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New Opportunities

Call Title: Applications open for Faraday Discovery Fellowship Program	
Programme: Royal Society	
Objective:	The Faraday Discovery Fellowship Program has announced its applications to support the most talented mid-career research leaders to undertake high-quality original research. These fellowships are designed to attract and retain outstanding researchers, both from within the UK and internationally, providing them with the resources and stability needed to develop world-leading research groups and address challenging scientific questions.
Eligible Activities:	The programme is open to all areas of STEM within the Royal Society's remit, including but not limited to biological research, biomedical sciences, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, and physics. There are no thematic priorities, and applications are assessed solely on the candidate's track record and the quality and vision of the proposed research. The scheme encourages research at the frontiers of science as well as projects that contribute to resilience and prosperity, such as quantum research, materials science, engineering biology, AI, and Net Zero technologies. The aims of the fellowships are to provide long-term, stable funding for mid-career researchers to focus on their research vision, support the development of world-leading research teams in the UK, and train the next generation of research leaders through mentoring, training, and networking opportunities. The programme also offers a career development package for postdoctoral researchers and supports diversity and inclusion throughout the grant process. Applicants can apply for up to a maximum value of £8 million (approximately \$10,160,000 USD) over 10 years, with up to £6 million of core funding and an additional £2 million available for specific justification, such as higher equipment needs. The scheme provides flexibility for personal circumstances, including part-time working, career breaks, and financial support for childcare costs related to conferences and research visits.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants must be recognised research leaders with 10–20 years of research experience post-PhD (or equivalent), hold a permanent academic post or be in the latter stages of a recognised long-term research fellowship, and have experience managing significant research grants and research groups. Candidates of any nationality are eligible, provided they will be based in the UK, and those requiring a visa may apply under the Global Talent Visa fast-track process.
Total Budget: €8,000,000	
Deadline: 22/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://royalsociety.org/grants/faraday-discovery-fellowships/

Call Title: Submit Applications for Co-create NEB 2027	
Programme: EIT Urban Mobility	
Objective:	EIT Urban Mobility is inviting applicants to the Co-create NEB 2027 Call to fund collaborative projects that improve liveable urban spaces through community-driven, innovative solutions aligned with New European Bauhaus values.
Eligible Activities:	The Co-create NEB 2027 Call is part of EIT Urban Mobility's commitment to fostering more liveable urban spaces by supporting collaborative projects that address local challenges through community engagement and innovation. This initiative aligns with the values and working principles of the New European Bauhaus, emphasizing sustainability, inclusion, and quality of place in urban environments. Projects funded under this call are expected to demonstrate excellence, novelty, and relevance by addressing specific local challenges, engaging affected communities, and

	proposing solutions that are sustainable and transferable. Proposals must clearly outline their intended outcomes and outputs, such as improvements to public spaces or the development of new methodologies for enhancing the built environment, and describe how these will contribute to the community's quality of life. Each consortium must consist of two to four legal entities, with a strong emphasis on co-creation methodologies that actively involve communities and target groups through participatory approaches like co-design processes, workshops, or living labs. The program encourages meaningful inclusion, gender equity, and the representation of underserved groups in both project design and implementation. The total grant available per project is €58,000, with €49,300 provided as EIT funding and €8,700 as required co-funding. The project duration is up to 10 months, with a tentative start date of 1 February 2027 and an end date of 30 November 2027. All proposals must include mandatory deliverables such as a final report and either a public space improvement document or research supporting improvements in the built environment. Key Performance Indicators include a minimum of 25 participants in non-labelled education and training, and at least one public space improvement if applicable.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is limited to consortia based in European countries, and all applicants must register through the EU Funding & Tenders Opportunities Portal and the EIT Urban Mobility Programmes Portal. Applications must be submitted online before the deadline, and all required supporting documents, including proof of legal affiliation with a city or region if applicable, must be provided for the application to be considered complete.
Total Budget: €58,000 per project	
Deadline: 30/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://neb.eitcommunity.eu/connect-neb-co-create-neb-open-call-2027/

