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Eligible Activities:	The main purpose of the V4 Gen Mini-Grants is to provide financial contribution to short-term cross-border youth mobility in the V4 region and its immediate neighborhood. Any legal entity registered in V4 countries and in Ukraine can apply for support. Each project must involve at least two entities from eligible countries (Czechia, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Ukraine) but can also include partners entities from countries that directly neighbor two V4 countries (i.e., Austria, Germany, and Ukraine). It is compulsory to secure participation of subjects from at least three different V4 countries (an organiser and at least two project partners); with the exception of Cross-Border Cooperation where cooperation of two countries is sufficient (organiser and a single project partner) and the Visegrad Strategic Program where all four V4 countries must be represented). Applicants are, however, strongly encouraged to involve project partners from all four Visegrad countries: Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Czech Republic.
Eligible Applicants:	Any legal entity is eligible for funding if applying on behalf of a justifiable consortium of project partners. Preference is generally given to groups of non-governmental, civil society organizations (CSOs), public educational, cultural, research and scientific institutions, municipalities and local governments. As a rule, the project must be implemented by at least three organizations (including the applicant) from three different V4 countries.
Total Budget:	**€100,000**
Deadline:	**01/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://www.visegradfund.org/strategic-grants-apply

Call Title:	CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR SMALL SCALE PROJECTS FOR 2027
Programme:	**Embassy of the Czech Republic in Damascus**
Objective:	The Embassy of the Czech Republic in Damascus is pleased to announce a call for proposals for Small Scale Projects to be implemented in 2027. Selected projects will receive financial support within the framework of the Czech Republic's development cooperation. SSPs are identified by the respective Czech embassies through applications submitted by potential implementers. Implementation of a proposed project is subject to preselection and approval by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, followed by approval by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Syrian Arab Republic.
Eligible Activities:	SSPs aim to support local entities through small-scale development activities in accordance with the beneficiary country's national recovery and development priorities. One of the key requirements is project sustainability, meaning that the project must be able to continue providing benefits without further financial support. Actions must take place in the Syrian Arab Republic

Eligible Applicants:	The implementing organization must be a local legal entity whose registration in Syria is certified by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and/or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Syrian Arab Republic.
Total Budget:	**€100,000**
Deadline:	**02/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://mzv.gov.cz/damascus/en/aid/call_for_proposals_for_small_scale.html

Call Title:	**INDO-BURMA**
Programme:	**Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF)**
Objective:	CEPF is designed to safeguard Earth's biologically richest and most threatened regions: biodiversity hotspots. CEPF is a joint initiative of l'Agence Française de Développement, Conservation International, the European Union, Fondation Hans Wilsdorf, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Canada, the Government of Japan and the World Bank. In the Indo-Burma Hotspot, it is also supported by Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies.
Eligible Activities:	A fundamental goal is to ensure civil society is engaged in biodiversity conservation. The Indo-Burma Hotspot comprises all non-marine parts of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam, plus parts of southern China. Actions must take place in Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam.
Eligible Applicants:	Please note that this call is restricted to applications from local civil society organizations, which are defined as independent organizations headquartered in one of the six countries of the Indo-Burma Hotspot.
Total Budget:	**$1,000,000**
Deadline:	**02/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://www.cepf.net/grants/open-calls-for-proposals/2026-indo-burma-second-cfp-large-small-grants

Call Title:	**Dublin City Council Artist Residency Programme**
Programme:	**Dublin City Council Arts Office**
Objective:	The Dublin City Council Artist Residency Programme is accepting applications to support professional artists and arts organisations from Ireland and abroad with residency space and dedicated time to develop creative work while engaging with Dublin's social, cultural and physical fabric.
Eligible Activities:	Priorities include projects engaging or collaborating with local communities, work connected to Dublin's social, cultural or environmental themes, innovative or interdisciplinary approaches, and sharing the residency through public events, workshops or documentation. The scheme aims to support artistic development, encourage meaningful connections with Dublin communities, inspire experimentation in artmaking, and help artists develop skills, networks and opportunities for sustainable careers.

