



What is GiftAway?

GiftAway is a program created by the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin–Madison (Madison RPCVs) to disburse funds to educational and self-help development projects around the world. The Madison RPCVs raise thousands of dollars each year through the creation and sales of the International Calendar (see <https://www.rpcvmadison.org/cpages/international-calendar> for information about the calendar), and proceeds from these sales are given as grants once or twice per year through GiftAway and our other donations programs.

GiftAway grants are given to projects that are proposed and sponsored by RPCV–Madison members. Any member may apply for funding to support a development project or projects. A preference is given to smaller projects whose proponents do not have the resources for large fund-raising efforts, rather than to projects supported by large national groups. The decision about which specific projects are funded is made by the members who attend the GiftAway meetings and listen to all proposals.

Most GiftAway grants fund overseas projects in countries currently or formerly served by Peace Corps, and on rare occasions in other countries. We also fund projects in Wisconsin, as long as those projects directly involve refugees and/or immigrants.

There is an upper limit to the amount that may be requested for a project (typically \$500–\$3,000), depending on the funds allocated in each GiftAway cycle. Current funding information is available from the GiftAway Donations Chair.

To see past recipients of GiftAway grants, visit our website and click on “INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR” and then on “Request a Donation.”

In addition to GiftAway, the Madison RPCVs also donate funds directly to the [National Peace Corps Association](#), [Peace Corps Partnership Programs](#), [Global Diversity Grants](#), and [Open Doors for Refugees](#).

How to apply for a GiftAway grant: RPCV–Madison sponsors must complete an advance application detailing a project and then be prepared to present details of that project at the GiftAway meeting. For information on submitting an application and the donations cycle, please contact the GiftAway Donations Chair, at giftaway@rpcvmadison.org.