

CCG INSIGHT NEWSLETTER

Weekly Funding Insight
Week Commencing 05th October 2026



CORMACK
CONSULTANCY
GROUP

Internationalising Higher Education



CLUB
ORIZONT

FROM CORMACK
CONSULTANCY GROUP

NEW OPPORTUNITIES	5
SUDAN STABILITY PROGRAMME (SSP)	5
Programme: Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)	5
Total Budget: £25,000,000	5
Deadline: 16/10/2026	5
Aspire Leaders Program	5
Programme: Aspire Institute	5
Total Budget: €100,000	6
Deadline: 16/10/2026	6
Global Innovation Lab for Climate Finance	6
Programme: Global Innovation Lab for Climate Finance	6
Total Budget: €500,000	6
Deadline: 18/10/2026	6
INTERREG NEXT MED	6
Programme: INTERREG NEXT MED	6
Total Budget: €8,200,000	7
Deadline: 29/10/2026	7
IFRA-Nigeria Research Grant 2027	7
Programme: IFRA-Nigeria	7
Total Budget: €100,000	8
Deadline: 30/10/2026	8
Wild Animal Initiative Fellowships for Early-Career Scientists	8
Programme: Wild Animal Initiative	8
Total Budget: €100,000	8
Deadline: 31/10/2026	8
Women in Agriculture Leadership Program Fellowship Program	8
Programme: African Women in Agricultural Research and Development	8
Total Budget: €Not Available	9
Deadline: 06/11/2026	9
16th EESC Civil Society Prize	9
Programme: European Economic and Social Committee	9
Total Budget: €30,000	9
Deadline: 06/11/2026	9
International Travel Fund - Market Development	10
Programme: Creative Australia	10
Total Budget: \$100,000	10
Deadline: 10/11/2026	10
ENHANCING ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION IN CONFLICT- AND MIGRATION-PRONE REGIONS AND STRENGTHENING IDP POLICY AND PROGRAMMING	10
Programme: European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)	10

Total Budget: €9,000,000	11
Deadline: 20/11/2026	11
Grant Call for Strengthening Ethiopia's Maternal and Newborn Health System (Czech Republic)	11
Programme: Czech Development Agency	11
Total Budget: €1,340,000	12
Deadline: 30/11/2026	12
AI and the Workforce Faculty Research Grant Program	12
Programme: Institute for Humane Studies	12
Total Budget: €100,000	12
Deadline: 15/12/2026	12
Applications open for EA Infrastructure Fund	12
Programme: Effective Altruism Funds	13
Total Budget: \$300,000 per application	13
Deadline: 31/12/2026	13
Transformative AI Fund	13
Programme: Effective Altruism Funds	13
Total Budget: €300,000 per application	14
Deadline: 31/12/2026	14
ERC CONSOLIDATOR GRANT	14
Programme: European Commission (EC) - HORIZON	14
Total Budget: €718,700,000	14
Deadline: 12/01/2027	14
Sidney W. and Janet R. Bijou Grant Program for Doctoral Student Research	14
Programme: Society for the Advancement of Behaviour Analysis	14
Total Budget: €100,000	15
Deadline: 13/01/2027	15
GRANTS FROM DFF	15
Programme: Digital Freedom Fund (DFF)	15
Total Budget: €100,000 per award	15
Deadline: 08/02/2027	15
ADVANCING GLOBAL HEALTH	15
Programme: US Bureau of Global Health Security and Diplomacy	16
Total Budget: €minimum of \$500,000 to a maximum of \$250 million	16
Deadline: 14/02/2027	16
U.S.-AFRICA STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM	16
Programme: US Bureau of African Affairs	16
Total Budget: \$500,000,000	17
Deadline: 31/05/2027	17
EGYPT ANNUAL PROGRAM STATEMENT	17
Programme: US Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs	17
Total Budget: \$25,000,000	17

Deadline: Ongoing	17
MRI FUNDING PROGRAMME	17
Programme: Martin Roth-Initiative (MRI)	17
Total Budget: €100,000	18
Deadline: Ongoing	18
LINK TO PREVIOUS FUNDING NEWSLETTERS	18