	Residency spaces with dedicated time and space for creative practice; rent is €750 per month. Properties are furnished and include TV, phone and Wi-Fi service. The letting arrangement is with one individual or entity, regardless of the number of occupants. Wooden Buildings is not wheelchair accessible and may have unpredictable noise levels.
Eligible Applicants:	The scheme is open to professional artists working in any discipline, at any career stage, and to communities and arts organisations. Applicants from Ireland and internationally are welcome; proposals should show an interest in engaging with Dublin's communities, culture or environment. Collaborative proposals must designate one lead artist. Applications are ineligible if incomplete, submitted by an applicant under 18 or an artist currently in undergraduate education, received after the deadline, or submitted by email or in hard copy. Previous residency participants may apply again subject to the programme guidelines. Applicants must submit a CV of up to three pages, up to five examples of previous work, and, where applicable, letters confirming collaborations and a short biography for each collaborating artist or organisation.
Total Budget:	**€Not Available**
Deadline:	**04/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://dublincityartsoffice.submittable.com/submit

Call Title:	**Endangered Archives Programme**
Programme:	**British Library**
Objective:	The Endangered Archives Programme (EAP) aims to preserve cultural heritage and make it available to as wide an audience as possible. The Programme provides grants for digitisation and documentation of endangered archives, and facilitates capacity building in the country or region of the project. It is funded by Arcadia, a charitable foundation that works to protect nature, preserve cultural heritage and promote open access to knowledge.
Eligible Activities:	The EAP invites applications to identify, digitise and make available online material on any theme or aspect of culture from any part of the world outside the UK, Western Europe or North America. Actions can take place worldwide.
Eligible Applicants:	The Principal Applicant may be a member of teaching or research faculty, a registered post-graduate researcher at a recognised university or similar higher education institution, or an archivist / librarian with responsibilities for special collections in a recognised archive, research library or similar. If required, there can be up to three Co-applicants who help to shape, manage and / or direct the project.
Total Budget:	**£1,000,000**
Deadline:	**06/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://eap.bl.uk/sites/default/files/2026-08/EAP%20Guide_for_Applicants_R22%20w%20Appendices1-7.pdf

Call Title:	COMMUNITY-BASED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND RESILIENCE
Programme:	**Embassy of the Czech Republic in Armenia**
Objective:	The Embassy of the Czech Republic in Yerevan is pleased to launch its annual call for proposals for the Local Small Scale Projects 2027. Local Small Scale Projects (SSP) are one of the instruments of the development cooperation of the Czech Republic. Projects are identified by the respective Embassies of the Czech Republic (through applications submitted by potential implementers) and approved by the headquarters – Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs (CZ MFA). Projects aim to contribute to the local subject by small-scale development activities in accordance with the beneficiary country's national development priorities.
Eligible Activities:	Description of the topic: Support locally driven initiatives that improve the sustainable management, availability and quality of water resources in communities, particularly in geographically remote rural areas. Projects may address small-scale irrigation, drinking-water supply, water quality, water-saving measures, or community-level water management, combining practical improvements with local capacity building. Actions must take place in Armenia.
Eligible Applicants:	Implementer of the LTP is a local subject with legal subjectivity in the country of the project implementation.
Total Budget:	**€100,000**
Deadline:	**07/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://mzv.gov.cz/yerevan/en/economic_relations/development_projects/call_for_proposals_for_local_small_scale.html

Call Title:	International Program Call for Proposals: Peacebuilding and Mediation
Programme:	**Andrew Carnegie Foundation**
Objective:	The Andrew Carnegie Foundation is seeking proposals from eligible organizations for innovative peacebuilding and mediation initiatives that address armed conflict and promote lasting peace.
Eligible Activities:	The International Program of the Andrew Carnegie Foundation was established to address the rising levels of armed conflict worldwide and the weakening of international mechanisms for conflict prevention and resolution. Drawing inspiration from Andrew Carnegie's vision, the program defines peace as not only the absence of violence but also the active creation of conditions that sustain nonviolent growth and change. This call for proposals seeks to support organizations engaged in peacebuilding and mediation, with a focus on preventing violence, mitigating ongoing warfare, ensuring accountability for violations, and building the foundations for lasting peace. The Foundation is interested in credible diplomatic, dialogue, and mediation initiatives, innovative interventions not yet tested in the field, and action-oriented research that connects directly to policymakers and practitioners. Preference is given to organizations with strong local and

	regional relationships and those whose work involves the United States as a central party, though this is not a requirement. Applicants are encouraged to propose ideas that generate new insights, practical solutions, and policy-relevant approaches, especially those that translate research and analysis into concrete actions. Both early-stage and pilot initiatives are welcome, provided the organization demonstrates a strong track record of leadership and delivery. Partnerships that combine on-the-ground access with research or policy expertise are also encouraged. Grants will range from $500,000 to $1.5 million per award, with a grant term of 12 to 36 months. Grants are anticipated to begin in the second half of 2027, and concepts not funded in this cycle may be reconsidered for future opportunities.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants must be United States–based 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charities or projects fiscally sponsored by such organizations. Non-U.S. organizations may participate as partners, but direct awards are limited to organizations registered in the U.S. and a specified list of countries. Individuals are not eligible to apply.
Total Budget:	**$1,500,000 per award**
Deadline:	**08/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://carnegie.org/article/international-program-call-for-proposals-peacebuilding-and-mediation/

