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## New Opportunities

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>USAID: South Asia Regional Energy Partnership Fund</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>United States Agency for International Development</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The United States Agency for International Development has launched its South Asia Regional Energy Partnership Fund to improve access to affordable, secure, reliable, and sustainable energy in six countries—Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka— in line with these countries’ climate and clean energy priorities. The program is a key activity under the U.S. Government’s Clean Edge Asia -Enhancing Development and Growth through Energy initiative and aligns with USAID’s climate change priorities to advance equitable and ambitious actions to confront the climate crisis. The program helps the United States Government’s Indo-Pacific Vision and facilitates collaboration among the six countries in South Asia to accelerate the transition to clean energy, mitigate climate change, and promote energy security.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p><b>Objectives and Themes</b>  SAREP seeks to encourage targeted action and drive systems change by engaging policymakers, regulators, utilities, private sector, investors, and think tanks among others, through four key technical objectives and three cross-cutting themes:</p> <p><b>Objective 1: Enhanced regional energy markets and integration</b>  SAREP will facilitate development of regional power markets, improve coordination and planning, strengthen national and regional institutions, drive consensus on power trade, and institutionalize a supporting framework and mechanisms.</p> <p><b>Objective 2: Increased deployment of advanced energy solutions and systems</b>  SAREP will enhance and accelerate deployment of clean energy technologies for transition to net zero emissions by helping partner countries reach near-term climate goals and avoid locking in longer term emissions trajectories.</p> <p><b>Objective 3: High-performing modern utilities</b>  SAREP will enable modernization of transmission, system operation and distribution utilities in the region to improve their technical, financial, and operational performance, grid resilience, enhance customer service, and promote adaptability to new technical advancements.</p> <p><b>Objective 4: Transparent, best-value procurement and private sector investment mobilized</b>  SAREP will facilitate increased private sector investments and enhance domestic and international finance for clean energy deployment.</p> <p>SAREP’s activities and outcomes also support and contribute to the Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP) and the Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue (CAFMD) under the recently established U.S.-India Climate and Clean Energy Agenda 2030 Partnership. Through this collaboration, India and the U.S. aim to demonstrate swift climate action that is inclusive, resilient, and based on national and regional priorities. Countries in the region will also benefit from this collaboration through sharing of the learnings, best practices, lessons, and templates from previous experience which can be customized and replicated in other South Asian countries:</p> <p><b>Private sector engagement.</b> SAREP will enable and enhance private sector participation, leverage and mobilize resources, strengthen the enabling environment, increase awareness and understanding of solutions to enhance private sector finances, and promote replication of successful approaches.</p> <p><b>Gender diversity and inclusion.</b> SAREP will increase awareness and enable inclusion considerations in the energy sector, particularly mainstreaming gender in the energy sector. It will also engage and promote women leaders and entrepreneurs across the region.</p>

	<p>Pollution mitigation. SAREP will advance clean energy deployment to reduce air pollution associated with the energy sector.</p> <p><b>Eligible Activities</b>  To achieve the results outlined under the four technical objectives, the SAREP Partnership Fund will support the types of activities illustrated below:  Pilot demonstrations  Incubation support  Feasibility studies, detailed project reports, and market assessments  Knowledge management and dissemination  Policy advocacy and consensus building  Knowledge sharing, exchange, and institutional capacity development  Developing business models and innovative solutions, and structuring of innovative financial transactions to enable clean energy transition  Design and deploy new decision-making tools</p> <p><b>Ineligible Activities</b>  The SAREP Partnership Fund cannot be utilized for the following activities:  Support expansion of capacity or extend the operational life of carbon-intensive fossil fuelbased energy projects (e.g., oil, fossil [natural] gas, and coal). Support for natural gas for household energy access projects, in particular clean cooking projects, can be considered, if no cleaner options are feasible.  Purchases of restricted goods, such as agricultural commodities, motor vehicles, pharmaceuticals, contraceptive products, pesticides, used equipment, or fertilizers without the previous approval of the USAID Task Order Contracting Officer (TOCO).  Purchase of prohibited goods under USAID regulations, including but not limited to police or law enforcement equipment, abortion equipment and services, weather modification equipment, luxury goods, and gambling equipment.  Purchases of any equipment or services from specific companies, or their subsidiaries and affiliates, including Huawei Technologies Company, ZTE Corporation, Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, and Dahua Technology Company (“Covered Technology”).  Purchases of goods or services restricted or prohibited under the prevailing USAID source/nationality and other regulations; or from countries or suppliers as may be identified by USAID's consolidated list of debarred, suspended, or ineligible subcontractors.  Construction, infrastructure, renovation, and rehabilitation projects. Definition of “Construction” for purposes of this manual means construction, alteration, or repair (including dredging and excavation) of buildings, structures, or other real property and includes, without limitation, improvements, renovation, alteration, and refurbishment. The term includes, without limitation, roads, power plants, buildings, bridges, water treatment facilities, and vertical structures.  Other costs unallowable under USAID rules and/or federal regulation 2 CFR 200 such as fees/profits by the recipient (including sub-awardees).</p>
<p><b>Eligible Applicants:</b></p>	<p><b>Eligibility Criteria</b>  The SAREP Partnership Fund grants can be provided to private sector/for-profit entities; notfor-profit organizations; nongovernmental organizations (NGOs); civil society organizations; business service organizations; industry, trade, or other private sector associations; educational/training or academic institutions; and think tank/research entities which are eligible to receive foreign funded grants in accordance with applicable local regulations. Government and or quasi-government (parastatal entities) are not eligible to apply for and receive grants funded under this APS. All</p>

	<p>applicants will be bound by various USAID regulations as relevant and set forth in the US Code of Federal Regulations and Automated Directive System.</p> <p>Grantees should be registered in any of the countries not expressly prohibited in ADS 310 and should be legally authorized to operate in the country/ies where performance of grant activities are proposed.</p> <p>To be eligible for funding grantees must:</p> <p>Have no real or apparent conflicts of interest that could jeopardize the impartiality of the selection process or arise and affect project implementation. Applicants will be required to proactively declare any such potential conflicts so that they are mitigated in advance of applicant consideration. Any such conflicts can be personal, business, or finance related.</p> <p>Be legally authorized to receive foreign funded grants and conduct activities in the country for which application is made and accordingly demonstrate compliance with all applicable local legal and regulatory requirements such as but not limited to:</p> <p>In the case of India, comply with applicable provisions of the Foreign Contributions Regulations Act FCRA and have an active and valid FCRA registration valid at least for 6 months as of the date of application.</p> <p>In the case of Nepal, comply with provisions of The Social Welfare Act, 2049 (1992), and/or Associations Registration Act, 2034 (1977) and/or The Income Tax Act, 2002 (2058), as may be applicable.</p> <p>In the case of Bhutan, comply with regulations and norms of Civil Society Organization Authority (CSOA), Bhutan and the Bhutan Royal Monetary Authority, as may be applicable.</p> <p>In the case of Sri Lanka, have the mandatory registrations and approvals from the relevant Government Ministry. In addition, comply with regulations specified by External Resources Department under the Ministry of Finance and provisions specified by Voluntary Social Service Organizations (Registration and Supervision) Act, No. 31 of 1980 as amended, as may be applicable.</p> <p>In the case of Maldives, comply with regulations and provisions of Ministry of Youth, Sports &amp; Community Empowerment and the Associations Act 1/2003, as may be applicable.</p> <p>In the case of Bangladesh, comply with the provisions of Foreign Donations (Voluntary Activities) Regulations Act, 2016, as may be applicable.</p>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>31/01/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.rti.org/sites/default/files/SAREP-Partnership-Fund-Solicitation%20APS%20FY25.pdf">https://www.rti.org/sites/default/files/SAREP-Partnership-Fund-Solicitation%20APS%20FY25.pdf</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Culture and Animals Foundation Grants Program 2025</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Culture and Animals Foundation</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Culture & Animals Foundation has announced its annual Grants Program.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	Eligible Funding CAF does provide grants for documentary films and videos, but given the costs associated with both, applicants should show they have raised most of the money in advance of applying to CAF.