New Opportunities

Call Title: SUDAN STABILITY PROGRAMME (SSP)	
Programme: Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)	
Objective:	The Sudan Stability Programme (SSP) is a £39 million, 5-year programme (2026 to 2031) that aims to help bring an end to hostilities in Sudan. The programme was designed to: lay the foundations for an inclusive political process; and protect civilians from the worst impacts of violence.
Eligible Activities:	This call for proposals relates to delivery of outcomes 2 and 3 of the programme, with an indicative value of up to £25 million, subject to future spending review, outcomes, approvals, satisfactory performance and formal agreement. Actions must take place in Sudan.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible lead applicants include: international and non-governmental organisations; Sudanese national and local civil society organisations; United Nations agencies; other not-for-profit organisations; academic institutions and think tanks with not-for-profit status; mixed consortia led by an eligible not-for-profit organisation.
Total Budget: £25,000,000	
Deadline: 16/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.gov.uk/international-development-funding/sudan-stability-programme-ssp-call-for-expressions-of-interest

Call Title: Aspire Leaders Program	
Programme: Aspire Institute	
Objective:	The Aspire Leaders Program welcomes emerging leaders around the world to participate in a free online immersive leadership journey.
Eligible Activities:	Participants engage in a six-week, fully online, self-paced curriculum designed and taught by Harvard faculty, featuring live masterclasses, peer learning, and a focus on practical leadership skills such as negotiation, systems thinking, and cross-cultural communication. The program emphasizes strengths-based assessment, structured reflection, and the development of a professional identity, culminating in a toolkit for career advancement or further education. Alumni who complete a qualifying community project can apply for the Community Action Award, which provides up to \$5,000 in funding to support impactful initiatives. Additional support includes Skills Advancement Grants of up to \$200, mentorship opportunities, entrepreneurial training, and access to exclusive partner platforms for career and academic advancement. Applications for Cohort 4 are open, with the program running from October 21 to November 30, 2026. The application process is straightforward, requiring no essays or recommendation letters, and is designed to be accessible to eligible candidates worldwide.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is open to individuals aged 18–29 who are currently enrolled in or have graduated from a university program (undergraduate or postgraduate), and who are either from a limited-income background or are the first in their family to attend university. There are no application fees or tuition costs, and every graduate receives a free certificate of completion, with an optional e-credential bundle available for a nominal fee.

Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	16/10/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.aspireleaders.org/

Call Title:	Global Innovation Lab for Climate Finance
Programme:	Global Innovation Lab for Climate Finance
Objective:	The Global Innovation Lab for Climate Finance is seeking innovative financial vehicles to mobilize private capital for climate mitigation and adaptation in developing countries.
Eligible Activities:	The Lab's annual Call for Ideas seeks investment structures or mechanisms—such as debt/equity funds, guarantee facilities, asset financing, results-based financing, and securitization structures—that are designed to mobilize private capital for climate mitigation and adaptation. Proposals must target implementation in ODA-eligible developing countries, with a particular focus on Africa, and should address areas like clean energy, sustainable agriculture, greener cities, and opportunities for youth and women. Selected proponents receive a comprehensive package of technical assistance, investor engagement, and fundraising support valued at more than USD 250,000. This includes dedicated analytical support from CPI analysts, direct guidance from a working group of public and private investors, bespoke go-to-market support, and global visibility through the Lab's alumni network.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible concepts should be at the initial development or feasibility and structuring stage, with a well-defined idea that will benefit from co-creation on vehicle structure, execution roadmap, and investor value proposition. Applicant teams must demonstrate a proven track record in deploying capital or developing climate solutions and have the capacity to dedicate significant staff time during the program cycle.
Total Budget:	€500,000
Deadline:	18/10/2026
More information and official documents:	https://www.climatefinancelab.org/call-for-ideas/

Call Title:	INTERREG NEXT MED
Programme:	INTERREG NEXT MED
Objective:	The present call aims to support capitalization projects promoting sustainable tourism in the Mediterranean, by transferring, adapting and scaling up results from existing Interreg projects to new territories and contexts across the region. Projects funded under this call must therefore build on existing Interreg outputs and focus on replicating, adapting and scaling proven solutions rather than developing entirely new ones.
Eligible Activities:	Proposals should contribute to addressing key Mediterranean tourism challenges, including: • Innovative and smart tourism products • Tourism and the green transition • Social dimension of tourism (employment and upskilling) and inclusive and accessible tourism • Shared and strategic governance of the tourism offer