Call Title:	**#SUSTAINMEDIA**
Programme:	**GIZ**
Objective:	The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), in cooperation with DW Akademie, implements the regional #SustainMedia: Support to Media Freedom and Pluralism in the Western Balkans programme, funded by the European Union and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The Call aims to strengthen the sustainability, resilience and innovation of independent media organisations, improve the quality of journalism, develop sustainable business models and enhance audience engagement across Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia.
Eligible Activities:	Projects must address one of the following thematic areas: • Democracy Resilience and EU Integration: Electoral integrity, good governance and the rule of law, corruption and accountability, disinformation, digital threats to democracy and informed public participation. • Climate Action, Environmental Resilience and Green Transition: Climate change, biodiversity, environmental protection, sustainable resource management, renewable energy, the green economy and accountability for environmental policies and violations. Actions must take place in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia.
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants must: Be established and operating in one of the six Western Balkan economies, Be an independent private-sector media company or non-profit media outlet.

Total Budget:	**€100,000**
Deadline:	**08/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/montenegro/call-project-proposals-independent-media-organisations_en

Call Title:	**Clean and Green Schools and Communities Programme (India)**
Programme:	**United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)**
Objective:	The UNICEF-supported Clean and Green Schools and Communities Programme is seeking an implementing agency to deliver climate-resilient water, sanitation, waste management and climate education initiatives in schools and communities across Jharsuguda District, Odisha. Jharsuguda has achieved strong water and sanitation results, including 346 villages declared ODF Plus (Model), but rural communities continue to face water contamination and shortages, gaps in waste management, and slow household toilet construction.
Eligible Activities:	The first phase will work in five Gram Panchayats: Hirma, G. Panapali, Kolabira, Bhatlaida and Baghamunda. Subject to successful implementation and demonstrated outcomes, the initiative proposes expanding to five additional Gram Panchayats in 2028. The programme brings together WASH, renewable energy, waste management and climate education. It supports village water and sanitation plans, climate-resilient schools with rainwater harvesting, solar energy and safe WASH facilities, and behaviour-change campaigns and youth-led initiatives. The initiative is planned for two years, from December 1, 2026, to November 30, 2028. The expenditure on the proposed project components will be borne by UNICEF. The call lists project management (30%), sector expertise and experience (40%), engagement of youth, schools, PRIs, women's SHGs and government (20%), and realistic timelines and plans with a robust MER framework (10%) as selection criteria.
Eligible Applicants:	UNICEF Odisha is seeking a suitable Implementing Agency to support delivery of the programme.
Total Budget:	**€Not Available**
Deadline:	**09/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://www.unpartnerportal.org/landing/opportunities/

Call Title:	**DIRECT AID PROGRAM (DAP) NEPAL**
Programme:	**Australian Embassy in Nepal**
Objective:	The Direct Aid Program (DAP) is a flexible small grants program funded by the Australian Government and managed through the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT) overseas posts.
Eligible Activities:	The programme aims to support projects with a strong development focus that complement Australia's broader aid program which contributes to sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction. DAP projects should promote a distinctive and positive image of Australia. DAP activities should primarily be aimed at achieving practical and tangible outcomes of high development impact. DAP is able to fund activities that have a direct,

	practical and immediate impact, including capacity building programs in the areas of governance and human rights engagement. This year we are seeking projects that address: • human trafficking, modern slavery and forced labour; • climate change, especially in the agriculture sector; • entrepreneurship and trade facilitation, particularly in agribusiness and ICT. Actions must take place in Nepal.
Eligible Applicants:	DAP is available on a not-for-profit basis community groups, NGOs and other entities engaged in development activities in countries that are eligible for official development assistance (ODA).
Total Budget:	**$100,000**
Deadline:	**09/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://dfatcommunity.smartygrants.com.au/2026Kathmandu

Call Title:	**GEF SGP**
Programme:	**UNDP**
Objective:	The Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF SGP) is a flagship community-based environmental programme implemented by UNDP on behalf of the GEF. The programme provides grants directly to civil society organizations (CSOs), community-based organizations (CBOs), Indigenous Peoples Organizations (IPOs), and other eligible local entities to promote biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, sustainable livelihoods, and sustainable natural resource management. Papua New Guinea has entered the eighth operational phase (OP8) of the Small Grants Programme.
Eligible Activities:	The OP8 Country Programme Strategy (CPS) has identified priority landscapes and strategic thematic areas where community-led interventions can generate significant environmental and socio-economic benefits. Following endorsement of the OP8 Country Programme Strategy by the National Steering Committee, the programme proposes launching the first Call for Proposals to identify and support high-impact community initiatives aligned with OP8 priorities. Actions must take place in Papua New Guinea.
Eligible Applicants:	The following entities may apply: Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Indigenous Peoples Organizations (IPOs), Local and national NGOs, Community associations and cooperatives, Faith-based organizations engaged in environmental activities, Women and youth organizations.
Total Budget:	**€100,000**
Deadline:	**15/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://www.undp.org/sites/g/files/zskgke326/files/2026-10/concept_note_launch_call_for_proposal.pdf