	<p>Ineligible Funding CAF does not fund: “Hands-on” projects, including animal rescue, public protest or trap-neuter-release programs; Species conservation projects, unless they include a commitment to animal rights and aspects of creativity, performance, or research; Projects that consist entirely of attending or speaking at a conference or conferences; Book production (CAF does support research and writing); Indirect costs: no portion of a CAF grant may be used for “administrative costs,” “overhead,” or any other form of indirect cost. CAF does provide grants for documentary films and videos, but given the costs associated with both, applicants should show they have raised most of the money in advance of applying to CAF.</p>
<p><b>Eligible Applicants:</b></p>	<p>Eligibility Criteria Applications should be submitted in English. Grants are awarded in three categories: Research (scholarly projects about animal advocacy and its cultural roots and impact); Creativity (original work by artists and thinkers that expresses positive concern for animals); and Performance (public performances and exhibitions to raise awareness of animal advocacy). Application Requirements Applications with supplemental materials should not exceed 20 MB file size. Application files must be submitted in PDF format. Please use this format for naming files: first initial, last name, and number of documents; eg JDoe1, JDoe2, and JDoe3. Please be ready to include the following in the online application form: a resume or curriculum vitae, complete budget information (as specific as possible), and one letter of support, containing a brief bio of the person submitting the letter on your behalf. For your project, please be ready to include the following information in the online application form: A project summary Which of the three programs (creativity, research, or performance) your project fits under The mission or purpose of your project A definition of the need your project intends to meet The targeted population(s) for your project Expected results Timetable for your project and implementation plan How you will evaluate the success of your project Information on the success of this project or program in the past Budget overview Supply relevant websites or social media sites</p>
<p><b>Total Budget: €100,000</b></p>	
<p><b>Deadline: 31/01/2025</b></p>	
<p><b>More information and official documents:</b></p>	<p><a href="https://cultureandanimals.org/grants/grant-application/">https://cultureandanimals.org/grants/grant-application/</a></p>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Doctoral Research Programme on Climate Change and Disaster Risks Management</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The WASCAL Doctoral Research Programme in Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management (DRP-CC&amp;DRM) is pleased to announce applications for its sixth batch of PhD students.</p> <p>This programme, hosted at Université de Lomé, Togo, is part of the Capacity Building Programme of West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL), with funding from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).</p> <p>WASCAL is a fully West African international organisation focused on academic and transdisciplinary research, aimed at building graduate-level scientific capacity and serving policy makers in West Africa with science-based advice on adaptation to Climate Change impacts and land use management. It collaborates with many agencies and universities across West Africa, creating a platform of excellence for knowledge exchange with its partners.</p> <p>WASCAL's mission is to offer information and knowledge services at local, national and regional levels to help West African member countries address the various challenges posed by Climate Change. This is achieved by providing capacity building support to young West African scholars in the fields of climate, natural and social sciences and by delivering climate and environmental services across its member countries.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Objectives</p> <p>The DRP-CC&amp;DRM will educate international students to understand the threat and risks associated with Climate Change, get familiar with early warning systems and know ways and means to improve the coping capacity of populations who are affected. They will be exposed to interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches to assessing threats and work in multidisciplinary teams with affected groups in harnessing their inherent resilience to hazards. Upon completion of their study, the students are expected to be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>analyze with scientific tools and methods the threats and risks to society or communities to the impact of Climate Change;</li> <li>synthesize knowledge regarding integrated management strategies to Climate Change effects, specifically to improve human safety; and</li> <li>prepare background document and policy notes that offer options to deal with climate change; and assist communities in dealing with Climate Change hazards by adaptation and mitigation.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>The DRP-CC&amp;DRM is opened for students and professionals having a Master's degree (M.Sc.) with Mention "Assez-bien" or Second-class Upper division or equivalent, in relevant disciplines: Geography, Agronomy, Sociology, Environmental science, and other pertaining disciplines.</p> <p>Applicants should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a citizen of one of the twelve member countries of WASCAL;</li> <li>Hold a minimum master's degree (M.Sc. with Mention "Assez-bien" or Second-class Upper division holder in the above cited disciplines)</li> <li>Provide a motivation letter</li> <li>Provide recommendation letters from three referees</li> <li>Provide copy of birth certificate and passport</li> </ul>



	Provide all academic transcripts (from Baccalaureate to master's degree) Provide a copy of master's diploma Provide an updated curriculum vitae Must have at least an intermediate level of English Age limit: 35
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€NOT AVAILABLE</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>31/01/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://wascal.org/doctoral-programme-climate-change-and-disaster-risks-management/">https://wascal.org/doctoral-programme-climate-change-and-disaster-risks-management/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Visegrad Grants Program to support Partnerships among NGOs and CSOs</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>International Visegrad Fund</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Visegrad grants support regional partnerships among NGOs and civil society organizations, public institutions and municipalities, private companies and nonprofit organizations as well as education and research centers that contribute to cooperation in the Visegrad region.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Objectives</p> <p>To apply for Visegrad Grants, your project must address one of the objectives of the grant program from the seven focus areas eligible for funding.</p> <p>Culture and Common Identity</p> <p>Projects creating/presenting common audiovisual, literary, and other contemporary art products to new audiences</p> <p>Projects reflecting on common historical and cultural heritage as well as cultural diversity by joint research and knowledge-sharing activities</p> <p>Projects establishing and fostering cooperation among municipalities, regions, and local groups through common cultural activities</p> <p>Education and Capacity Building</p> <p>Projects strengthening professional networks of educational institutions and supporting mobility of students, researchers, and educators to share best practices</p> <p>Projects improving hard and soft skills for the 21st century through formal and non-formal educational methods</p> <p>Innovation, R&amp;D, Entrepreneurship</p> <p>Projects aiming to build up new business and cluster networks for SMEs, startups, and research institutions within and outside the V4</p> <p>Projects tackling economic challenges and improving the ecosystem for businesses and social enterprises through joint lobbying, common policy solutions and exchange of best practices</p> <p>Projects dealing with innovation, new technologies and scientific research on regional and cross-sectoral levels</p> <p>Democratic Values and the Media</p> <p>Projects promoting active participation of citizens in democratic decision-making processes and fostering democratic debate</p>

