SAFCEI FLEAT Small Grants

SAFCEI established our Faith Leaders Environmental Advocacy Training (FLEAT) Programme in 2014. It is an ongoing programme of training and mentorship, where faith leaders take on an advocacy role on eco-justice, speaking truth to people in positions of power and influence, in eleven countries throughout the Southern African region.

Our aim is to build the capacity of faith leaders, who are part of the SAFCEI family and network, so they are better able to advocate and teach, with a focus on understanding the nexus between good governance, societal & economic wellbeing and environmental rights and responsibilities. SAFCEI has programmes on Energy and Climate justice, Food and Climate justice, and Animal justice, and our training programme focuses in these areas.

Early in 2020 a survey conducted with the faith leader network brought to the fore the challenges that faith leaders face when taking practical action to create resilient communities.

In response and due to the challenges of workshopping as usual during Covid-19, SAFCEI has expanded its small grants pilot project to cover a wider remit for community resilience-building.

WHO QUALIFIES

- SAFCEI affiliates who are either SAFCEI members or active faith leaders, community leaders of faith, and recipients of SAFCEI’s faith leader training.
- Grantees will have had attended at least one SAFCEI training prior to receiving the grant.

WHAT WE WILL FUND

- Activities must be for environmental actions, carried out by communities on faith-owned land (not a private enterprise or household level) and show that it will support the building of a resilient faith community. Examples of such activities are:
  - Environmental eco justice training
  - Faith based agro ecological communal land farming run by your faith community
  - Solar panels or water tanks for a congregational building/community initiative
- For new grantees who have not previously received a grant- requests can be up to a max of R10,000, most grants awarded will be R5,000.
- For grantees that have had previous grants from SAFCEI, amounts requested can be up to R25,000, most grants awarded will be R5,000 to R10,000.
- Grants outside of South Africa have a minimum of R15 000 and a maximum of R25,000.
• Please note that SAFCEI reserves the right to make the final decision on the amount awarded.
• Proof of matched funding where possible must be provided to SAFCEI before grant is approved.

WHAT YOU NEED TO HAVE

• The willingness and interest to continue attending SAFCEI-sponsored training.
• Applicants must have a verifiable organisational (not-for-profit) bank account into which grant funds are to be paid.
• A multi-faith, inclusive approach to eco and climate-justice community-led efforts.
• Special consideration will be given to work done by and for women and youth.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW

• Submit your application at least one month prior to your planned activity
• If your project is already in progress, please give us a report on the project history.
• Include a financial report or budget forecast.
• Tell us about other funding that you receive for the same project.
• Use the attached form as a template for your application.

WHAT WE WILL DO

• A site visit prior to approval of the small grant is required, when possible. Your SAFCEI representative will attach their report to your application.
• We will inform you of our decision within one month of your application.

ONCE YOU RECEIVE A GRANT FROM SAFCEI

• A monthly progress report on the use of the grant funding received is required for projects that are of longer duration. (use the attached activity tool)

• A final report with photographs, narrative and budget usage is to be submitted at the end of the project.
PLEASE NOTE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE APPROVAL OF GRANT