Call Title:	International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development
Programme:	**United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**
Objective:	The UNESCO invites the global scientific community and cross-sector partners to submit initiatives that produce actionable scientific knowledge for sustainable development. The International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (2024–2033) aims to mobilize the global scientific community to address the world's most pressing sustainable development challenges through science, technology, and innovation.
Eligible Activities:	The Decade emphasizes inclusive, equitable, and environmentally sustainable growth by harnessing scientific expertise and collaboration across regions, disciplines, and sectors. The fourth global call for initiatives seeks proposals that generate actionable scientific knowledge relevant to defined sustainable development challenges and that demonstrate a credible pathway to decisions, implementation, uptake, adaptation, or measurable impact. Proposals should focus on producing, translating, or applying scientific knowledge through pathways such as science-based solutions, decision-support tools, evidence-informed policy support, demonstration projects, capacity-building activities, open knowledge products, or community-based and Indigenous applications. Priority will be given to initiatives that clearly demonstrate a science-to-action pathway and contribute to one or more of the Decade's expected outcomes. Indicative thematic areas include: clean, circular, and resource-efficient production; safe, inclusive, and resilient settlements and infrastructure; integrated science for food and water security, healthy ecosystems, and resilient livelihoods; and operational tools for policy and practice. Proposals are encouraged to involve end users and knowledge holders from the design stage, address equity and gender considerations, and provide a credible pathway for testing, adoption, replication, or scaling.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is open to the global scientific community and partners across sectors, with a focus on initiatives that involve diverse sciences—including natural, health, social, human, and applied sciences—and, where relevant, Indigenous and local knowledge systems.
Total Budget:	**€Not Available**
Deadline:	**15/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://www.un-sciences-decade.org/en/articles/fourth-call-initiatives-international-decade-sciences-sustainable-development-2024-2033

Call Title:	GRANTS FROM JAPAN FUND FOR GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT (JFGE)
Programme:	**JAPAN FUND FOR GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT**
Objective:	The Japan Fund for Global Environment (JFGE) was established in 1993 and aims at the promotion and support of environmental conservation. The JFGE is supported by the government's endowment, individual donations and corporate contributions in support of NGO activities. It funds:
Eligible Activities:	Activities for environmental conservation implemented in developing areas by non-governmental organizations (not-for-profit organizations engaged in activities on their own initiative) with their primary office in Japan, conducted in response to the needs of the local communities or non-governmental organizations in these areas, and that fall under any one of the following categories:

	Implementing local afforestation projects, projects to support the protection and propagation of wildlife, projects to prevent pollution arising from daily activities or other similar projects, to be carried out in developing regions with the participation of the local communities. Providing, through training or any other methods for local communities, the knowledge required for the implementation of local afforestation projects, projects to support the protection and proliferation of wildlife, projects to prevent environmental pollution arising from daily activities or other similar projects, to be carried out by local residents in developing areas. Conducting research or holding international conferences to promote such activities Activities for environmental conservation implemented in developing areas in response to the needs of local communities, and that are applicable to any one of the preceding paragraphs a, b or c, carried out by non-governmental organizations with main offices in areas other than Japan. Activities carried out by non-governmental organizations with main offices in Japan for the purpose of promoting environmental conservation in Japan, and that fall under any of the categories described below: Tree and grass planting projects, material collection projects for recycling resources and other projects that are significantly meaningful to or will be executed with the participation of a broad range of the Japanese population. Raising awareness and dissemination of knowledge related to environmental conservation targeted at a broad range of the Japanese population. Actions can take place in developing countries.
Eligible Applicants:	Applications are eligible from nonprofit organizations implementing environmental conservation activities in developing countries. They must have an agent (organization or individual) that has a bank account in Japan and can communicate with JFGE about the project both verbally and written in Japanese.
Total Budget:	**€100,000**
Deadline:	**16/11/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://www.erca.go.jp/jfge/english/wwd/grants.html

Call Title:	**CITIES DELIVER: AI SOLUTIONS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES**
Programme:	**Rockefeller Foundation**
Objective:	The call focuses on four areas:
Eligible Activities:	• Public health. Solutions that extend the reach and readiness of public health systems, from frontline care and disease surveillance to population-scale prevention. Includes healthcare, disability services, food access and nutrition. • Economic mobility. Solutions that connect unemployed and underemployed residents to income, skills, and benefits, including through benefits enrollment, career navigation, skills-based hiring, and employer-aligned training. • Environmental resilience. Solutions that help cities forecast, withstand, and recover from environmental shocks, protecting both people and the communities where they live. Includes public safety and emergency services, energy and grid infrastructure, and land management in communities at risk.