	<p>Projects promoting transparency and the fight against corruption by supporting knowledge-exchange and capacity-building of whistleblowers, investigative journalists, and watchdogs</p> <p>Projects improving media and information literacy, and increasing resilience towards biased reporting, disinformation, and propaganda</p> <p>Projects aiming for better media coverage of relevant topics in the V4 region and increased access to information</p> <p>Public Policy and Institutional Partnership</p> <p>Projects connecting the expert communities to find joint solutions to common policy challenges</p> <p>Projects promoting active lobbying for policy change and good governance and connecting relevant stakeholders with decision-makers</p> <p>Regional Development, Environment and Tourism</p> <p>Projects offering new solutions and activities to the fight against climate change and raising awareness of environmental protection within and outside the V4 region</p> <p>Projects aiming at sustainable tourism development on the local and regional levels by combining international expertise and shared know-how</p> <p>Projects aiming at finding and sharing innovative solutions in local and regional infrastructure development, urban planning, land revitalization and agriculture</p> <p>Social Development</p> <p>Projects promoting an inclusive mindset in society and addressing protection and empowerment of minorities</p> <p>Projects improving intergenerational dialogue and the social care infrastructure to tackle common demographic and public health challenges</p> <p>Projects promoting a healthy and active lifestyle and reduction of addictive substance abuse.</p>
<p><b>Eligible Applicants:</b></p>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Any non-governmental, legal entity from any country can apply for support if they fulfil the partnership criteria. The Fund's main targets are civil society organizations (CSOs), public educational, cultural, research and scientific institutions, municipalities, and local governments, but market actors, e.g., companies – especially innovation and startup-related ones – are also eligible, if their project is of nonprofit character. Natural persons (individual citizens) or institutions of state administration directly subordinated to the state and its bodies, e.g., ministries, government and state agencies, embassies, etc. can neither apply nor be valid project partners. Private entrepreneurs are not eligible to apply or be partners. Subjects that possess full or partial independence from state administration and possess self-governance (such as universities, academic, artistic, social, educational, cultural, research and/or science organizations, municipalities, and local governments, etc.) can apply for the Fund's support.</p> <p>If the applicant is a research or higher education institution with several organizational units (e.g., universities, academies of science, etc.), they are obliged to indicate the name of the smallest possible organizational unit (institute, department, etc.) entrusted with the project's implementation. Without this information, the application will not be considered eligible. When choosing the appropriate unit, make sure that they are entitled, according to their internal rules, to independently apply for project funding.</p> <p>Should an overlapping larger unit (e.g. a faculty of the university) have a running grant in the same grant scheme that the applicant wishes to apply for, it is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure that the running project is administered by a separate</p>

	<p>subunit (e.g. the applicant is a department under a faculty which already has a running project – a clear separation of subunits will be necessary to make the new proposal eligible).</p> <p>Consortia of organizations of which 2 or more are based in different Visegrad countries All types of non-governmental, civil society organizations (CSOs); municipalities and local governments; schools, higher education institutions; research and scientific bodies and public institutions are eligible as lead partner (applicant) and partners in the consortia.</p> <p>Market actors, e.g., companies – especially innovation and startup related actors – with a legal entity are also eligible, but only if their Visegrad project is of nonprofit character</p>
<b>Total Budget: €NOT AVAILABLE</b>	
<b>Deadline: 01/02/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.visegradfund.org/apply/grants/visegrad-grants/">https://www.visegradfund.org/apply/grants/visegrad-grants/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>International Visegrad Fund Strategic Grants Program</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>International Visegrad Fund</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The International Visegrad Fund is pleased to announce the Strategic Grants Program to support project addressing annual strategic priorities of the Visegrad Group.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Strategic Priorities</p> <p>Promoting volunteering in the V4 region</p> <p>Intensifying cross-border volunteering in the V4 region and/or improving conditions for both volunteers and the respective host institutions.</p> <p>Promoting shared values</p> <p>Strengthening relations between civil societies in the Visegrad region in the context of the 25th anniversary of the Visegrad Fund’s establishment. Supporting projects that promote shared cultural and historical values.</p> <p>Supporting water management and flood protection cooperation in the region</p> <p>Promoting joint water management and flood protection initiatives. Fostering collaboration on disaster preparedness and climate resilience across Visegrad and neighbouring countries.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Any non-governmental, legal entity from any country can apply for support if they fulfil the partnership criteria. The Fund’s main targets are civil society organizations (CSOs), public educational, cultural, research and scientific institutions, municipalities, and local governments, but market actors, e.g., companies – especially innovation and startup-related ones – are also eligible, if their project is of nonprofit character.</p> <p>Natural persons (individual citizens) or institutions of state administration directly subordinated to the state and its bodies, e.g., ministries, government and state agencies, embassies, etc. can neither apply nor be valid project partners.</p> <p>Private entrepreneurs are not eligible to apply or be partners.</p> <p>Subjects that possess full or partial independence from state administration and possess self-governance (such as universities, academic, artistic, social, educational,</p>

	<p>cultural, research and/or science organizations, municipalities, and local governments, etc.) can apply for the Fund's support.</p> <p>If the applicant is a research or higher education institution with several organizational units (e.g., universities, academies of science, etc.), they are obliged to indicate the name of the smallest possible organizational unit (institute, department, etc.) entrusted with the project's implementation. Without this information, the application will not be considered eligible. When choosing the appropriate unit, make sure that they are entitled, according to their internal rules, to independently apply for project funding.</p> <p>Should an overlapping larger unit (e.g. a faculty of the university) have a running grant in the same grant scheme that the applicant wishes to apply for, it is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure that the running project is administered by a separate subunit (e.g. the applicant is a department under a faculty which already has a running project – a clear separation of subunits will be necessary to make the new proposal eligible).</p> <p>Consortia of organizations of which 2 or more are based in different Visegrad countries All types of non-governmental, civil society organizations (CSOs); municipalities and local governments; schools, higher education institutions; research and scientific bodies and public institutions are eligible as lead partner (applicant) and partners in the consortia.</p> <p>Market actors, e.g., companies – especially innovation and startup related actors – with a legal entity are also eligible, but only if their Visegrad project is of nonprofit character</p>
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<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.visegradfund.org/apply/grants/strategic-grants/">https://www.visegradfund.org/apply/grants/strategic-grants/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Submissions open for Allianz Foundation Grants Program 2025</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Allianz Foundation</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The Allianz Foundation is accepting submissions for its Grants Program to support initiatives with civil society, ecological, cultural and artistic backgrounds.</p> <p>The Allianz Foundation places a special emphasis on projects working at the intersection of these areas and pursuing systematic change. Enabling better living conditions for the next generations: this is their mission. The Allianz Foundation works with partners in Europe and the Mediterranean who are committed to social justice, open societies, and a living planet.</p> <p>What are they looking for?</p> <p>They are looking for applications in the fields of Arts &amp; Culture, European Civil Society and Climate &amp; Environment from Europe and the Mediterranean region that pursue a clear impact plan and systemic approaches and look for solutions beyond predetermined paths. They request applicants to specifically describe the problem they are addressing and how their project can contribute to a solution.</p> <p>develop a sustainable vision that goes beyond the duration of the immediate project. What will last beyond the end of the funding period and would not have been possible without the project?</p>

