



### International Merit Box Project Distribution 2015

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 offerings distributed for 2015 from the Merit Box Project Fund amounted to US\$57,000. We received 19 grant proposals totaling US\$129,175 from various centers, projects and initiatives, and have awarded 14 grants.

Organization	Project	Grant Amt
Buddha House, AUS	Statue Project	<b>US\$8,950</b>
Foundation for the Development of Compassion and Wisdom, UK	The 16 Guidelines website translation into French and Spanish	<b>US\$5,000</b>
Gendun Drubpa Center, Canada	Stupa for World Peace and Environmental Harmony	<b>US\$5,000</b>
International Mahayana Institute, France	Support for Sangha to Attend Retreats with Lama Zopa Rinpoche	<b>US\$4,000</b>
Langri Tangpa Center, AUS	Stand for the Stupa of Inta McKimm	<b>US\$850</b>
Lama Yeshe Wisdom Archive, USA	Lama Yeshe’s Gyalwa Gyatso Teachings	<b>US\$5,000</b>
Milarepa Center, USA	Yama Toilet Meditation Project	<b>US\$500</b>
Maitreya Instituut, Netherlands	Ganapati Statue Fund	<b>US\$5,000</b>
Courthouse Community Center (Jamyang), UK	Repaying the Kindness Project	<b>US\$1,000</b>
FPMT Europe	FPMT Europe Office Fund	<b>US\$2,500</b>
International Office, USA	Online Learning Center Funding	<b>US\$3,200</b>
International Office, USA	Grant for Sera Je Food Fund	<b>US\$5,000</b>
Maitripa College, USA	James A. Blumenthal Library Project	<b>US\$3,000</b>
Maitripa College, USA	Mindfulness & Compassion Initiative, Pilot Phase	<b>US\$3,000</b>
Osel Labrang, India	Support for Office Activities	<b>US\$5,000</b>
<b>Total Awarded</b>		<b>US\$57,000</b>

*For additional information about the International Merit Box Project, please contact [meritbox@fpmt.org](mailto:meritbox@fpmt.org). As part of the 2015 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.*