



## FUNDING GUIDELINES

### Background

The FirstRand Foundation was established in 1999 and includes the FNB Fund, Momentum Fund, Rand Merchant Bank Fund and WesBank Fund. It is the general policy of the Foundation that only one of the four Funds will support a particular project in order to allow the Foundation to address the large number of appeals received.

### Programmatic approach

Following a strategic review of the Foundation's giving in 2007, the Trustees decided to streamline its focus areas by introducing a programmatic approach to its work. Programmes in specific fields of development will now enjoy focused attention, allowing for greater assistance to be given to organisations involved in fields relevant to this approach.

The key focus areas include:

- Education – with a strong Maths and Early Childhood Development focus. The Foundation also operates a bursary programme, in partnership with well-established bursary service providers. However, requests from individuals for bursary funding are not considered as our partner bursary service providers recruit potential bursars throughout the year through a structured process of engagement.
- HIV/AIDS programme focusing on the Hospice sector and Orphaned and Vulnerable Children
- Support for people with disabilities
- Agricultural Livelihood interventions
- Arts, Culture and Heritage
- Environmental Programmes
- Community Care with a strong focus on the youth and crime.

The Foundation receives many applications on a daily basis and even if an application falls within a specific focus area we can still provide no guarantee that we will be able to fund the organisation. Requests for funding are considered on a quarterly basis.

### Out-of-scope

As a general rule the Foundation is unable to consider support for the following initiatives:

- Sporting tours or events
- Support for individuals in need
- Individual bursaries or scholarships
- Conferences
- Cultural exhibitions or once-off cultural events
- Church building projects
- Generalised fundraising circulars for events such as fundraising dinners or golf days
- Profit-making organisations, such as closed corporations or companies
- Individual schools (The Foundation prefers to provide support to nongovernmental



- organisations providing skills upgrading and support at individual schools)
- Building projects
- Endowment funds
- Computer and office equipment
- General operating and salary costs.

Please refer to the application form that is downloadable on [www.tsi.org.za](http://www.tsi.org.za). You are required to fill this in and submit the completed form together with all of the attachments required.