- Civic engagement. Solutions that help city governments reach residents proactively and respond faster, from two-way service channels to participatory decision-making. Includes digital access and connectivity, court services, and permitting and regulatory processes. Excludes projects related to voting or elections.

Actions can take place in various countries worldwide.

Eligible Applicants: A nonprofit (including university labs and fiscally sponsored organizations) or a public benefit corporation. For-profits may qualify in limited cases with a charitable project, and no more than an incidental benefit to the for-profit company's business. Governments may not apply directly. All applicant organizations must have a city partner with a commitment to collaborate. A benefit to underserved, poor, or distressed communities, or to social welfare.

Total Budget: **$500,000 or $2,000,000 per award**

Deadline: **29/11/2026**

More information and official documents: https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/cities-deliver-ai-solutions-for-public-services/

Call Title:	**GRANTS FROM TOSHIBA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Programme: **TOSHIBA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Objective: Since its founding in 1989, the Toshiba International Foundation (TIFO) strives to contribute to an enhanced international understanding of Japan by promoting cultural exchanges, including the organisation and sponsorship of symposia and seminars.

Eligible Activities: They run the following four grant programs:
(1) symposia and seminars (supporting these events across the globe to promote international understanding of Japan);
(2) cultural programs (supporting exhibitions of Japanese arts and culture held at museums and galleries outside Japan);
(3) research and related activities (supporting research on themes related to Japan to promote education on Japan and Japanese language); and
(4) human resource development (supporting projects that contribute to deepen international understanding of Japan and to strengthen the relation between Japan and other countries).
Projects, or a discrete part of a continuing project, should be completed within one fiscal year (April 1st of one year to March 31st of the following year), with the proviso that funding for discrete parts of a continuing project will be eligible for funding for a maximum of three consecutive years.

Priority is given to projects outside Japan.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible for funding are non-profit organisations capable of performing the proposed project that has or will have a bank account in its officially registered name into which to receive the grant.

Total Budget: **€1,000,000+**

Deadline: **30/11/2026**

More information and official documents: https://www.toshibafoundation.com/apply/grantsapplication.html

Call Title:	FUNDING FOR FRANCOPHONE WEST AFRICA
Programme:	**WomenStrong International**
Objective:	WomenStrong International is delighted to announce a new funding opportunity for women-led grassroots organizations in Francophone West Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Senegal, and Togo.
Eligible Activities:	By combining flexible capital, tailored support, and collective learning, this opportunity aims to strengthen the resilience and long-term sustainability of grassroots, women-led organizations at a time of unprecedented funding contraction. The new grantee partners will also receive tailored organizational strengthening support — co-designed with each partner — to build financial sustainability, adaptive strategic readiness, and leadership wellbeing, ensuring organizations are equipped to navigate a rapidly changing funding landscape. They will invite thenew grantee partners to participate in a Learning Lab that connects women leaders across countries and movements, enabling exchange of practical tools/approaches, insights, and strategies to accelerate innovation and reduce isolation. Actions must take place in Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Senegal, and Togo.
Eligible Applicants:	WomenStrong has specific criteria that we look for in our potential grantee partners. To be eligible for funding each organization will: Be led by women, who hold the majority of leadership positions. Be led by nationals based in the country of operation. Have an annual budget of less than US$1 million.
Total Budget:	**€100,000**
Deadline:	**01/12/2026**
More information and official documents:	https://www.womenstrong.org/news-resources/funding-for-francophone-west-africa-call-for-expressions-of-interest-now-open/

Call Title:	KEIDANREN NATURE CONSERVATION FUND 2027
Programme:	**KEIDANREN NATURE CONSERVATION FUND**
Objective:	Projects meeting all of the following four conditions can be submitted to Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund 2025:
Eligible Activities:	• Projects carried out for the purpose of nature conservation in developing countries, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region. Priority is given to projects for preserving biodiversity. • Projects expected to receive appropriate levels of cooperation from the host governmental agencies, related international organizations, non governmental organizations, and the local residents. • Projects that do not serve the special interests of any specific groups or individuals. • Projects carried out by persons with sufficient scientific expertise, or with the advice and cooperation of persons having such expertise Actions must take place in developing countries, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region.