	Actions must take place in Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Palestine, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible are legal persons and non-profit making.
Total Budget: €8,200,000	
Deadline: 29/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.interregnextmed.eu/apply-for-funding/third-call-for-proposals/submit-a-project-proposal/

Call Title:	IFRA-Nigeria Research Grant 2027
Programme:	IFRA-Nigeria
Objective:	Researchers and postgraduate students working in the humanities and social sciences can apply for the IFRA-Nigeria Research Grant 2027, which will support research projects involving fieldwork missions and/or stays in archives across countries covered by the Institute's regional mandate.
Eligible Activities:	The program supports research in Nigeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Niger, Chad and Togo, and projects must address at least one of IFRA-Nigeria's four research axes: Beliefs, bodies and health; Citizenship, gender and mobilisation; Heritage dynamics and environment; and the transversal axis of Digital Humanities. All projects must also include a valorisation component, such as publications or oral communications, connected to IFRA-Nigeria's editorial and research activities. Projects may be individual or collective and must relate to one of the nine countries within IFRA-Nigeria's geographical mandate. Sustainable partnerships with institutions and/or researchers in the host country are strongly encouraged. Applicants must submit a cover letter of no more than one page, a CV of no more than three pages, a budget showing the total project cost and explaining the intended use of IFRA-Nigeria funding as well as other funding requested or received, and a research project description of no more than four pages excluding the bibliography and budget. IFRA-Nigeria will finance around a dozen individual or collective research projects for the period from January to October 2027. The source states that projects must involve fieldwork missions and/or stays in archives. For successful applicants, half of the grant will be paid at the start of the project in January 2027, while the remaining half will be paid after submission of the final report. Applications will be reviewed following the requirements set out in the call, with incomplete applications automatically rejected. IFRA-Nigeria states that responses will be sent to all applicants by email by December 2026 at the latest. The grant is subject to a final reporting requirement, with the second half of the funding released after the final report has been submitted.
Eligible Applicants:	The call is open to second-year Master's students, doctoral students, post-doctoral students and researchers working in the humanities and social sciences. Disciplines outside the humanities and social sciences are not eligible, and there are no nationality requirements.

Total Budget:	€100,000
Deadline:	30/10/2026
More information and official documents:	https://ifra-nigeria.org/opportunities/calls-grants/806-ifra-nigeria-research-grants-2027

Call Title: Wild Animal Initiative Fellowships for Early-Career Scientists	
Programme:	Wild Animal Initiative
Objective:	The Wild Animal Initiative Fellowship Program is pleased to announce its applications to support early-career scientists pursuing research careers in wild animal welfare. Fellows begin with a three-month placement period focused on developing their project and expanding their expertise through mentorship, journal club meetings, and targeted training on wild animal welfare science concepts. After this initial phase, fellows work closely with both their academic supervisor and a WAI mentor to implement their funded research project, which can last from one to three years depending on the fellow's career stage and project scope.
Eligible Activities:	Fellowships provide up to \$100,000 USD per year for a maximum of three years. Every fellow is awarded a minimum stipend of \$50,000 per year, with the option to request up to \$75,000 per year to match the standard postdoctoral salary at their institution. The stipend may be adjusted based on local benchmarks and may be subject to tax or benefits deductions depending on the fellow's country and institution. Projects should utilize validated welfare indicators where possible, and fellows are expected to produce at least one peer-reviewed article and one conference presentation per year of the fellowship. The application process consists of four stages: submission of an application form detailing research background and career goals, invitation to submit a project proposal, a review response based on feedback, and a final interview with WAI researchers. Selection is based on the applicant's commitment to wild animal welfare science, the relevance and rigor of their proposed project, and their openness to feedback and collaboration.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants are early-career scientists, specifically PhD holders or postdoctoral researchers, who aspire to lead research careers in wild animal welfare. Applicants must have identified a primary academic supervisor prior to applying and will be expected to lead their project with support from both their supervisor and a WAI mentor.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 31/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.wildanimalinitiative.org/grants/fellowships

Call Title: Women in Agriculture Leadership Program Fellowship Program	
Programme:	African Women in Agricultural Research and Development
Objective:	The Women in Agriculture Leadership Program Fellowship Program is a two-year non-residential program designed to strengthen the leadership and research capabilities of mid-career African women agricultural scientists in six countries.