	<p>have a trans-local dimension and at the same time are strongly tied in their surroundings – projects that aim to address global challenges by bringing about concrete changes in their region, communities or local environment.</p> <p>use natural resources responsibly and develop ecologically sustainable formats and strategies.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Eligible Projects</p> <p>Three areas for concrete impact</p> <p>Projects must demonstrate the extent to which they meet at least one of the criteria listed below.</p> <p><b>Culture</b></p> <p>In the area of Arts and Culture, they are particularly interested in projects that enable participation: The projects are designed by people from different social backgrounds, which enables them to participate practically, make their voices heard and communicate their personal experiences to others (whether as actors, producers, or audiences).</p> <p>Open up spaces for community experiences: The projects make concrete and measurable efforts to anchor culture in the center of society, they counteract social polarization through openness and approachability; they explicitly include groups for whom art might often appear exclusive and elitist.</p> <p>Advance cultural change: The projects work at the intersection of art and climate and have an impact in both directions by dealing with a sustainable transformation of cultural practices at the level of production, reception or mediation and/or by using artistic means to test concrete ideas for fairer forms of coexistence on the planet.</p> <p><b>Europe</b></p> <p>In the area of European Civil Society, they are particularly interested in project that: strengthen spaces for civil society and democratic resilience as well as promote social cohesion. These projects are active across borders and contribute to safeguarding civil liberties and the rule of law. They enable other civil society actors to develop in a sustainable way and to work independently and effectively.</p> <p>strengthen the role of journalism and the media as guardians of democratic structures in Europe and the Mediterranean region, create the necessary conditions for independent, fact-based journalism and support open discourse across political divides.</p> <p><b>Climate &amp; Environment</b></p> <p>In the area of Climate &amp; Environment, they are particularly interested in projects that Develop and implement strategies in the field of climate transformation. Projects support the decarbonization of the built environment sector and the development of liveable cities for all, putting them on the political agenda. Here, what is important to us is a systemic-transformative approach;</p> <p>are committed to sustainable land use at various levels in the field of biodiversity conservation/natural climate protection. Projects should work systemically for the conservation and promotion of biodiversity as well as for natural and ecosystem-based climate solutions and at the same time incorporate social justice, inclusion and participation. They especially welcome projects that work with or in rural areas and offer approaches for systemic changes towards sustainable food production and consumption.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>They particularly welcome submissions from organizations led by women, young people and/or groups affected by marginalization.</p>

	<p>They welcome project proposals that use participatory approaches and actively involve their target groups in project development.</p> <p>Application documents can generally be submitted in German or English.</p> <p>The Allianz Foundation supports projects and partners in Europe and the Mediterranean that work to improve the living conditions of the Next Generations.</p>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€500,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>10/02/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://allianzfoundation.org/grants-program-2025/">https://allianzfoundation.org/grants-program-2025/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>ASEAN-UK Green Transition Fund Program 2025</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>UK PACT (Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The ASEAN-UK Green Transition Fund (GTF) Program aims to accelerate ASEAN's transition to a clean and climate-resilient economy by reducing emissions in key sectors, supporting green economic growth and improving the livelihoods of vulnerable people.</p> <p>It will provide technical assistance throughout the region, targeting all ten ASEAN Member States (AMS) and Timor-Leste. The GTF works with ASEAN institutions, such as the ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN Centres and Facilities, and various ASEAN Entities and Sectoral Bodies.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p><b>Pillars</b></p> <p>The ASEAN-UK GTF spans across three pillars:</p> <p><b>Strengthening Climate Policy and Institutional Capacity (Climate Policy):</b> The vision highlighted the need for higher ambition in climate policy in alignment with national and regional development priorities, such as poverty reduction. It strengthened capacity and transparency to help build institutional frameworks and successfully deliver outcomes. The GTF is seeking proposals to help support this vision's delivery.</p> <p><b>Greening Finance to Strategic Mitigation Action (Green Finance):</b> This pillar's objectives are to support the development of innovative financing mechanisms and improve climate finance's effectiveness, quality, and transparency, responding to the needs and priorities of ASEAN Member States.</p> <p><b>Accelerating Clean and Just Energy Transition Measures (Clean and Just Energy Transition):</b> ASEAN-UK GTF aims to address several critical gaps in ASEAN's energy transition:  <b>Technology Adoption and Integration:</b> One of the primary gaps is the slow rate of adoption and integration of advanced clean energy technologies across the region. This includes renewable energy sources like solar and wind and energy-efficient technologies in industrial processes and power grids. The proposed work packages will focus on facilitating the adoption of these technologies through pilot projects, demonstrations, and capacity building, which are crucial for reducing reliance on fossil fuels and enhancing energy security.  <b>Regulatory and Policy Frameworks:</b> Another significant gap is the lack of comprehensive and supportive regulatory and policy frameworks that can encourage investment in and deployment of renewable energy. Work packages aim to assist in</p>

