

Center for the Encouragement of Self-Reliance (CESR)

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To: Applicant for CESR Grants

The Status

Thank you for having responded to the Center for the Encouragement of Self-Reliance (CESR) 10/11/2011 announcement that conveyed the CESR intention to award grants worth between 1000 USD and 10,000 USD to selected members of the VA-NGO Network, other NGOs, and individuals inside and outside of Vietnam that are working to help needy fellow Vietnamese.

As of the deadline at midnight November 30, 2011, we received 44 applications. Some applications that arrived after the deadline were not considered in our review. Some others were rejected due to gross non-compliance with the requirements.

The Quality of Applications

In reviewing the 44 applications, we have the following broad brush observations:

1. Vietnamese everywhere, inside and outside of Vietnam, are trying to help alleviate the sufferings of fellow Vietnamese. The broad scopes of efforts include: fighting trafficking of girls and laborers; fighting domestic violence; assisting refugees obtain jobs and learn social culture in settlement areas; helping the poor and the sick in Vietnam; giving scholarships to students; providing clean water and good sanitation; providing shelters for the extremely tattered and the terminally ill; training youths in voluntarism and leadership; conducting medical missions to assist thousands; providing micro-loans; conducting identification of deceased prisoners in re-education camps; and last but not least, researching the territorial sovereignty of Vietnam. Every project seems to be too small and too weak in the face of overwhelming needs. It is thus important for us to redouble the efforts to learn

of our fellow citizens' problems and to join forces to help alleviate them efficiently.

2. Except for a few, the majority of applications were not well written. They either (a) did not follow the orderly approach described by the announcement, (b) they did not provide a reasonable explanation of the challenged match, and/or they did not provide a reasonable explanation as how the finances are controlled transparently.
3. Within our limitations, CESR has tried to accommodate your requests in order to encourage you to double up your efforts to help fellow Vietnamese, thus helping us achieving CESR objectives as well. In every case, we ask for proof of matching and for spending the grant only ratably with respect to the realized match amount. We have approved 42 grants totaling \$324,400.

Your response to this letter is needed

Please help us expedite the sending of the grants to the correct address before December 24, as follows.

1. *If your organization is in the United States, please provide the name, address, and the tax identification number.*
 2. *If your organization is in Vietnam, please provide a trustworthy correspondent in the US that can accept the grant for you. A certified statement must be made to the effect that the person has that authority and will immediately send the money to you in your private channel.*
- *If your organization is in another country, or even Vietnam, that can receive the money by wire directly from us, please check with your bank to provide the following banking information:*
 - *CESR to wire the money to*
 - International bank in New York (e.g., Chase, Wells Fargo, UBS, Mellon, Bank of America...); Address of that bank; SWIFT/IBAN code of that bank*
 - *Instruction to transfer the money to your local bank*
 - Name and address and SWIFT/IBAN code of your local bank*

- *So that your local bank can credit your organization*

Name of your organization; Account number

Thank you.

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