Eligible Activities:	The Fellowship is structured around two main tracks: a career development fellowship track and an institutional strengthening track. The career development track focuses on enhancing the leadership, negotiation, and science communication skills of individual fellows, while the institutional track works with national agricultural research systems to integrate gender considerations into policies and practices for equitable climate action. Objectives of the program include increasing the number and improving the experiences of women scientists leading agricultural research, as well as strengthening the capabilities of African researchers and institutions to foster gender-responsive, climate-resilient agricultural innovations that address the diverse needs of smallholder women and men. Selected fellows will participate in a range of activities, including a structured mentoring program (with both a mentor and a mentee), and several training courses covering leadership and negotiation skills, gender integration in climate adaptation, science communication, and research proposal writing. The program will directly engage up to 300 beneficiaries across two cohorts, including fellows, mentors, and mentees.
Eligible Applicants:	The Fellowship targets mid-career African women agricultural scientists working in national agricultural research institutions, government ministries, universities, and international research organizations in Egypt, Ghana, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, and Sierra Leone. Applicants must hold at least a master's degree in a relevant discipline and have a minimum of seven years of work experience in agriculture or agrifood systems, including experience in gender in agriculture research and programming.
Total Budget: €Not Available	
Deadline: 06/11/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://awardfellowships.org/news/award-opens-call-for-second-cohort-of-women-in-agriculture-leadership-program-fellowship/

Call Title:	16th EESC Civil Society Prize
Programme: European Economic and Social Committee	
Objective:	The 16th EESC Civil Society Prize is inviting applicants for recognition and funding of innovative and effective initiatives combating poverty within the European Union.
Eligible Activities:	The EESC Civil Society Prize was established to recognize and encourage outstanding civil society initiatives that contribute to the advancement of European values and integration. Now in its 16th edition, the prize specifically focuses on rewarding efforts to combat poverty within the European Union. The total prize value is EUR 30,000, which may be shared among up to three winners, recognizing the diversity and excellence of approaches to poverty alleviation. This edition seeks to highlight effective, innovative, and creative projects that have made a significant impact in addressing poverty at the local, regional, or national level across EU member states.
Eligible Applicants:	The prize is open to non-for-profit initiatives carried out by individuals, civil society organisations, and private companies officially registered within the European Union.
Total Budget: €30,000	
Deadline: 06/11/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/agenda/our-events/events/16th-eesc-civil-society-prize

Call Title: International Travel Fund - Market Development	
Programme: Creative Australia	
Objective:	Creative Australia is inviting applications for the International Travel Fund: Market Development, offering grants to support Australian artists, authors, illustrators, creative workers, and organisations with travel costs to attend significant international market development platforms and gatherings.
Eligible Activities:	The International Travel Fund: Market Development was established to enable Australian artists, authors, illustrators, creative workers, and organisations to participate in significant international market development platforms and key gatherings. The fund aims to strengthen the global presence of Australian arts and culture by supporting attendance at events such as international performing arts markets, book fairs, biennials, major art institutions, and contemporary art spaces, as well as facilitating professional meetings with local partners abroad. You can apply for the following amounts only: \$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000, or \$20,000. Requests for other amounts will not be accepted. Applicants may use the grant to cover eligible costs including fees for time to attend, flights, accommodation, per diems, ground transport, travel insurance, visas, freight or baggage, marketing and promotion, project management, tickets or registration for events, publicity, childcare, carer and access costs, and expenses related to reducing environmental impact. The program specifically prioritises support for literature activities at major international book fairs and for authors and illustrators attending events linked to the international publication of their work, provided there is support from an international publisher or literary agent. The fund is designed to help recipients build and sustain international networks and connections, promote and export their creative works, and access new markets. It does not support costs related to touring, exhibitions, presentations, research, residencies, or activities that do not have a clear market development component.
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents, or Australian organisations working in the arts and culture sector. Internationally based organisations may apply if they can demonstrate a benefit to Australian artists. Only one application per closing date is permitted, and applicants must register in the application management system at least two business days before the deadline.
Total Budget: \$100,000	
Deadline: 10/11/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://creative.gov.au/investments-opportunities/international-travel-fund-market-development

Call Title: ENHANCING ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION IN CONFLICT- AND MIGRATION-PRONE REGIONS AND STRENGTHENING IDP POLICY AND PROGRAMMING	
Programme: European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)	
Objective:	The global objective of this Call for Proposals is to advance sustainable durable solutions for forcibly displaced populations in Ethiopia and affected host communities, by promoting their socio-economic inclusion and strengthening the enabling policy and institutional environment.