Eligible Applicants:	A group or organization meeting all of the following three conditions can apply: (1) A group capable of making appropriate reports, as requested by the Fund, regarding progress of the funded project and its financial status including budgetary and results; (2) A group with a legal personality or with a similar level of public trust; (3) A group with a record of at least three years of carrying out nature conservation projects.
Total Budget:	**€100,000**
Deadline:	**01/12/2026**
More information and official documents:	http://www.keidanren.net/kncf/en/fund/program/

Call Title:	**IKI MEDIUM GRANTS**
Programme:	**International Climate Initiative (IKI)**
Objective:	Through thematic and country-specific selection procedures, IKI primarily funds large-volume projects that aim to accelerate the transformation to a sustainable, low-emissions economy and supply structure. However, implementing the Paris Agreement and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) also requires increasing the capacity of smaller civil society actors in developing and emerging countries as well as the effective participation of all social groups. The IKI Medium Grants funding programme therefore addresses civil society actors based in Germany that work in collaboration with local partners in selected ODA-eligible implementing countries to put measures in place to intensify North-South cooperation on climate action, adaptation to the impacts of climate change and biodiversity conservation.
Eligible Activities:	The IKI Medium Grants funding programme therefore addresses civil society actors based in Germany by the time of the grant approval that work in collaboration with local partners in selected ODA-eligible implementing countries to put measures in place to intensify North-South cooperation on climate action, adaptation to the impacts of climate change and biodiversity conservation. The programme explicitly aims to strengthen civil society actors and their international networks. Specifically, IKI Medium Grants support project activities that address innovative, bottom-up contributions for implementing the Paris Agreement and the Convention on Biological Diversity. To achieve this, varying funding priorities are set each year, for which interested parties can apply with innovative project ideas. Actions can take place worldwide in OECD DAC countries.
Eligible Applicants:	Funding is available for non-profit civil society organisations (non-governmental organisations, associations, foundations, think tanks) and academic institutions (universities and research institutions), as well as non-profit companies. At the time of the first disbursement of a grant awarded, the implementing organisation is required to have a permanent business establishment, branch, or other facility serving the activities of the grant recipient in Germany. These organisations must enter into a partnership with one or two local implementing organisations based in the implementing country or region.
Total Budget:	**€300,000 - €800,000**
Deadline:	**12/01/2027**
More information and official documents:	https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/en/find-funding/medium-grants/

Call Title:	**Transformative Change towards a Nature-positive Economy and Society program**
Programme:	**European Commission (EC)**
Objective:	The Horizon Europe call supports the creation of living labs to co-create, test, and demonstrate innovative solutions for ecosystem restoration by addressing implementation bottlenecks and improving resilience to risks. The Horizon Europe call for "Living labs co-creating solutions for the restoration of ecosystems addressing implementation bottlenecks and improving resilience to risks" aims to empower stakeholders to co-create, deploy, and replicate viable ecosystem restoration measures across Europe and associated countries. The initiative is designed to address the implementation challenges of the EU Nature Restoration Regulation (NRR) and to demonstrate the social, economic, and environmental co-benefits, risks, and trade-offs of nature restoration activities.
Eligible Activities:	Projects are expected to establish three new living labs, each with 8 to 15 experimental sites across different ecosystems and at least three EU Member States and/or Associated Countries, including outermost regions. These living labs will serve as real-life environments for co-designing, testing, and demonstrating innovative restoration solutions, involving a broad range of stakeholders such as researchers, land and water managers, policy makers, economic actors, civil society, and local authorities. The approach emphasizes co-creation, real-life experimentation, and stakeholder engagement at all stages. Proposals must address either Area A (building risk-resilience with restoration) or Area B (developing effective and viable restoration practices in agriculture and forestry). Area A focuses on nature-based disaster risk reduction and resilience, including water resilience and fire risk management, while Area B emphasizes biodiversity-friendly farming and forestry systems, agroecological approaches, and the conservation of genetic resources. All projects should develop harmonized monitoring and reporting protocols, identify bottlenecks to mainstreaming restoration, and propose solutions for upscaling and sustaining restoration outcomes. Projects are expected to have a budget of around €10,000,000, with a total call budget of €60,000,000. Up to 30% of the proposed budget may be allocated as financial support to third parties (e.g., land managers, SMEs, civil society), with a maximum of €60,000 per recipient. Proposals must ensure data produced is FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Re-usable) and foster networking with other living labs and relevant EU initiatives.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include legal entities from EU Member States, associated countries, and certain low- and middle-income countries as specified in the Horizon Europe General Annexes. Proposals must be submitted by consortia comprising at least three independent legal entities from different eligible countries, with at least one from an EU Member State. The call requires a multi-actor approach and the effective contribution of social sciences and humanities (SSH) disciplines throughout the project.
Total Budget:	**€60,000 per award**
Deadline:	**14/01/2027**
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-02