	<p>developing and harmonising policies that promote renewable energy, energy efficiency, and carbon trading, which are essential for creating a conducive environment for the energy transition.</p> <p>Financing and Investment: There is also a gap in securing sufficient financing and investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. The focus will be on developing financial mechanisms and models to leverage private and public investment, such as green bonds, climate finance, and public-private partnerships, to support large-scale energy transition projects.</p> <p>Capacity Building and Knowledge Transfer: Limited local expertise and capacity in planning, implementing, and managing energy transition initiatives are substantial barriers. Through the UK PACT, work packages will address this gap by providing targeted training programs, workshops, and knowledge exchange forums to build the capabilities of ASEAN energy stakeholders.</p> <p>Market Development for Clean Energy: Another gap is the region's underdevelopment of markets for clean energy technologies. This includes the need for more supply chains for renewable energy technologies and services. Work packages will support the development of these markets by fostering regional and national supply chains and promoting local manufacturing of clean energy technologies.</p> <p>Public Awareness and Stakeholder Engagement: The public and key stakeholders often lack sufficient awareness and engagement about the benefits and necessity of the energy transition. Projects will enhance public and stakeholder engagement through awareness campaigns, stakeholder consultations, and participatory planning processes to ensure broad support for transition policies and initiatives.</p>
<p><b>Eligible Applicants:</b></p>	<p>Eligibility Criteria Applicant Government agencies and/or departments, including the ASEAN Secretariat, are not eligible to apply as a lead organisation or partner in a consortium. International, national and local organisations are eligible to apply. Organisations applying as a consortium must have at least one entity that is based in ASEAN Member States and/or Timor-Leste, either as consortium lead or consortium partner. Application Applications must be coherent and legible. All documents must be completed. The omission of any one document will lead to disqualification. Applications and all forms of communication with the programme must be submitted in English.</p>
<p><b>Total Budget: £800,000</b></p>	
<p><b>Deadline: 19/02/2025</b></p>	
<p><b>More information and official documents:</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.ukpact.co.uk/asean-uk-gtf-call-for-proposals-pillar-1-2-3?hsCtaTracking=325537a6-166c-4aef-817a-7dbdf7345afc%7C43cfa72c-a797-4335-aa3d-a9a20016b587">https://www.ukpact.co.uk/asean-uk-gtf-call-for-proposals-pillar-1-2-3?hsCtaTracking=325537a6-166c-4aef-817a-7dbdf7345afc%7C43cfa72c-a797-4335-aa3d-a9a20016b587</a></p>

**Call Title:**

**Grants for Women Entrepreneurs in Energy Sector**



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<b>Programme: ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE)</b>	
<b>Objective:</b>	The ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE), with the support of the International Research Development Center (IRDC) is calling for the Women of Clean Energy in West Africa (WOCEWA) grants for women entrepreneurs in energy sector.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The WOCEWA Grants will fund Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) under the ECOWAS Programme on Gender Mainstreaming in Energy Access (ECOW-GEN), with the objective of promoting gender-responsive investments and business development. The aim of the grant is to support Women led SMEs who need small grant funding for their businesses. Specifically, the grant will aim to subsidize the costs of borrowing from commercial/regional banks. ECOW-GEN has done this before through ECOW-GEN Facility's components:</p> <p>ECOWAS Women's Business Fund.  Women's Technical Exchange program.  Women's Economic Empowerment through Energy for Productive Uses.</p> <p>However, this grant aims to reduce barriers and supporting more women into these sectors will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improve outcomes for women led business in energy sector.</li> <li>help SMEs be fair and more inclusive.</li> <li>address skills shortages in energy sector.</li> <li>boost women led business performance in energy sector.</li> </ul> <p>Thus, the Grant will focus on contributing towards technology development and transfer; knowledge and skills acquisition; and establishment of sustainable energy businesses.</p> <p>These actions must fall within one or several of the following three categories:</p> <p><b>Category A: Investment</b>  This category covers the implementation, acquisition, purchase, and/or installation of new software, hardware, equipment, or other technologies, development of new technologies. Some examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contributions to the installation of renewable energy systems such as solar panels, wind turbines, invertors, storage systems, power and charging for EV or any other relevant equipment.</li> <li>The implementation of energy optimization/management software on a production line.</li> <li>Development of new technology in clean cooking by efficient cookstoves by biogas, briquettes, bioethanol.</li> </ul> <p><b>Category B: Consultancy</b>  This category covers advisory &amp; consultancy services related to the promoting of renewable energy. Also, the identification and implementation of energy efficiency improvements, as well as energy audits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support SMEs led by women in the energy sector and define a detailed investment, a roadmap to improve their performance.</li> <li>Carry out a technical consultation to identify areas of improvement in renewable energy, energy efficiency and technologies adapted to the market.</li> <li>Carry out a technical consultation for gender integration in SMEs, private and public sector.</li> </ul> <p><b>Category C: Skills &amp; Training</b>  This category covers access to training, courses, classes, and programs for education and upskilling of employees in gender and energy topics. Some specific examples include:</p>



	<p>Training for employees on best practices, awareness, regulatory aspects, and behavioral change related to gender mainstreaming in the energy sector. training in specialized areas ranging from business development to technology fabrication and/or application.</p> <p>Training to help WSMEs in producing audit statements, developing cash flow forecasts, technical studies.</p> <p>Geographical Focus</p> <p>The project must be implemented in at least one of of the ECOWAS Member States.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>The following entities will be eligible:</p> <p>Women and Community-based groups and associations (including youth organizations);</p> <p>Entrepreneurs/private sector</p> <p>Social enterprises</p> <p>Small and Medium Enterprises</p> <p>Start-ups</p> <p>A Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) is a category of micro, small and mediumsized enterprises. It consists of enterprises that employ fewer than 250 persons and have either an annual turnover not exceeding EUR 50 million, or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding EUR 43 million.</p> <p>The industrial end-user could be an SMEs or Large Company. It is important that the solution is applied in a real industrial environment. Test areas or simulated environment will not be considered as industrial applications.</p>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€100,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>20/02/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.ecreee.org/grant-notice-grants-for-women-entrepreneurs-in-energy-sector-wee/">https://www.ecreee.org/grant-notice-grants-for-women-entrepreneurs-in-energy-sector-wee/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Mobile Health - Technology and Outcomes in Low and Middle Income Countries</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>United States Department of Health and Human Services</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The Department of Health and Human Services is requesting grant applications to encourage exploratory/developmental research applications that propose to study the development, validation, feasibility, and effectiveness of innovative mobile health (mHealth) interventions or tools specifically suited for low and middle-income countries (LMICs) that utilize new or emerging technology, platforms, systems, and/or analytics.</p> <p>The overall goal of the program is to catalyze innovation through multidisciplinary research that addresses global health problems, develop an evidence base for the use of mHealth technology to improve clinical and public health outcomes, and strengthen mHealth research capacity in LMICs.</p> <p>This NOFO provides support for up to two years (R21 phase) for technology development and feasibility studies, followed by a possible transition to expanded research support (R33 phase) for validation, larger-scale feasibility, and effectiveness studies. Transition to the R33 depends on the completion of applicant-defined</p>

