

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS

One of the goals pursued by AREF is to

“Contribute to the achievement of individual or collective projects of a social, cultural or intellectual nature, as submitted by members of various regions.”

In order to promote this goal, AREF’s Annual General Assembly (AGA) of May 2018 granted a permanent status to the special projects committee by adopting article 43 of AREF’s rules and regulations, as well as a revised version of its policy to support such projects sponsored by its members.

A motion to increase the amount available for special projects from \$15,000 to \$20,000 was also accepted.

To be approved, projects must meet the following criteria:

- Be presented clearly, specifying the target population, the timeframe, the goals pursued, the member(s) involved and their responsibilities, as well as a detailed budget.
- Be submitted by at least one AREF member who thereby becomes the project proposer and will be directly involved in the delivery and management of the project.
- Be nonpartisan.

Project selection will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- **Be related to education**; for example, **1)** the purchase of books, school supplies or software; **2)** the promotion of literacy; **3)** learning aids; **4)** assistance for the handicapped.
- **Have a local, regional, national or international scope (maximum 25 % for the last one).**
- **Relate preferably to a “specific target population” (the elderly, the underprivileged, etc.) not sponsored** by community organizations and **not covered** by existing government programs, personal insurances and such.
- **Be nonrecurrent.**

Projects obtaining the highest scores will naturally have a greater chance of being funded.

One should realize that projects may be accepted even if all criteria are not met but, understandably, a project satisfying a greater number of these may be preferred over another.

Please note that AREF will no longer fund student training periods.

Furthermore, when projects are of equal quality, the committee adopted the policy of supporting a greater number of projects rather than allowing all or most of the funding to one project.

Project proposer responsibilities

Besides being involved in the project, the proposer must formally agree to submit to the committee a comprehensive activities report on June 30, 2019, or, at the latest, 30 days following the scheduled project completion date.

Allocation of funds

An amount equal to 2/3 of the allocated funding will be received upon approval of the project. The balance will be paid upon approval of the final report by the selection committee.

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