

**Exercise 6.1**  
**Your Funding Areas**

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20 minutes

Step 1. Write your mission statement from Exercise 4.1 in Chapter Four.  
Mission Statement:

Step 2. Look at your priority areas from Exercise 2.3 in Chapter Two. Do they match up with your mission? If not, revise your priority issue areas and write them here:

Step 3. Compare these areas with where you have given money away recently, from Exercise 3.1 in Chapter Three, and review your analysis of creating a better world, from Exercises 3.4 and 3.5. Note what you have learned from this comparison:

Step 4. Given your interest areas, where you have been giving, and how you think change will happen, list a maximum of five areas in which you would now like to concentrate your funding:

**Areas of Funding**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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Step 5. Now think about whether prioritizing your choices will make your strategy more effective. If so, rewrite your list in priority order.

**Areas of Funding**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Step 6. From the total amount of money you've decided to donate (see Exercise 5.2 in the previous chapter), allocate a percentage to each area based on your assessment in Step 5 of the importance of each to your mission. Then translate each percentage into a dollar amount. (The sample giving plans in Chapter Seven show how some donors have allocated percentages of their giving according to their priorities.)

<b>Area of funding</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		