	<p>milestones, as well as program priorities and the availability of funds. All applicants must address both the R21 and R33 phases.</p> <p>In the context of this NOFO, mHealth is defined as the use of mobile and wireless devices (cell phones, tablets, etc.) to improve health outcomes, health care services, and health research. The mHealth technology studied in proposed projects may include external hardware and/or software components for mobile or wireless devices. New or emerging technology, platforms, systems, and/or analytics should be incorporated. For the purposes of this NOFO, research that proposes solely SMS-based text messaging interventions will not be considered responsive.</p>
<p><b>Eligible Activities:</b></p>	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <p>This NOFO encourages research projects that study the development, feasibility, validation, and effectiveness of mHealth tools and/or interventions for the prevention, diagnosis, management, and treatment of specific health conditions or for disease agnostic/cross-cutting applications. Applicants are encouraged to propose research projects that have the potential to provide an understanding of principles underlying effective mHealth interventions or tools that are generalizable to the field. Research projects may include some mHealth technology development along with feasibility, acceptability, usability, validation, and effectiveness studies. User-centered and iterative design are highly encouraged, as is taking a systems science approach, during development stages. Applications should include as rigorous study designs as possible. The proposed research should be divided into the R21 and R33 phases as appropriate, with the milestone-driven R21 demonstrating initial feasibility of the mHealth intervention or tool followed by further validation, feasibility, and/or effectiveness studies in the R33 phase.</p> <p>This initiative aims to support projects that adapt or develop technologies that are appropriate for LMIC settings. A plethora of mHealth applications and devices have been developed in high-income countries. However, these technologies are not necessarily suitable for the needs of LMICs. Research that focuses on the problems and constraints in LMIC environments should produce more effective interventions and tools and may result in more sustainable mHealth use, especially if there is involvement from LMIC collaborators, such as businesses, hospitals, or governments.</p> <p><b>Specific Research Interests</b></p> <p>The Fogarty International Center (FIC) is dedicated to advancing the mission of the NIH by supporting and facilitating global health research conducted by U.S. and international investigators, building partnerships between health research institutions in the U.S. and abroad, and training future scientists to address global health needs.</p> <p>The National Cancer Institute (NCI) recognizes the potential for mobile communication technologies to: contribute to prevention of avoidable cancers by promoting healthy lifestyles and behaviors; support early detection, when the opportunities for curing or controlling the cancer are optimal; facilitate accurate diagnosis and effective treatment planning; support reliable communications between all members of the care team, including the patient, during treatment; and offer an unbroken system of support during survivorship and at end-of-life.</p> <p>The National Eye Institute (NEI) encourages innovative applications with the goal of identifying mobile health tools or technologies that aid in the screening, early detection, prevention, diagnosis, assessment, treatment or management of eye diseases and vision disorders.</p> <p>The mission of the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) is to improve health by leading the development and accelerating the application of biomedical technologies.</p>

	<p>The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) is seeking innovative approaches to achieving its mission. The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) conducts and supports research in 7 scientific program areas: hearing, balance/vestibular, voice, speech, language, taste and smell.</p> <p>The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is interested in supporting research on the development and/or innovative application of cost-effective, sustainable, and scalable digital technologies to improve the accessibility, delivery, quality or effectiveness of mental health care and/or HIV prevention or care in LMICs to address the global mental health burden.</p> <p>The NIH Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) is part of the Office of the Director (OD), NIH, and is interested in research on development, validation, feasibility, and evaluation of mobile technologies for nutrient status assessment, dietary intake assessment, and compliance with recommendations for food and dietary supplement intake during special life stages.</p> <p>The NIH Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) is part of OD/NIH, and works with the 27 NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) to advance rigorous research addressing women's health issues.</p>
<p><b>Eligible Applicants:</b></p>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Higher Education Institutions:</p> <p>Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education</p> <p>Private Institutions of Higher Education</p> <p>The following types of Higher Education Institutions are always encouraged to apply for NIH support as Public or Private Institutions of Higher Education:</p> <p>Hispanic-serving Institutions</p> <p>Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)</p> <p>Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)</p> <p>Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions</p> <p>Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs)</p> <p>Nonprofits Other Than Institutions of Higher Education:</p> <p>Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education)</p> <p>Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education)</p> <p>For-Profit Organizations:</p> <p>Small Businesses</p> <p>For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses)</p> <p>Local Governments:</p> <p>State Governments</p> <p>County Governments</p> <p>City or Township Governments</p> <p>Special District Governments</p> <p>Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized)</p> <p>Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Other than Federally Recognized)</p> <p>Federal Governments:</p> <p>Eligible Agencies of the Federal Government</p> <p>U.S. Territory or Possession</p> <p>Other:</p> <p>Independent School Districts</p> <p>Public Housing Authorities/Indian Housing Authorities</p> <p>Native American Tribal Organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)</p>

	<p>Faith-based or Community-based Organizations  Regional Organizations  Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Organizations)  Foreign Organizations:  Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Organizations) are eligible to apply  Non-domestic (non-U.S.) components of U.S. Organizations are eligible to apply.</p>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>21/02/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-25-242.html">https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-25-242.html</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Global Heumann Fellowship Program</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>World Institute on Disability</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The World Institute on Disability is seeking applications for the Global Heumann Fellowship Program to empower disability leaders and advocates worldwide to advance disability rights and justice within their regional communities. Through this program, fellows will work on impactful projects aimed at fostering equity, inclusion, and justice globally. Their responsibilities include conducting research, drafting a white paper, cultivating relationships, driving collaborative opportunities, and contributing to program development aligned with WID’s mission and strategic focus areas.</p> <p>During this twelve-month fellowship term, each fellow will engage in a unique combination of opportunities for thought leadership on national and global policy, research strategies, advocacy, program development, and contributions to initiatives aimed at advancing the rights of persons with disabilities globally. Fellows will focus on identifying and leading research with the support of WID, as it regards the fellow’s respective region, expertise, and collaboration with WID.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p><b>Areas of Research</b>  Fellows will be tasked with conducting relevant research that will promote applicable findings to advance the disability rights and justice field and/or further empower people with disabilities.  Fellowship applicants will need to align their research project with one of the following three focus areas for the 2025-2026 Global Heumann Fellowship cohort application process:  (Accessible &amp; Inclusive) Early Warnings for All: research on inclusive early warning systems that prioritize accessibility, ensuring timely and equitable disaster response.  (Accessible &amp; Inclusive) AI &amp; Technology: research on AI and technology solutions designed with and for people with disabilities or fostering innovation that incorporates universal accessibility.  Disability-Led Systemic Change: research on systemic change driven by the leadership and expertise of people with disabilities to create a more equitable and inclusive society.</p> <p><b>Role and Responsibilities</b>  Fellows’ roles and responsibilities include the following:</p>

	<p>Promoting WID’s mission and core values within the Fellow’s region and global presence</p> <p>Ensuring reflection of WID’s mission and core values throughout the application process, fellow’s program development, relevant work, and future action plans</p> <p>Establishing and strengthening alliances to advance change with WID and for the fellow’s future professional development</p> <p>Conducting relevant research that will promote applicable findings and build the power of people with disabilities</p> <p>Creating a sustainable, research-based project plan to guide regional and global implementation throughout and upon completion of the fellowship</p> <p>Conducting comprehensive research that results in a WID-published white paper</p> <p>Producing multi-media assets that demonstrate fellow’s research findings and organizational objectives</p> <p>Maintaining consistent communication and proactive interest in connections with mentors, WID staff, and others involved in the fellow’s research, projects, and responsibilities.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>The Global Heumann Fellowship seeks disabled, visionary leaders with a demonstrated history in advocacy, communications, and influential collaboration. Interested applicants must:</p> <p>Have the ability to be effective while working remotely</p> <p>Maintain flexibility working with a diverse, global team</p> <p>Have at least three years of relevant work experience within the disability rights movement</p> <p>Have experience in advocacy on global disability rights issues</p> <p>Demonstrate flexibility and capacity to work independently with limited supervision and adapt quickly to new or unexpected assignments</p> <p>Possess proficiency in sign language or the English language in verbal form and a high level of comfort using the English language in written form</p> <p>Commit part-time (20 hours/week) to the proposed research project and fellowship program throughout the fellowship year</p> <p>Currently have a professional career within the disability rights field or plan to upon completion of the Fellowship.</p>
<b>Total Budget: \$100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 28/02/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://wid.org/global-heumann-fellowship/">https://wid.org/global-heumann-fellowship/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Travel Grants Program 2025</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) is pleased to announce its call for Travel Grants Program. Objectives