Call Title:	**Open Call for Hansen Leadership Institute Fellowship Program**

Programme:	**Hansen Leadership Institute Fellowship**
Objective:	The Hansen Leadership Institute Fellowship Program is now inviting applications to support young leaders from around the world through training designed to promote world peace and international cooperation.
Eligible Activities:	The program includes training in effective, ethical and visionary leadership, communication and public speaking, mediation and conflict resolution, and communication across cultural and political divisions. Fellows also receive training on human rights issues. The Institute brings future leaders together to promote world peace and international cooperation, with an emphasis on building mutual respect and friendship across regions of conflict. The stipend will be disbursed two to three weeks after fellows arrive at Houghton Library. Fellows must also submit a written summary of their experience working with the collections and are responsible for making their own travel arrangements and securing their own accommodation. Non-U.S. citizens must obtain a J-1 visa, which Harvard University can sponsor, but fellows are responsible for the associated visa fees and any taxes applicable to their stipend. Fellows are required to spend four weeks in residence at Houghton Library during the fellowship year, which runs from July through June, and must finalize their visit dates before arrival, although their preferred arrival date cannot be guaranteed due to limited reading room seating.
Eligible Applicants:	The fellowship is open to applicants of all nationalities, including doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers, academics, independent scholars, curators, and other library, archive, and museum professionals. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, and fellowships are generally not awarded to scholars who live within commuting distance of Houghton Library. Scholars may apply annually however, recipients must wait five years before being awarded another fellowship.
Total Budget:	**€Not Available**
Deadline:	**15/01/2027**
More information and official documents:	https://hansenleadershipinstitute.org/

Call Title:	**Automated Scientific Discovery for Food Systems**
Programme:	**European Commission (EC)**
Objective:	The European Commission supports the development of closed-loop scientific experimentation systems that integrate laboratory automation with AI-driven decision-making to accelerate scientific discovery in food-related research.
Eligible Activities:	This funding opportunity aims to advance the integration of laboratory automation and artificial intelligence in scientific experimentation, specifically targeting food-related research. The initiative seeks to enable scientific laboratories with advanced automation and digitalisation to design, develop, and test intelligent systems that allow scientific instruments to autonomously or semi-autonomously plan, execute, and analyse experiments, ideally in coordination with other labs and without requiring a complete overhaul of existing laboratory infrastructure. Projects are expected to deliver closed-loop experimentation systems that combine automation with trustworthy, AI-driven decision-making, resulting in accelerated scientific discovery, improved efficiency, and enhanced reproducibility. The scope includes the

	development of robust data management infrastructures for secure collection, storage, processing, and sharing of experimental data, as well as AI-driven modules for resource optimisation and predictive maintenance. Proposals should also address standards for interoperability, intuitive user interfaces, and mechanisms for human oversight to ensure safety and ethical compliance. Funding for each project is around 3 000 000,00 €, supporting the creation of prototype demonstrators and the advancement of best practices in laboratory automation and AI integration.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is open to any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including those from non-associated third countries or international organisations, provided that the conditions of the Horizon Europe Regulation and the specific call are met.
Total Budget:	**€3,000,000 per award**
Deadline:	**02/02/2027**
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-RAISE-2027-01-02

Call Title:	**Developing a Data Lab for Science with EOSC and RAISE**
Programme:	**European Commission (EC)**
Objective:	The European Commission supports the development of a sustainable operational model and blueprint for a Data Lab for Science that links with the European Open Science Cloud and RAISE to accelerate the uptake of AI in scientific research.
Eligible Activities:	The Data Lab for Science initiative is positioned as a strategic connector between AI factories and the Common European Data Spaces, aiming to provide specialized services that transform data into usable resources for AI training and scientific applications. This effort builds on the work of research infrastructures and service providers contributing to the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) and the Resource for AI Science in Europe (RAISE), with the goal of advancing the AI in Science strategy across Europe. The program focuses on consolidating and orchestrating existing data, services, and results from Horizon Europe EOSC-related projects and other community-endorsed solutions to establish and implement a Data Lab for Science. Activities include mapping these resources, integrating the Data Lab into European data and high-performance computing infrastructures, and identifying bottlenecks that hinder seamless data sharing and reuse for AI development in science. Applicants are expected to develop a blueprint for the Data Lab, address technical, operational, legal, and organizational challenges, and demonstrate use cases in coordination with the EOSC and EuroHPC Federations. The action also requires the development of governance and financing models to ensure sustainability beyond the project's duration, as well as recommendations for future policy and funding actions based on researchers' needs across scientific disciplines. Funding for this opportunity is around 1 000 000,00 €, supporting the implementation and demonstration of the Data Lab model and its integration with existing European research data infrastructures.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is open to any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including those from non-associated third countries or international organizations, provided that the conditions of the Horizon Europe Regulation and the specific call are met.

