



GUIDELINE

IARU REGION 3

“Fund for Special Projects – Founded by Selva 9V1UV”

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1. Introduction

On 22 July 2007 “Selva” Selvadurai 9V1UV (a previous Director of IARU Region 3, now SK) made a generous offer to Michael Owen VK3KI (then Chairman of Directors, now SK) to make a gift of US\$5,000 to establish a special fund. It was to be called the "Fund for Special Projects - Founded by 9V1UV". The fund is to enable the Directors to undertake tasks or projects that can help Region 3 better achieve its missions and goals. The offer was discussed at the Directors’ Meeting in Tokyo in August 2007 – Agenda item 13.1 – and accepted. Selva was formally thanked for his foresight and generosity.

Selva served as a Director of Region 3 for two terms, from the year 2000 and ended after the Region 3 Conference in August 2006. Selva was a strong supporter of amateur radio, SARTS in Singapore and IARU Region 3. Sadly both Selva and Michael are both now “Silent Keys”.

Selva’s motivation was described by him as “having had a taste of Region 3 administration over those two terms, my thoughts and concerns for Region 3 have continued even though I ceased to be directly involved. The annual budget is generally adequate to meet most if not all of the routine expenses of Region 3. There are however other tasks / projects that can help Region 3 move further towards achieving its mission and goals.”

Selva also expressed the hope that others may contribute to the fund.

The **Region 3 Newsletter, January – March 2000** introduced this "Fund for Special Projects".

2. Selva’s Original Objectives

The original objectives that Selva had were:

- The fund shall be separately accounted for
- The fund to be used for projects in the ITU Region 3 area, of the kind illustrated by specific examples following
- Others may (and hopefully will be encouraged to) contribute to the fund



- Anyone donating to the fund may suggest an appropriate special project, but always on the basis that any suggestion must be consistent with the purposes Selva identified
- Additionally, no donation shall be conditional on the Region 3 Directors accepting a particular suggestion
- The IARU Region 3 Directors (or persons taking the same responsibility for any organization in the future in substitution for IARU Region 3) shall have full discretion as to the utilization of the fund but always consistent with the purposes described
- When the amount available in that fund dips below an economical sum, the Directors may transfer the balance to the Region 3 General Fund and the special fund be closed

Summarised examples from Selva included:

- a) IARU Monitoring System Region 3 Coordinator being assisted with visits to societies
- b) The Chairperson of the Disaster Communications Committee helped to get better responses to his communications and calls for preparedness
- c) Some societies in disaster prone areas may need help with resources to acquire suitable communication equipment and accessories
- d) Help for the Region 3 Secretariat to get action on the Regional Conference proceedings and resolutions circulated to all societies; perhaps with a visit by a representative of Region 3 to explain the benefits and importance of active participation and involvement
- e) Other tasks or projects which the Region 3 Directors have in mind but are deferred or put on the back burner because of budgetary considerations

3. Guidelines for the Disbursement of Funds

The following “Guidelines” have been developed:

1. Any disbursements or payments will honour Selva’s original objectives
2. “Genuine need” should be clearly established
3. Specific proposals are required
4. Funds may be used for a single project, or in some cases multiple projects. Funding limits may be set.
5. Limits on disbursements may be set – a balance must be kept between the funds remaining available and the amount(s) being drawn down
6. All grants will be clearly made as a “one off” allocation and shall not be considered as setting a precedent.
7. Partial funding of a project may be favoured, where the recipient is also contributing funding or other significant inputs



8. Requests from a Region 3 member society for assistance need a “statement of case”. A written request to the Secretary of IARU Region 3 should describe the intentions and include – reasons for the need, an outline of the project, the estimated total cost and funding amount requested, any local contribution, input or funding available, and a time line.
9. A group of member societies may also put a case for funding, possibly in the situation where they see a need outside of their group.
10. Other groups or individuals may also apply if they believe that they meet the criteria. The same information, as for a member society above, should be provided. Additionally, information should be given to explain why their own member society is not funding the project.
11. The Directors may also unilaterally make a case or make an offer to cover a known or perceived need for assistance.
12. In some situations consideration could be given for the fund to purchase equipment (in Japan, Hong Kong or Singapore for example) and provide some specific item needed as a “donation”. However there are unknown implications for each case with warranties, tax and customs duties, freight and insurance etc.
13. In all cases and applications the Directors decision will be final on the use of the fund and making a payment.

4. Additions to and Replenishment of the Fund

It was made clear, as noted above, that Selva would welcome additional donations being made to his fund to further the objectives of his vision. This needs attention by the Directors and ongoing publicity.

5. Publicity

Ongoing publicity is needed for Selva’s “Fund for Special Projects - Founded by Selva 9V1UV”. This needs to be promoted in the Region 3 Newsletter at regular intervals, and in the magazines and journals of the Member Societies to:

- Publicize the fund and its objectives
- Call for more donations and bequests



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Disbursements Made to Date

One disbursement has been made to date (August 2013). A sum of US\$1,000 was granted to RAST in Thailand in July 2012 to help re-establish their club station HS0AC in Bangkok. A huge body of flood water surged into the 330-acre campus of the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in late October 2011 where HS0AC was located. All equipment was damaged beyond repair. The water remained there at a depth of around two metres for five weeks before receding. This flooding was unprecedented in the over 39 years that AIT has been there and was totally unexpected. The Thai government had assured the campus authorities and many nearby factories that they would not be flooded. The government wrong. The grant helped re-establish HS0AC on a new site closer to central Bangkok. The money was put towards a replacement tower and antenna. The grant was clearly tagged as a one off allocation and not to be considered as a precedent.