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide opportunities to qualified Southeast Asian nationals to participate and present papers in ATTAIn-relevant scientific conferences and fora, locally or internationally.</li> <li>• To promote the dissemination of scientific knowledge/information vital to agricultural innovation.</li> <li>• To provide the Grantee a venue to discuss with other scientists, researchers, university faculty, and scholars about recent developments in their respective disciplines.</li> <li>• To facilitate linkages, partnerships, and active collaboration between SEARCA, or the applicant's home institution, with other development organizations and donors.</li> <li>• To produce articles or any publication out of the Grantee's presented paper, whenever appropriate and feasible.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Focus Areas</p> <p>The focus of the paper should be aligned with SEARCA's priority thrusts under its 11th Five-Year plan (FY 2020/2021 – 2024/2025), as follows:</p> <p>Agri-Business Models for Increased Productivity and Income Sustainable Farming Systems and Natural Resource Management Food and Nutrition Security Transformational Leadership for Agricultural and Rural Development (ARD) Gender and Youth Engagement in ARD Enhanced ARD towards Climate Resilience EcoHealth/One Health Applications to ARD</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Priority shall be given to the following:</p> <p>SEARCA fellows (senior, adjunct, and visiting fellows); SEARCA Graduate scholarship alumni; Researchers of SEARCA-implemented/coordinated projects; SFRT grantees; Proponents from the University Consortium (faculty, staff, and graduate students); SEARCA ongoing scholars; and Faculty and staff of universities under the SEARCA's Institutional Development Assistance Program.</p> <p>Applicants who are citizens of Southeast Asian countries who are regular staff members of non-profit development-oriented institutions or graduate students at other agricultural universities in the Region may be considered if not enough qualified applications under Priority 1 have been received.</p> <p>At present, only citizens from the following countries are qualified to apply: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam.</p>
<b>Total Budget: \$10,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 07/03/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.searca.org/travel-grants">https://www.searca.org/travel-grants</a>



<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Networks of Towns Program 2025</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The European Commission has announced its Networks of Towns Program for the year 2025.</p> <p>This Call for proposals aims to support the following policy initiatives: European democracy action plan , the EU Citizenship Package, the Commission Recommendation on inclusive and resilient elections, the Commission Recommendation on promoting the engagement and effective participation of citizens and civil society organisations in public policy-making processes, the EU Roma strategic framework on equality, inclusion and participation , EU anti-racism action plan (2020-2025), LGBTIQ Equality Strategy (2020-2025), the Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2021-2030), promoting diversity and inclusion (Diversity Charters), the Gender Equality Strategy , the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child.</p> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <p>To promote exchanges between citizens of different countries, in particular through networks of towns, to give them practical experience of the wealth and diversity of the common heritage of the Union and to make them aware that these constitute the foundation for a common future.</p> <p>To develop sustainable networks of towns, deepening and intensify their cooperation, while outlining their long-term vision for the future of European integration</p> <p><b>Focus Areas</b></p> <p>While maintaining a bottom-up approach, specific focus could be given to:</p> <p>Bringing citizens together to discuss and share best practices, and thus helping to increase citizens’ engagement in society and ultimately to their active involvement in the democratic life of the Union;</p> <p>Promoting awareness and building knowledge of EU citizenship rights, free movement of people and associated European common values and common democratic standards, making them more tangible for EU citizens;</p> <p>Identifying ways to further strengthen the European dimension and democratic legitimacy of the EU decision-making process and fostering free, open and healthy democratic governance in an era of low turnout in elections, populism, disinformation and challenges facing civil society, including by supporting the active participation of citizens, including children, and civil society organisations in policy-making at local, national as well as European levels;</p> <p>Promoting awareness, building knowledge and sharing best practice on the benefits of diversity as well as effective measures on how to tackle discrimination and racism at local level;</p> <p>Promoting awareness and building knowledge of the role of minorities, such as people with a minority racial or ethnic background (for instance Roma and migrants), in European society and their contribution to Europe's cultural development;</p> <p>Promoting prevention measures and awareness raising efforts, sharing best practices policies aiming to curb violence against women, domestic violence and violence against children at the local level, as well as bullying;</p> <p>Projects may also promote awareness of the importance of the citizens' democratic participation through cultural activities, including by drawing inspiration from or being related to the New European Bauhaus initiative.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Eligible Activities</p> <p>Activities may include, among others: workshops, seminars, conferences, training activities, expert meetings, webinars, awareness-raising activities, high-visibility</p>

	<p>events, data gathering and consultation, development, exchanges, and dissemination of good practices among public authorities and civil society organisations, development of communication tools and the use of social media.</p> <p>Expected Impact</p> <p>Increased citizens' engagement in society and ultimately their active involvement in the democratic life of the Union;</p> <p>Creation of lasting links among partner organisations;</p> <p>Better information on the rights conferred by EU citizenship and their improved implementation in Member States;</p> <p>Improved awareness and better provision of information to mobile EU citizens and their family members on their EU citizenship rights;</p> <p>Enhanced participation of citizens and civil society organisations to local, national and European policy-making processes;</p> <p>Improved awareness of the benefits of diversity and the tackling of discrimination and racism;</p> <p>Increase in and encouragement of mutual understanding and respect for European minorities, such as Roma;</p> <p>Stronger awareness of the contribution of migration, migrants and their descendants to the cultural richness, diversity and common history of Europe;</p> <p>Increased awareness of the importance of citizens' participation, including through cultural activities;</p> <p>Increased awareness of effective prevention policies at the local level regarding violence against women, domestic violence, and violence against children</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries) must:</p> <p>be legal entities (public or private bodies)</p> <p>be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:</p> <p>EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs))</p> <p>non-EU countries:</p> <p>countries associated to the CERV Programme (list of participating countries)</p>
<b>Total Budget: €10,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 27/03/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/CERV-2025-CITIZENS-TOWN-NT">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/CERV-2025-CITIZENS-TOWN-NT</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Barakat Trust Grant Programme</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Barakat Trust</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The Barakat Trust is seeking grant applications to fund individual and institutional efforts to promote and preserve artistic culture and heritage related to the Islamic world.</p> <p>While they have a long track record of supporting projects and initiatives driven by individuals, including but not limited to research trips, publications, and training opportunities, individuals applying for grants from The Barakat Trust need to identify an institution to which grant monies can be transferred on their behalf. They cannot</p>



