorest women of each country can be a part of this fellowship of love and care.

For further information about the FLC, contact your Regional Representative to the ICFLC.

CRITERIA FOR PROJECT GRANT

Grants shall be given as **initial seed money** for:

1) Emerging opportunities for **awareness – raising** and/or **education** on gender issues.
2) Programmes of **literacy, health, violence against women and children, leadership development and other social issues** recommended by recognized Christian groups.
3) **Women's programmes that promote justice, peace and reconciliation,** in families, communities, and the environment.
4) **Enabling women to meet ecumenically** in regional and worldwide gatherings and **to participate** in ecumenical regional and global movements.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES for grant to any single project shall be:

1) The grant cannot exceed US $4,500.
2) Project grants in the same location are non-recurring. However, the applicant can submit an application for the same project in a *different* location or community.
3) An applicant can apply only once in five (5) years.
4) The application should indicate local fundraising and donations and grants that have been requested or already received.
5) A Project Grant application cannot be endorsed by an ICFLC member organization if, its place of work, or its place of business will benefit from the

project being funded (e.g. as a sponsor, organizer, facilitator, trainer, participant, or as the venue for the project).

6) A Project Grant application cannot be endorsed or submitted by an ICFLC representative if she or her family members, colleagues, church, or place of business will personally benefit from the project being funded (e.g. as an organizer, facilitator, trainer, participant, or as the venue for the project).
7) To avoid Conflicts of Interest in the ICFLC's review process for Project Grant applications:

   a) All ICFLC representatives will be placed in regional teams to review Project Grant applications from other regions prior to the Annual Meeting (e.g. representatives from North America – WICC, CWU, CWTT – will review Project Grant applications from Asia & the Pacific, representatives from Europe – EFECW, WCC – will review Project Grant applications from South America);

   b) Regional teams will review these Project Grant applications thoroughly and will present applications and make recommendations to the ICFLC for approval with rationale for its decisions; and,

   c) If necessary, regional teams will contact the ICFLC representative who endorsed and submitted the Project Grant application for more details or clarification, provide a set amount of time for feedback from the ICFLC representative, meet in their regional teams to confirm, and then present applications to the ICFLC for approval with rationale for their decisions.

FUNDING PROCEDURE:

1) **Applicants must request application forms from their respective Regional Contacts.**
2) **All completed application forms** must be endorsed by a national ecumenical organization and come through the recognized regional/global ecumenical organization's representative to ICFLC or contact person.
3) **Endorsed application forms must be submitted to the ICFLC Executive Secretary by 30th of June every year** by the ICFLC member or regional representative.
4) A narrative written report and financial report on the use of the grant, with accompanying pictures, must be submitted to the ICFLC Executive Secretary and the Regional Contact within one year of the receipt of the money.
5) If a grant is not used for the purpose requested, it must be refunded to the ICFLC.
6) A group in one country can apply for funds for a project based in another country if the project is regional or international in scope and/or if it is done in written collaboration with other country/countries.
7) For practical purposes all applications, reports and correspondence shall be submitted in the English language.

NOTE:
The International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC) endeavors to work closely with the Ecumenical Women's Desks and organizations in the regions in promoting the vision and the work of FLC. Therefore, all applicants for project grant should contact their respective regions for obtaining the FLC application forms as well as for getting endorsement for their requests.

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Due: June 25, 2026

The recipients of the FLC grants are invited and encouraged to participate in the FLC Prayer Movement by joining the circle of prayer and becoming partners in giving in the spirit of love and forgiveness.

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