

International Union for Land Value Taxation Small Grants Criteria

Grant Applications received by these dates will be considered and replied to within six weeks:

March 15, July 15, and October 15

All applicants must be registered as a member of the International Union for Land Value Taxation (the IU).

To register go here: www.theIU.org.

Grant preferences will be given to people who are actively engaged with the IU or other organizations involved with the economics and public finance approach set forth in the work and writings of Henry George and to others who are knowledgeable advocates of land value taxation.

First time grant applicants are eligible for up to \$3000 (USD). After successful project completion applicants may make additional funding requests.

Please send your grant proposal to Wendy Rockwell, IU President (wendy.rockwell@gmail.com) and cc IU Administrator, Alanna Hartzok (alannahartzok@gmail.com)

The proposed project should:

Contribute to achieving the end goal of Land Value Tax implementation.

Articulate and present a strategy for LVT policy implementation. (see below)

Show how the project is an important component of the strategy.

Have a leader who has developed a team to work with.

Contribute to movement building for LVT implementation.

Clearly state its purpose and goals.

Clearly define the parameters of the project – who, what, when, where, how.

Have the potential for institutional support in addition to the IU.

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Itemize expenses within the grant request.

Be complete upon receipt by the IU Executive Council of an outcome report summarizing the results of the project for which the funds were used. Who and how many participated in the project? What was their level of interest in continuing engagement? The outcome report should also describe proposed

next steps in the strategy for LVT implementation. Please include in the report relevant photos, videos, article, websites and any other details that may be of relevance to continuing the implementation work. This information will be posted in the Projects section of the IU website.

Strategy and Basic Requirements for Implementing LVT

Note that on the IU website here: <https://theiu.org/un-habitat/> scrolling down you will find three documents - Letter to Mayor, Questionnaire, and Memorandum of Understanding.

These three documents could be used for your project as reading and discussion material and as an impetus for developing a plan to contact the mayor of the city or cities that your project participants live in.

Within these three documents you will find additional information useful to your project along with criteria for LVT policy implementation, copied below.

Strategy for LVT Implementation includes:

Developing a base of people knowledgeable of the land problem and land value tax policy solution who have leadership capacity to be advocates.

Defining the legal requirements for implementing LVT and determining what legislative process would enable implementation if laws need to be changed.

Enlisting City Mayors, Council Members, Legislative Representatives as allies to work for passage of any needed legislation and for actual implementation.

A successful land value based public finance system requires the following:

1. A cadastre (land register), transparent and freely available to the public, documenting the location, boundaries and physical qualities of each land parcel. Today's high-resolution satellite imaging, GPS technology and computerized surveying make assembling a cadastre much easier and considerably less expensive than in the past.
2. Descriptions of private and/or communal rights to possession and use of each parcel, including the landholder's identity, the nature and terms of tenure, designated uses (zoning), easements, and usage restrictions for the purpose of environmental or resource conservation.
3. Accurate assessments of the annual rental value of each parcel, and capital value where applicable. Again, computerized calculation of land value allows assessment of most sites quickly and at little cost.
4. Methodology for determining the percentage of land rent to be captured from each land parcel through a five to ten year period.

5. Means of collecting the funds. All such information must be accurate, current, and readily accessible. To keep the system free of favoritism and corruption, citizens must be able to challenge erroneous information and anomalous assessments. The recorded information should be freely available to citizens, preferably both on paper in public offices as well as on the Internet.