	make transfers to personal bank accounts but are strongly committed to the support of individual professional development and projects led by individuals.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Scope</p> <p>The Barakat Trust awards are open to applicants worldwide in the fields of: research into the history of the art and architecture, and the archaeology and material culture of Islamic societies, including archaeological and other fieldwork, and research trips</p> <p>the conservation, preservation, restoration, and presentation to the public of artefacts, buildings and archaeological sites produced by Islamic societies</p> <p>the work of libraries, museums and other public collections in the conservation, documentation, and presentation of artefacts and manuscripts produced by Islamic societies in their broadest sense, including the digitisation of archives and collections, and the training of conservation and curatorial staff</p> <p>the organisation of events intended to further research in the history of the art, architecture, archaeology, and material culture of Islamic societies, including colloquia and conferences, lectures, seminars and workshops, exhibitions, and attendance at such events.</p> <p>Categories</p> <p>Barakat International Studentship</p> <p>Barakat Postgraduate Student &amp; Early Career Award</p> <p>The Iradj Bagherzade Publication Grants</p> <p>Barakat Senior Scholar</p> <p>Barakat Postdoctoral Scholarship</p> <p>Barakat Oxford Masters Studentship</p> <p>Hands on Islamic Art</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Institutions to which they can transfer funds include:</p> <p>Registered charities</p> <p>Registered community interest companies</p> <p>Registered charitable incorporated organisations</p> <p>Social enterprises</p> <p>Education institutions including universities</p> <p>Museums, libraries, and archives</p> <p>Companies</p>
<b>Total Budget: £100,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 31/03/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://barakat.org/grants/">https://barakat.org/grants/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Global Energy Prize</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Global Energy Association</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Applications are now open for the Global Energy Prize.</p> <p>The Global Energy Prize for research in the field of energy (hereinafter, “the Prize”) is an independent scientific award for extraordinary scientific achievements, practical and</p>

	<p>theoretical research, development and systemic studies of global problems, patterns and prospects for the development of the power industry, aimed at the validation of the new efficient energy production methods, invention of new high-yielding energy sources, significant increase in the technical and economic performance of the already existing types of power sources, while ensuring their safety and compliance with all the environmental requirements, in order to promote sustainable development of civilization.</p>
<p><b>Eligible Activities:</b></p>	<p><b>Goals</b>  The goals of the Prize are as follows:  Promotion of theoretical, experimental and applied research in the field of energy, and stimulation of international cooperation in this area.  Encouragement and engagement of key experts from various countries, international organizations, public and commercial structures, in order to solve the most significant problems and tasks in the energy sector.</p> <p><b>Categories</b>  Nomination submissions of the following categories are accepted for consideration:  Electric power engineering;  Exploration, extraction, transportation and processing of fuel and power resources;  Renewable energy sources;  Bioenergy;  Fuel cells and hydrogen energy;  Heat power engineering;  Nuclear power engineering;  New materials used in energy;  Energy efficiency;  Efficient energy storage;  Energy transportation;  Management in energy sector.</p> <p>The nomination submissions of the categories are further distributed into three nominations:  <b>Traditional energy:</b>  Electric power engineering;  Exploration, extraction, transportation and processing of fuel and power resources;  Heat power engineering;  Nuclear power engineering.  <b>Non-traditional energy:</b>  Renewable energy sources  Bioenergy;  Fuel cells and hydrogen energy.  <b>New ways of energy application:</b>  New materials used in power engineering;  Energy efficiency;  Efficient power storage;  Energy transportation.</p>
<p><b>Eligible Applicants:</b></p>	<p><b>Nomination Criteria</b>  Citizen of any state can become a laureate of the Prize.  Candidates for the Prize can be nominated by the Nominators. These are:</p>

	<p>Scientists and/or organizations acting via their representatives who have been verified on the Organizer’s website and received confirmation of their nominating status, as well as persons specially invited by the Organizer to the nomination pool.</p> <p>Laureates of the Global Energy Prize, Nobel Prize winners, laureates of the Kyoto, Max Planck, Wolf, Balzan, Zayed Future Energy, Energy Globe, Goldman Environment and UNEP Sasakawa Prizes.</p> <p>Members of the Russian Academy of Sciences and of foreign academies of sciences.</p> <p>Persons performing solely administrative and/or organizational functions cannot be nominated.</p> <p>Self-nomination for the Prize is not allowed.</p> <p>The nominator can file up to three nomination submissions in the course of one nomination process. An individual nomination submission is required for each nominee.</p> <p>The nomination process is strictly confidential. No preliminary public discussion of the nomination process or its stages is allowed. Nominators and other participants of the process shall not disclose the nominations submitted.</p>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€500,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>20/04/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://globalenergyprize.org/en/the-statute-about-the-international-energy-award-prize-for-research-in-the-field-of-energy/">https://globalenergyprize.org/en/the-statute-about-the-international-energy-award-prize-for-research-in-the-field-of-energy/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Nominations open for Frontiers of Knowledge Awards</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>BBVA Foundation</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The BBVA Foundation is thrilled to invite nominations for its Frontiers of Knowledge Awards to honour fundamental disciplinary or interdisciplinary advances across a broad expanse of the knowledge map of the 21st century.</p> <p>The BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Awards, recognize and reward world-class research and artistic creation, prizing contributions of singular impact for their originality and significance. The name of the scheme is intended to denote not only research work that substantially enlarges the scope of our current knowledge – pushing forward the frontiers of the known world – but also the meeting and overlap of different disciplinary areas and the emergence of new fields.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Objective</p> <p>The BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Awards recognize fundamental contributions in a broad array of areas of scientific knowledge, technology, humanities and artistic creation.</p> <p>Award Categories</p> <p>The disciplines and domains of the BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Awards are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic Sciences (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics)</li> <li>Biology and Biomedicine</li> <li>Information and Communication Technologies</li> <li>Climate Change and Environmental Sciences</li> <li>Economics, Finance and Management</li> <li>Humanities</li> </ul>

	Social Sciences Music and Opera Prize Information The BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Awards consist of 400,000 euros, a diploma and a commemorative artwork in each of their eight categories.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligibility Criteria Candidates may be one or more natural persons of any nationality, without limitation of number, that have made independent or convergent contributions to a given advance, whether due to a formal collaboration (with the nominees belonging to one or more groups) or parallel working. The awards are also open to scientific or cultural organizations that can be collectively credited with exceptional contributions to scientific knowledge, cultural creation, the fight against climate change or the conservation of the natural environment. Awards may not be granted posthumously.
<b>Total Budget: €400,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 30/06/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.frontiersofknowledgeawards-fbbva.es/conditions/">https://www.frontiersofknowledgeawards-fbbva.es/conditions/</a>

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