Total Budget: **€1,000,000 per award**

Deadline: **02/02/2027**

More information and official documents: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-RAISE-2027-01-04

Call Title:	**Automated Scientific Discovery in Materials Science**

Programme: **European Commission (EC)**

Objective: The European Commission supports eligible entities developing safe, AI-enabled automated experimentation systems for scientific laboratories.
The topic is intended for scientific laboratories that already have advanced automation and digitalisation, allowing them to add an intelligence layer without requiring a complete redesign of existing laboratory outfitting.

Eligible Activities: Projects will integrate laboratory automation, AI-driven decision-making and robust data infrastructures so scientific instruments can plan, run and analyse experiments semi- or fully autonomously, with human oversight and interaction. Proposals are expected to address experimental data collection, storage, processing and sharing, while ensuring data security and privacy.
Research may include adaptive AI systems connected to laboratory instruments and robotics, AI-managed robotic systems, collaborative experimentation across networks of laboratories, real-time data analytics, interoperability standards, intuitive user interfaces and predictive maintenance. Systems may also optimise the use of energy, reagents and materials.
Expected results include safe and trustworthy closed-loop experimentation systems, more efficient and reproducible scientific discovery, improved scientific productivity, best practices for laboratory automation and functional demonstrators.
The topic has a total budget of €26,500,000, with around €9,000,000 per project.

Eligible Applicants: Any legal entity may participate regardless of its place of establishment, including entities from non-associated third countries and international organisations, subject to the conditions of the Horizon Europe Regulation and any additional conditions for the call or topic. A legal entity may be a natural or legal person recognised under national, EU or international law, or an entity without legal personality.

Total Budget: **€9,000,000 per project**

Deadline: **02/02/2027**

More information and official documents: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-RAISE-2027-01-01

Call Title:	**Virchow Prize for Global Health**

Programme: **Virchow Foundation**

Objective: The Virchow Prize aims to recognize individuals, institutions and organizations for outstanding contributions to improving global health.

Eligible Activities:	Recognized work must be grounded in human rights, solidarity and equity, and rooted in research and academic values. Eligible contributions include work advancing global health through scientific, societal, technological, political, or economic innovations, contributions to the United Nations 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals, especially SDG 3, health-improving innovations, interventions, governance, or policies with potential for broad impact on equity, improved prevention and access to medicines, vaccines, therapeutics, or treatments, research on disease origins, treatment or prevention and global cooperation on holistic approaches to global and planetary health challenges. The prize is awarded each year to no more than three individuals, organizations, or institutions. Individuals, institutions, and organizations from all fields may be nominated for outstanding contributions to improving global health. Nominations must be submitted by a qualified nominator using the dedicated online form available for download from the webpage.
Eligible Applicants:	Qualified nominators include members of national assemblies, national governments, or supranational parliaments, current heads of sovereign states that have signed the United Nations Charter, leaders of United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations and assemblies, members of scientific academies, leaders of universities, research institutions, and foreign policy institutes, Virchow Prize laureates, laureates of the listed international prizes and equivalent awards, former members or advisers of the Virchow Prize Committee, and others accepted by the committee. Self-nominations are not accepted, and a nomination may include up to three candidates in any combination.
Total Budget:	**€Not Available**
Deadline:	**28/02/2027**
More information and official documents:	https://virchowprize.org/nominations/

Call Title:	**Entries open for Snowflake Startup Challenge**
Programme:	**Snowflake**
Objective:	The Snowflake's global competition supports early-stage start-ups developing innovative applications and products powered by the Snowflake AI Data Cloud.
Eligible Activities:	Entries must be applications that depend on Snowflake as a core part of their architecture. Startups that have not raised a Series B or later funding round may enter; Series A and earlier startups are eligible. Startups that have participated in a competing Snowflake startup program are not eligible. The winner gets the opportunity to be considered for a potential Snowflake Ventures investment of up to $1M. The investment is not guaranteed, is not a contest prize, and is subject to due diligence and Snowflake's sole discretion. The winner and two runner-up finalists receive a feature on select marketing channels, a presentation at Snowflake Summit and two Summit passes, dedicated mentorship from an industry leader at a company listed on the NYSE, the opportunity to ring the NYSE Bell, and a finalist blog featuring their company.
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants must submit a demo video of up to five minutes and a description of their application before the deadline. Semifinalists must submit an investor-pitch video recording of up to five minutes and provide access to their application. See the official rules for the full entry requirements.

Total Budget: **€1,000,000**

Deadline: **19/02/2027**

More information and official documents: https://www.snowflake.com/en/startup-challenge/

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