Call Title:	Open Call for Connect NEB 2027
Programme:	EIT Urban Mobility
Objective:	Connect NEB is inviting applicants to submit proposals for grants supporting innovative projects that tackle local urban challenges while aligning with the values of the New European Bauhaus.
Eligible Activities:	The Connect NEB Call is part of EIT Urban Mobility's efforts to foster more liveable urban spaces by supporting projects that address local challenges through innovation and community engagement. The programme is aligned with the values and working principles of the New European Bauhaus, focusing on sustainability, inclusion, and quality of place. Projects are expected to demonstrate excellence, novelty, and innovation by addressing relevant local challenges, contributing to environmental responsibility, climate resilience, circularity, and long-term thinking. Applicants must also show how their projects support inclusion, gender, diversity, and participation, as well as enhance the quality of place and everyday experience of urban spaces. Each project should outline clear objectives and expected outcomes, including changes in behaviour, community organisation, or governance models, and describe how the approach can be durable and transferable to other contexts. Active involvement of communities and target groups through participatory methods such as co-design processes, workshops, or living labs is required.

	The total grant is €18,000 per project, consisting of €15,300 EIT funding (85%) and €2,700 co-funding (15%). The maximum project duration is 10 months, with a tentative start date of 1 February 2027 and end date of 30 November 2027. All projects must submit a final report documenting activities, results, and impact, and include a minimum of 25 participants in non-labelled education and training activities as a key performance indicator.
Eligible Applicants:	The call is open to legal entities worldwide that are registered in the EU Funding & Tenders Opportunities Portal and have a valid Participant Identification Code (PIC). Projects must be monobeneficiary, with no additional partners, and each organisation can only receive funding as Lead Partner for one proposal across Connect and Co-create NEB Calls.
Total Budget: €18,000 per project	
Deadline: 30/09/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://neb.eitcommunity.eu/connect-neb-co-create-neb-open-call-2027/

Call Title:	European Natura 2000 Award
Programme:	European Commission (EC)
Objective:	The European Natura 2000 Award is inviting applicants for excellence in the management of Natura 2000 sites and highlights the value of nature conservation for communities and economies across the European Union.
Eligible Activities:	The European Natura 2000 Award was established to celebrate and promote outstanding achievements in the management and promotion of Natura 2000 sites, which form the backbone of the EU's nature and biodiversity conservation efforts. Since its inception, the Award has highlighted the diverse ways in which the Natura 2000 network benefits both nature and people across the European Union. The 8th edition introduces a refreshed set of categories, including a new focus on urban sites, and continues to showcase best practices in conservation, community engagement, and the integration of nature into local economies and societies. The Award aims to inspire replication of successful approaches and to encourage a broad range of stakeholders—including businesses, schools, landowners, and community groups—to participate in nature conservation. Winners receive an attractive trophy, a certificate, support in organising a local celebration event, and professional media promotion to increase the visibility of their achievements. Finalists benefit from extensive promotion via European Commission channels, participation in a dedicated networking event in Brussels, and tailored social media training.
Eligible Applicants:	Applications are open to any organisation or individual involved in the management or promotion of Natura 2000 sites within the European Union. Eligible applicants include public authorities, NGOs, businesses, schools, landowners, and community groups, provided their activities are linked to at least one Natura 2000 site. Applications must be submitted in an EU language and should clearly demonstrate excellence, effectiveness, and impact in line with the Award's selection criteria.

Total Budget:	€Not Available
Deadline:	30/09/2026
More information and official documents:	https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/nature-and-biodiversity/natura-2000-award_en

Call Title:	Enterprise Africa Network Fellowship Programme Cohort 2 (2026/27)
Programme:	African Union Commission
Objective:	The Enterprise Africa Network Fellowship Programme offers structured training, mentorship, and market access to youth- and women-led small enterprises across all African Union Member States.
Eligible Activities:	The Enterprise Africa Network (EAN) Fellowship Programme is the African Union's flagship initiative to accelerate the growth and competitiveness of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across the continent. Building on the success of its inaugural cohort, which trained 56 fellows from 30 countries and generated over USD 1 million in deals, Cohort 2 will expand to 100 fellows representing all 55 AU Member States, with a focus on driving intra-African trade and job creation. The programme is structured around three fellowship tiers—Growth, Expansion, and Scale-Ready—tailored to the maturity and ambitions of participating enterprises. Fellows benefit from twelve months of sector-specific training, expert mentorship, intellectual property support, and access to the African Trade Observatory and AfCFTA market intelligence tools. Tier 1 and 2 fellows participate in virtual market-entry sessions across ten AfCFTA pilot countries, while Tier 3 fellows engage in B2B matchmaking sessions to facilitate cross-border business opportunities. Cohort 2 covers seven sectors grouped into two clusters: the Products Cluster (Manufacturing, Agro-processing, Creative Industries) and the Services Cluster (ICT/Digital, Fintech, Health, Logistics/Transport), all aligned with the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) priorities. All fellows receive twelve months of structured training, expert mentorship, intellectual property support, and direct market access opportunities; Tier 1 and 2 fellows participate in virtual market-entry sessions, while Tier 3 fellows participate in B2B matchmaking sessions.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is open to youth- and women-led small enterprises that are registered and operating in an AU Member State, have been in operation for at least two years, and employ a minimum of three full-time staff. The programme particularly encourages applications from women-led businesses and enterprises from underrepresented AU regions and small island Member States. A minimum of 40 places are reserved to ensure representation across all five AU continental regions, with at least five places for enterprises from small island Member States.
Total Budget:	€Not Available
Deadline:	30/09/2026
More information and official documents:	https://au.int/en/announcement/call-applications-enterprise-africa-network-ean-fellowship-programme-cohort-2-202627

