

## **International Merit Box Project Distribution 2017**

The International Merit Box Project brings together an international community of practitioners who wish to foster their daily practice of generosity while helping Lama Zopa Rinpoche fund beneficial projects worldwide. The international success of the Merit Box Project is reason for great rejoicing and a true testament to the collective generosity of the FPMT community.

"When we practice generosity, we are applying the exact antidote to attachment." -Lama Zopa Rinpoche

Genuine heartfelt appreciation goes out to all our Merit Box practitioners whose generosity provided the funding for these grants, and to the Merit Box Coordinators who have worked so hard to make this beneficial project a success.

The 16 grants distributed for 2017 from the Merit Box Project Fund amounted to US\$37,667.

Organization	Project	<b>Grant Amt</b>
FPMT Education Services, USA	Masters Program study manual	US\$800
FPMT Spain	Masters Program translation support	US\$2,000
International Mahayana Institute, FRA	Support for Sangha to attend retreats with Lama	US\$1,500
	Zopa Rinpoche	
Kunsang Yeshe Centre, AUS	Yellow Tara statue	US\$2,000
Kurukulla Center, USA	Repairs and restoration of building exterior	US\$500
Land of Calm Abiding, USA	Propane for staff housing	US\$2,000
Lama Yeshe Wisdom Archive, USA	Big Love Biography	US\$2,500
Mahamudra Centre, AUS	Foundation Service Seminar - airfare for facilitators	US\$650
Maitri Charitable Trust, INDIA	Care of Animal beings	US\$1,500
Maitripa College, AUS	Library development and/or education initiatives	US\$5,000
Milarepa Center, USA	Repair and restoration projects	US\$5,000
Jamyang Buddhist Centre, UK	Repaying the Kindness Project	US\$1,000
FPMT French Translation Committee, FRA	Publication of <i>Bodhisattva Attitude</i> in French	US\$1,500
Tara Home, USA	End of Life Services	US\$2,000
Nagarjuna's Wisdom Center, SPAIN	New Center	US\$1,000
Kadampa Center, USA	Media support for Light of the Path retreat	US\$8,717
	Total Awarded	US\$37,667

For additional information about the International Merit Box Project, please contact meritbox@fpmt.org. As part of the 2017 grant process, we are asking grantees to complete a progress report so we can rejoice in the latest Merit Box-funded successes with our friends throughout the year.