Eligible Activities:	The specific objectives (SO) of this call for proposals are: 1. SO1: Enhancing economic transformation in conflict- and migration-prone regions. 2. SO2: Strengthening IDP policy and programming. Actions can take place in Ethiopia.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be a specific type of organisation such as: Civil Society Organisation and (3) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
Total Budget: €9,000,000	
Deadline: 20/11/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/prospect-details/187801PROSPECTSEN

Call Title:	Grant Call for Strengthening Ethiopia's Maternal and Newborn Health System (Czech Republic)
Programme:	Czech Development Agency
Objective:	The Strengthening Ethiopia's Maternal and Newborn Health System grant supports NGOs and authorized entities to reduce neonatal mortality and improve maternal and newborn health in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia through strengthening local healthcare facilities and services. In recent decades, Ethiopia has made significant progress in reducing maternal and neonatal mortality, yet both rates remain high compared to global targets, with maternal mortality at 193 per 100,000 live births and neonatal mortality at 25 per 1,000 live births as of 2023–2024. Persistent challenges include complications during pregnancy and childbirth, limited access to quality perinatal care, and a high prevalence of conditions such as obstetric fistula, particularly among teenage mothers.
Eligible Activities:	This grant call aligns with the Czech Republic's Foreign Development Cooperation Program with Ethiopia for 2024–2030 and supports the Ethiopian government's Health Sector Transformation Plan II and related strategies. The focus is on strengthening the health system in Addis Ababa, especially in maternal and newborn care, by building on previous Czech-supported interventions in the region. The primary aim is to contribute to reducing neonatal mortality and improving the health of mothers and newborns in Addis Ababa. The objectives include supporting local healthcare facilities and health posts to increase newborn survival rates and maternal health through the provision of medical equipment, specialized professional training, biomedical engineering involvement, and continuous quality improvement measures. Another objective is to improve access to quality maternal and newborn health services for all, including disadvantaged groups. The total funding available for this call is CZK 32,000,000 (approximately \$1,344,000 USD) for the period 2027–2029, with annual limits of CZK 6,000,000 for 2027, CZK 15,000,000 for 2028, and CZK 11,000,000 for 2029. The subsidy requested in any application must not exceed these amounts, and the share of funds spent on Personal Expenses may not exceed 25% of the total subsidy amount per year.

	Applications must be submitted by 30 November 2026. The provider may consider justified requests for an increase in the subsidy amount during project implementation, but is not obliged to approve them.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include non-governmental non-profit organizations and other authorized entities, as defined by Czech law, with experience in healthcare system strengthening and project implementation in Ethiopia or similar contexts.
Total Budget: €1,340,000	
Deadline: 30/11/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://czechaid.gov.cz/dotace/dotacni-vyzva-posilovani-etiopskeho-systemu-zdravotni-pece-o-matky-a-novorozence1

Call Title: AI and the Workforce Faculty Research Grant Program	
Programme: Institute for Humane Studies	
Objective:	The Institute for Humane Studies invites faculty scholars to apply for research grants supporting studies on the long-term effects of artificial intelligence on employment, productivity, and economic opportunity.
Eligible Activities:	This initiative responds to ongoing debates about AI's influence on employment, productivity, occupational change, and economic opportunity, emphasizing the need for more comprehensive data and analysis in this rapidly evolving field. Funding may be used for travel related to conference presentations and archival research, research collaboration such as hiring research assistants, acquisition of datasets or specialized research subscriptions, and publishing or dissemination costs including journal submission fees and book publication expenses. Living expenses, hardware purchases, retroactive expenses, conference travel without a scheduled presentation, and institutional overhead are not eligible for support. Awarded scholars may receive up to \$20,000, and larger awards may be considered for exceptional projects. Proposals are encouraged from academic scholars whose research explores the multifaceted effects of AI on work, with a particular interest in interdisciplinary approaches. Deliverables may include peer-reviewed publications, policy white papers, or shareable research databases that contribute to the broader discourse on AI and labour markets.
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants must be academic scholars conducting research relevant to the long-term effects of AI on the workforce. Proposals that bridge disciplines are especially welcome. Ineligible expenses include living costs, hardware, retroactive expenses, and conference travel without a scheduled presentation.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 15/12/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://theihs.org/ai-and-the-workforce

