

The Process for Participating Churches/Private Funds:

- The following details seek to outline the process of making a need known, responding to a need, and funding a family.

Making a Need Known:

- Either prior to a family applying or during the application process, please inform Lifesong if it is a family you feel strongly about funding, even if the funds are not available.
- Lifesong will screen the family and contact the church to talk about a recommendation, as normal.
- After prayerfully considering, Lifesong will send an email to all participating churches with an overview of the family, their testimonies, their financial need, and a recommendation.

Responding to a Need:

- Since Lifesong has already screened the family, we will not have the considering church contact the family. However, the considering church may request contact with the home church.
- If requested, Lifesong will send any considering churches the contact information for the family's church in order to gather additional information and prayerfully consider funding their adoption.
- **Please respond to the initial email within 5 business days.** If a church does not respond, we will assume that the church was not interested in or unable to financially assist the family.

Funding a Family:

- **Matching Grant** – if a matching grant is provided, the funds will be moved from the funding church account to the home church account, then disbursed to the agency/family.
- **Direct Grant** – if a direct grant is provided, the funds will be moved from the funding church account to the home church account, then disbursed to the agency/family.
- **Interest Free Loans** – if an interest free loan is provided, the funds will be moved from the funding church account to the home church account, then disbursed to the agency/family. Re-payments will be made to the home church account and immediately moved to the funding church account for use with future families.

**On an exception basis, a network church may be contacted to reach out to an exceptional family in need.*

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as we reach more together, than we can alone.*



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