



St. Timothy Overseas Project (STOP) 2026 Grant Information

Thank you for your interest in the St. Timothy Overseas Project (STOP). Since 1972, STOP, an initiative of the Church of St. Timothy Social Justice Outreach Committee, has provided funding for human development projects around the world to empower those who are impoverished. STOP is funded by financial gifts from parishioners. In addition to inviting parishioners to donate to STOP, the parish also prays for STOP recipients and parish communications channels provide information about STOP grant recipients and the countries in which they serve.

The Church of St. Timothy in Blaine, Minnesota is a Catholic, Eucharistic community with a strong commitment to charity, social justice, and outreach. This commitment is based in our Catholic belief in the inherent God-given dignity of the human person, the call to solidarity, and the preferential option for the poor. While our commitment is rooted in faith, projects do not need to be faith based to be considered.

Between one and three projects are funded each year, depending on the number of proposals received. Please note that STOP generally does not fund a project in the same geographical location two years in a row. In 2025, STOP grant locations were in El Salvador, Ghana and Zimbabwe. STOP grants range from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Projects funded may include, but are not limited to

- Buildings such as churches, schools, and pastoral centers that provide gathering places for education and community building. Buildings will only be funded to supplement a primary self-help project; the major emphasis in project proposals should be placed upon programmatic needs.
- Water projects such as digging, maintaining, and/or improving wells or irrigation systems.
- Equipment such as tractors, water pumps, generators, and vehicles that support a primary self-help project.

In order to be eligible for application, projects must meet the following criteria

- Organizations must be tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and must provide proof of this status with the application.
- Organizations must have a United States contact.
- Organizations must have a United States bank account directly connected to them.

Please respond to the prompts on the following application in a separate document. All pieces of the application must be submitted by December 31, 2025 to be eligible for consideration. Completed applications should be submitted to

Church of St. Timothy Social Justice Committee

Attn: STOP

707 89th Avenue NE

Blaine, MN 55434

Applications can also be submitted digitally by scanning and emailing all pieces of the application to sttimothychurch@churchofsttimothy.com.

If you have questions about the application process or your organization's eligibility, please contact sttimothychurch@churchofsttimothy.com.

Thank you for your interest in St. Timothy's Overseas Project (STOP) and your desire to collaborate with us in bringing about a more just, humane, and peaceful world.



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Project Title

Provide the title of the project you are proposing – e.g. “Well Digging Initiative” or “Elementary School Lunch Program.”

Location

What is the city/cities, region, and country that will be impacted by this project?

U.S. 501(c)(3) organization responsible for the funding of the program

Include contact name, organization name, postal address, email, phone number, proof of 501(c)(3) status, and mission and/or vision statement.

Please note that the organization must have a U.S. contact and be directly connected to a U.S. bank account. Checks for organizations that are chosen as 2024 STOP recipients will be made out to the 501(c)(3) organization name. Checks cannot be made out to not an individual.

Background information

Provide at least two to three paragraphs of context (you are welcome to write more) about the project and the people it will impact. What are the social, political, ecological, and other factors that impact the community? What are the challenges this community faces and how will this project address their needs and promote human development in an empowering way?

The purpose of the project

Provide at least two to three paragraphs of context (you are welcome to write more) about the immediate purpose of the project and how it fits into broader self-help and human development work that the organization is doing. How does this project connect to the mission and vision of your organization? How was the plan for this project developed? What consultation was done in determining the community’s need and how does this project would respond to that need?

Itemized cost of the project needs

Provide the specific projected costs associated with the project in U.S. dollars. This may include material, supplies, labor, etc. This list can either be included in the document or attached as a spreadsheet.

Total amount of funds requested from STOP

What is the total amount of funds that you are requesting from the STOP program? If the total cost of the project exceeds what you are requesting from STOP, share your plans for attaining other funding so that the project is fully funded.