Call Title:	Applications open for EA Infrastructure Fund
--------------------	---

Programme: Effective Altruism Funds	
Objective:	The EA Infrastructure Fund provides grants to projects that strengthen the effective altruism community by increasing access to talent, capital, and knowledge.
Eligible Activities:	The EA Infrastructure Fund was established to strategically support projects that use reason and evidence to maximize positive impact, focusing on strengthening the infrastructure of the effective altruism community. Grants are typically between \$10,000 and \$150,000 and rarely exceed \$300,000. The fund prioritizes projects that directly increase exposure to effective altruism principles, recruit talented individuals to address important global problems, build a global community centred on impactful decision-making, conduct research on cause prioritization, raise funds for highly effective projects, and improve community health through healthy norms and grievance resolution.
Eligible Applicants:	The fund has evolved from its earlier identity as the EA Meta Fund, reflecting its ongoing commitment to supporting meta-charities, research organizations, and initiatives that promote effective altruism in diverse contexts such as academia and public discourse.
Total Budget: \$300,000 per application	
Deadline: 31/12/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/apply-for-funding

Call Title:	Transformative AI Fund
Programme: Effective Altruism Funds	
Objective:	The Transformative AI Fund provides grants to individuals and organizations for early-stage projects that address global catastrophic risks from advanced artificial intelligence and related long-term challenges.
Eligible Activities:	The Transformative AI Fund was established to support early-stage work that can positively influence the long-term trajectory of civilization, with a particular focus on addressing global catastrophic risks from advanced artificial intelligence. The fund is managed by a dedicated team at Effective Altruism Funds and is designed to be a flexible, fast-moving source of support for new and innovative projects in this space. The fund primarily supports projects that help ensure the transition to transformative AI goes well, including technical research, policy analysis, forecasting, advocacy, and demonstration projects. It also welcomes applications that address other implications of transformative AI, such as flourishing futures and digital sentience, though these are expected to be a minority of grants.
Eligible Applicants:	Funding is available for individuals, new organizations, and existing organizations launching new projects, with typical grant sizes ranging from \$10,000 to \$150,000 and rarely exceeding \$300,000. The fund also supports training for researchers and practitioners, as well as infrastructure and field-building efforts related to transformative AI.

Total Budget: €300,000 per application	
Deadline: 31/12/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/apply-for-funding

Call Title: ERC CONSOLIDATOR GRANT	
Programme: European Commission (EC) - HORIZON	
Objective:	The ERC Consolidator Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they may still be consolidating their own independent research team or programme.
Eligible Activities:	Principal Investigators must demonstrate the ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of their research proposal. A competitive Consolidator Grant Principal Investigator should have already shown evidence of research independence. Actions must take place in EU member states or Associated Country.
Eligible Applicants:	The ERC actions are open to researchers of any nationality who intend to conduct their research activity in any EU Member State or Horizon Associated Country. Principal Investigators may be of any age and nationality and may reside in any country in the world at the time of the application. The host institution must engage and host the Principal Investigator for at least the duration of the project, as defined in the grant agreement.
Total Budget: €718,700,000	
Deadline: 12/01/2027	
More information and official documents:	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ERC-2027-COG

Call Title: Sidney W. and Janet R. Bijou Grant Program for Doctoral Student Research	
Programme: Society for the Advancement of Behaviour Analysis	
Objective:	The Sidney W. and Janet R. Bijou Grant Program provides support to doctoral student research in behavioural development using a natural science framework.
Eligible Activities:	Priority is given to research that directly relates to or informs child development, including studies on basic animal processes relevant to neurotypical development. Projects should focus on identifying behavioural processes involved in cognitive, social, emotional, and language development, with examples such as derived relational responding, social referencing, bidirectional naming, interdependence of verbal operants, skill acquisition, joint attention, and behavioural cusps. Both basic and translational research with nonhuman subjects are eligible if the primary purpose is to address behavioural mechanisms of development. Grants of up to US\$12,000 are available for each academic year, with all expenses required to be clearly detailed in the proposed budget. Indirect costs, research staff salaries, general

