

TUTHILL COMMISSION REPORT EOY 2024

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The Commission met February 27, 2024 and were briefed on the updated webpage, the gift of \$2700 from the Illinois Maya Ministry, and the 5% allotment of the Trust Fund for 2024 - \$30, 863.11. We then reviewed and discussed progress reports from the 2023 grantees and made suggestions for uniformity of future reports regarding focus, documented impact, and length of the reports.

The Tuthill Commission met May 14, 2024 to discuss applications submitted for this year's grant requests. We received 7 formal applications by the April 1, 2024 deadline and 1 informal application after the deadline. Six applicants were approved for grants, totaling \$30, 863.11, and two were not approved.

The group discussed each of 8 requests received, noting that 7 of the requests were submitted by the deadline and followed the application format while one request was submitted after the deadline and did not use the application format. The group discussed the basis for prioritization of requests, and as in past cycles considered partial funding based on amounts requested, clarity and impact of projects, fair application of the request process, and availability of funds.

The committee discussed allocation of funding and agreed on the following project allocations:

UCC Philippines	\$3,000.00
FMEEC Ag Renewal Syria	\$8,000.00
Justapaz in Colombia	\$3,000.00
CACM Sri Lanka	\$2,863.11
ZCC Water Sanitation & Hygiene	\$6,000.00
SIPAZ Education	\$8,000.00
PCC Fiji Vulagi Training	\$0
Rev. Carlson – Angola travel	\$0
TOTAL	30,863.11

The Commission discussed adding a request to clarify what percent of a project or total budget a request is seeking. The group expressed interest in requesting additional funding from the conference council.

The Commission is scheduled next to meet February 25, 2025 at 7:00 pm to review and discuss progress reports from those awarded grants in 2024. In addition, on May 13, 2025, we will discuss new applications requesting grants for next year.

Respectfully submitted,
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