

## **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

**1.** It is generally our policy not to fund any program operated by, or operating under the umbrella of, a well-funded organization (examples may include Catholic Charities, United Way, religious foundations/orders, dioceses/archdioceses or related parishes).

**2.** Proposed projects must illustrate significant hands-on participation by Members of the Order in the past as well as in the proposed project.

**3**. Preference will be given to projects that have a meaningful and lasting effect on the lives and circumstances of those receiving service.

**4**. Regions are encouraged to fund locally those projects requiring small investments (less than \$5,000). However in 2014 we will consider making \$20,000 available from Group #4 funds to support these projects. In future years, regions will fund these small projects.

**5.** As a general policy, startup programs/projects are generally not funded until they have established a track record of successful results, effective governance and responsible financial management.