	research infrastructure, and most professional travel are not eligible for funding, except for travel to the ABAI Annual Convention for presenting research. Applications require a completed biosketch, a five-page proposal (with up to two additional pages for references), a letter of support from an academic advisor confirming at least one year remaining in the program, and a letter from the department or program chair verifying institutional resources. Grant recipients are expected to submit a brief report and expenditure outline to the SABA Board by April 1 of the following year.
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants must be enrolled or accepted in a doctoral program in psychology, education, behavioural science, or an allied discipline with sufficient behaviourally oriented faculty and resources to supervise and support the proposed research. The project must be of sufficient rigor to be submitted for publication and contribute to the literature on behavioural development. Applicants may not apply for both the Bijou Grant and the Innovative Student Research Grant in the same year.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 13/01/2027	
More information and official documents:	https://saba.abainternational.org/grants/sidney-w-janet-r-bijou-grant/

Call Title:	GRANTS FROM DFF
Programme:	Digital Freedom Fund (DFF)
Objective:	The Digital Freedom Fund supports strategic litigation on digital rights in Europe that contributes to advancing human rights in the digital sphere. DFF works with a broad definition of digital rights. They consider digital rights to be human rights as applicable in the digital sphere. The digital sphere covers both physically constructed spaces, such as infrastructure and devices, and spaces that are virtually constructed, such as online identities and communities.
Eligible Activities:	Applicants can submit applications for three types of activities: • Litigation: Litigation support, for a single instance; Example: a constitutional challenge to recently adopted legislation on government surveillance. • Research: Pre-litigation research; Example: a comparative study between EU jurisdictions to determine which one offers the best options to address a specific issue. • Emergency: Emergency support; Example: immediate costs related to filing an appeal on short notice. DFF accepts grant applications concerning all Council of Europe Member States.
Eligible Applicants:	Any organisation that advocates for digital rights, including as part of their broader human rights or social justice work is eligible.
Total Budget: €100,000 per award	
Deadline: 08/02/2027	
More information and official documents:	https://digitalfreedomfund.org/grants/

Call Title:	ADVANCING GLOBAL HEALTH
--------------------	--------------------------------

Programme: US Bureau of Global Health Security and Diplomacy	
Objective:	The Department of State invites eligible applicants to advance the America First Global Health Strategy, which aims to save lives, strengthen health systems, enhance efficiency, foster self-reliance, and ensure U.S. investments benefit American safety, strength, and prosperity. This Annual Program Statement (APS) establishes a supplemental framework through which the Department of State may identify and support projects that complement, extend, and/or fill identified gaps in the implementation of these bilateral MOUs.
Eligible Activities:	The Advancing Global Health (AGH) APS provides a mechanism to solicit and support projects to complement existing activities and new G2G agreements, including where targeted technical, operational, or catalytic support is needed to address gaps, sequencing challenges, or transitional needs in MOU implementation. The Advancing Global Health Assistance activity will save lives, strengthen health systems, enhance efficiency, foster self-reliance, and ensure that U.S. investments in global health directly benefit American safety, strength, and prosperity. Actions can take place worldwide.
Eligible Applicants:	The following organizations are eligible to apply: U.S. and foreign private for-profit enterprises; U.S. and foreign public and private institutions of higher education; U.S. and foreign organizations, including faith-based organizations; Public International Organizations (PIOs) and governmental institutions.
Total Budget: €minimum of \$500,000 to a maximum of \$250 million	
Deadline: 14/02/2027	
More information and official documents:	https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/12032b6c-1aa1-4be6-8aa7-f3bbe663b930

Call Title:	U.S.-AFRICA STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM
Programme: US Bureau of African Affairs	
Objective:	The U.S.-Africa Strategic Investment Program advances America's national interests by harnessing market-based, private sector-led growth across two strategic focus areas: Critical Minerals Investment and Commercial Diplomacy Acceleration.
Eligible Activities:	This program seeks market-based solutions that strengthen the environment for foreign investment in sub-Saharan Africa through transparent and competitive processes, creating sustainable economic growth in two strategic focus areas. Projects must demonstrate clear, measurable benefits to one or more sub-Saharan countries, such as increased investment from high-quality U.S. and U.S.-aligned companies. Applicants are also encouraged to identify how their projects create conditions that enable U.S. commercial participation. Actions must take place in sub-Saharan Africa.
Eligible Applicants:	The following organizations are eligible to apply as a prime applicant: U.S. and non-U.S. for-profit companies and organizations; U.S. and non-U.S. not-for-profit organizations; U.S. and non-U.S. public and private institutions of higher education; Public international organizations.

