



Scripture Grant Programme Policy

At Bible Society, our vision is to translate, publish, distribute and engage people with the Bible in a language they can understand, in a format they can use and at a price they can afford, and to lighten their hearts with the message of unconditional love in Jesus Christ, as revealed in the Bible.

The Scripture Grant Programme exists to enable Bible Society to partner with a variety of Australian institutions, organisations and missions that undertake Bible engagement work, by providing free Scripture resources. These resources are intended to enable their chaplains, workers and volunteers to help those they minister to, interact and further engage with the Bible.

- Eligibility:** Australian organisations and individuals who can demonstrate the development and ongoing maintenance* of a relationship with those they intend on giving resources to. These relationships are designed to engage others with God's Word outside the context of regular church meetings and church outreach. Scripture Grants are **not** for personal use, Scripture teachers (as provision of Bibles is covered under our Scripture in Schools programme), special events (such as camps, mission trips or church events), Private or Christian schools or for distribution to individuals with whom there will not be further contact. *Due to practicalities, Hospital chaplaincy is exempt from the requirement to maintain an ongoing relationship.
- Frequency:** The programme operates in a calendar year and is reviewed annually. Applications must be submitted each year as they are not carried over to the following year. A maximum of one grant application may be made each calendar year by a single entity. The successful applicant will be allocated a grant budget which can be drawn upon throughout the calendar year.
- Budget:** The Scripture Grants Programme is funded by our generous donors, and funds are limited so we are not always able to fulfil every request. The amount granted is dependent on the size and scope of the Bible engagement offered. Individual applications for funding will be capped at \$2,000. In addition Bible Society Australia will allocate 5-10% of its budget for applications made throughout the year or a special one off grant outside targeted areas.
- Resources:** The Scripture Grant provides free resources from a select range of Bibles, New Testaments, Gospels and booklets only, in both English and languages other than English (LOTE). Special requests for resources outside of this range requires pre- approval by BSA.
- Reporting:** A report on the impact and outcome of your grant is due at the end of the year. **This is compulsory.** A report outline will be provided. You must provide detailed responses on how your grant has been used along with stories, testimonies and where possible, photographs. Where necessary, you are welcome to change names and identifying details to protect recipients' privacy on all testimonies/stories. A Scripture Grant Application for the following year will **not** be considered unless it is accompanied by this comprehensive report.
- Expectation:** Organisations and Individuals who receive a Scripture Grant are asked to publicise and promote their connection with Bible Society, its activities as well as your connection with the Scripture Grant Programme through your organisation and networks via print and digital media.

Please note that the Scripture Grants Programme is for those based in Australia and distributing resources within Australia only.