Total Budget:	\$500,000,000
Deadline:	31/05/2027
More information and official documents:	https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/056a9131-82b2-4289-b41b-88cd33f85926

Call Title: EGYPT ANNUAL PROGRAM STATEMENT	
Programme: US Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs	
Objective:	The Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs' Office of Assistance Coordination (NEA/AC) seeks proposals for projects in Egypt that advance U.S. commercial diplomacy and put American interests first. Proposals must demonstrate how projects will leverage assistance as a tool of statecraft to advance U.S. economic, security, and diplomatic objectives.
Eligible Activities:	Programming should promote trade, not aid, by leveraging assistance resources to champion American enterprise and infrastructure and catalyze private capital through market principles. Proposals may address sectors including: energy development and exports; trade facilitation; emerging technologies (particularly AI and telecommunications); critical infrastructure (aviation, transport); critical minerals; regional economic integration; advanced manufacturing; workforce training aligned with U.S. business needs; and economic recovery in conflict-affected areas. Projects should orient implementing partners toward the American business community, foster burden-sharing, and demonstrate how they will help U.S. businesses secure foreign contracts and tenders for key projects. Review country-specific guidance in the sections below and tailor your proposal to address identified priorities. NEA/AC may decide to grant multiple awards, one award, or no awards, subject to funding availability and proposal viability. Actions must take place in Egypt.
Eligible Applicants:	Applicants must be able to operate legally in Egypt. The following are eligible to apply: Not-for-profit organizations, including think tanks and civil society/non-governmental organizations; Public and private educational institutions; For-profit organizations, such as corporations and commercial firms; Public International Organizations and Governmental institutions.
Total Budget: \$25,000,000	
Deadline: Ongoing	
More information and official documents:	https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/0053b850-f4c8-49a1-af09-ec0b85968888

Call Title: MRI FUNDING PROGRAMME	
Programme: Martin Roth-Initiative (MRI)	
Objective:	The Martin Roth-Initiative (MRI) protects artists who are committed in their home country to the freedom of art, democracy and human rights by enabling temporary residence in Germany or third countries for the purpose of protecting those who are being persecuted. Special significance is placed on the cultural scenes and local civil society in the host

	countries which, during the scholarship period, work with the scholarship holders, provide support and enable their professional development.
Eligible Activities:	The Martin Roth-Initiative aims to ensure that, at the end of the scholarship period, it is possible for the scholarship holder to return safely to their home country, or that the foundation for their successful integration in the society of the host country has been laid. The joint performance between the Martin Roth-Initiative and its partners, both domestically and abroad, expresses the commitment of civil society to take on responsibility and nail its colours to the mast. With this funding from the Martin Roth-Initiative, cultural and civil society institutions (host organisations) are enabled to temporarily host at-risk artists and cultural actors in their region of origin (e.g. in a neighbouring country), provide them with scholarships, and enable them to continue their work. Actions can take place worldwide.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible are Artists and cultural actors who through their artistic work are committed to an open society, freedom, peace and democracy, who reject any kind of discrimination and who, because of their work or due to other circumstances, experience restrictions on their freedom or threats from state and/or non-state actors .
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: Ongoing	
More information and official documents:	https://www.martin-roth-initiative.de/en/application_programme_line_2

Link to Previous Funding Newsletters

<https://www.consultcormack.com/funding-newsletter>

Disclaimer:

The content of this funding insight reflects only the author's view. The European Commission is not responsible for any use that may be made of the information it contains.

The goal of this newsletter is to keep this information timely and accurate. The information contained herein is not necessarily comprehensive, complete, or all embracing. If errors are brought to our attention, we will try to correct them.

Despite careful content control, we do not accept responsibility for any pages owned by third parties that are linked to ours. The operators of linked sites are exclusively responsible for their content. We do not claim any ownership of the target contents available through the links.