Call Title:	V4 GEN MINI GRANTS
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Programme: Visegrad Fund	
Objective:	The International Visegrad Fund is an inter-national orga-ni-sa-tion based in Bratislava founded in 2000 by the gov-ern-ments of the Visegrad Group (V4) countries; the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland, and the Slovak Republic. The pur-pose of the Fund is to facil-i-tate and pro-mote the devel-op-ment of closer coop-er-a-tion among cit-i-zens and insti-tu-tions in the region as well as between the V4 region and other coun-tries, espe-cially in the Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership regions. Strategic Grants support project proposals addressing annual strategic priorities of the Visegrad Group. Entities from all four Visegrad Group (V4) countries must be actively involved in each proposed project.
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: 01/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	HTTPS://WWW.VISEGRADFUND.ORG/STRATEGIC-GRANTS-APPLY

Call Title:	STRATEGIC GRANTS FROM VISEGRAD FUND
Programme: Visegrad Fund	
Objective:	The International Visegrad Fund is an inter-national orga-ni-sa-tion based in Bratislava founded in 2000 by the gov-ern-ments of the Visegrad Group (V4) countries; the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland, and the Slovak Republic. The pur-pose of the Fund is to facil-i-tate and pro-mote the devel-op-ment of closer coop-er-a-tion among cit-i-zens and insti-tu-tions in the region as well as between the V4 region and other coun-tries, espe-cially in the Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership regions. Strategic Grants support project proposals addressing annual strategic priorities of the Visegrad Group. Entities from all four Visegrad Group (V4) countries must be actively involved in each proposed project.
Eligible Activities:	Strategic Grants priorities are:

	• V4@35: Generation Future • Smart & Sustainable Cities in the V4 Region • Facilitating research and development cooperation in the region 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: 02/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.visegradfund.org/strategic-grants-apply

Call Title:	WISEGRAD+ GRANTS FROM WISEGRAD FUND
Programme:	Visegrad Fund
Objective:	Visegrad+ Grants support projects which contribute to the democratization and transformation processes in selected countries of the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia) and the Eastern Partnership regions (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine).
Eligible Activities:	The objectives are: • Culture and Common Identity • Education and Capacity Building • Innovation, R&D, Entrepreneurship • Democratic Values and the Media • Public Policy and Institutional Partnership • Regional Development, Environment and Tourism • Social Development Visegrad+ Grants should be implemented in the EaP or WBs region, and/or have a strong impact on local communities in at least one of those countries
Eligible Applicants:	Projects must develop meaningful cooperation and ensure the active involvement of at least three V4 countries and one entity from the Eastern Partnership region (EaP) or the Western Balkans countries (WB6) at minimum (3xV4 + 1xEaP/WB6 format). However, if the applicant is from one of the EaP or WB6 countries, it is enough to involve two V4 countries, if another EaP/WB country is also involved (2xV4 + 2xEaP/WB6 format).

Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 01/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.visegradfund.org/visegrad-plus-grants-apply

Call Title: VISEGRAD GRANTS FROM VISEGRAD FUND	
Programme: Visegrad Fund	
Objective:	The International Visegrad Fund is an inter-national orga-ni-sa-tion based in Bratislava founded in 2000 by the gov-ern-ments of the Visegrad Group (V4) countries; the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland, and the Slovak Republic.
Eligible Activities:	The pur-pose of the Fund is to facil-i-tate and pro-mote the devel-op-ment of closer coop-er-a-tion among cit-i-zens and insti-tu-tions in the region as well as between the V4 region and other coun-tries, espe-cially in the Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership regions. Any original proposal can get support if it deals with V4 regional cooperation, advancement of innovativeness and sustainability in Central and Eastern Europe in one of their seven focus areas: (1) culture and common identity; (2) education and capacity building; (3) innovation, R&D, entrepreneurship; (4) democratic values and the media; (5) public policy and institutional partnerships; (6) regional development, environment and tourism; - and (7) social development. Projects must involve organizations from at least three V4 countries (or 2 neighboring V4 countries for cross-border projects). Bilateral cross-border cooperation of at least 2 organizations from 2 neighboring V4 countries (projects taking place within a 40-km radius from the border and focusing on a local issue).
Eligible Applicants:	Any non-governmental legal entity from any country can be an official partner. Partners should possess relevant experience and demonstrate commitment to joint action, with active roles beyond logistical support.
Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 01/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.visegradfund.org/visegrad-grants-apply

Call Title: CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR INTERNATIONAL LONG-TERM YOUTH CO-OPERATION PROJECTS IN 2027	
Programme: European Youth Foundation (EYF)	
Objective:	This call for proposals supports international long-term youth co-operation projects that promote and develop international understanding and solidarity and contribute to the promotion of human rights and democracy.

Eligible Activities:	The grants will support projects that include a combination of international meetings and other activities, such as campaigns, advocacy projects, production of educational and other resources, research, support for local activities or regional initiatives. The grants will support projects that include a combination of international meetings and other activities, such as campaigns, advocacy projects, production of educational and other resources, research, support for local activities or regional initiatives. At least one of the project activities must be an international meeting of young people with a duration of at least 4 programme days. Multiplier activities may also be included in the proposals. Action must take place in Europe.
Eligible Applicants:	The following hard criteria are a requirement for an international activity: (1) registered in the granting system of the European Youth Foundation as a local youth organisation or as a national youth organisation; (2) have a bank account that can accept euros; (3) have sufficient financial and operational capacity.
Total Budget: €600,000	
Deadline: 01/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.coe.int/en/web/european-youth-foundation/calls

Call Title:	CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR INTERNATIONAL ONE-OFF YOUTH CO-OPERATION ACTIVITIES IN 2027
Programme:	European Youth Foundation (EYF)
Objective:	This call for proposals supports international one-off youth co-operation activities that promote and develop international understanding and solidarity and contribute to the promotion of human rights and democracy. The activities that can be supported through these grants are international meetings of young people, for example youth camps, seminars, conferences, training courses or study visits.
Eligible Activities:	The activities that can be supported through these grants are international meetings of young people, for example youth camps, seminars, conferences, training courses or study visits. These examples are meant to be illustrative and do not represent an exhaustive list. A grant can contribute in principle to one main meeting of young people, as well as the preparatory and evaluation / follow-up meetings. The activities must be prepared and implemented by a multicultural project team, with a concern for quality in line with the Council of Europe quality standards. The activities must also make use of the approaches of the youth sector of the Council of Europe such as non-formal education, intercultural learning, youth participation and human rights education. Action must take place in Europe.
Eligible Applicants:	The following hard criteria are a requirement for an international activity: (1) registered in the granting system of the European Youth Foundation as a local youth organisation or as a national youth organisation; (2) have a bank account that can accept euros; (3) have sufficient financial and operational capacity.

Total Budget: €250,000	
Deadline: 01/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.coe.int/en/web/european-youth-foundation/calls

Call Title: Innovative Approaches to Extend Lifetime and Minimize O/M	
Programme: Water Research Foundation	
Objective:	The Water Research Foundation is inviting applicants to submit proposals for research funding to develop and evaluate innovative approaches that extend the lifetime and minimize operations and maintenance for nature-based water infrastructure installations.
Eligible Activities:	Nature-based solutions (NbS) such as bioretention systems, constructed wetlands, permeable pavements, and other green infrastructure are increasingly adopted by water utilities and municipalities as alternatives or complements to traditional gray infrastructure, but concerns about long-term maintenance costs and asset longevity remain significant barriers to broader implementation. This project aims to identify and evaluate innovative design, construction, and management approaches that extend the functional lifetime of nature-based installations and reduce ongoing operations and maintenance (O&M) requirements, with a focus on practical guidance for utilities and other NbS owners. Key objectives include developing guidance on factors affecting NbS longevity—such as hydraulic optimization, engineered media selection and replacement, plant selection, sediment management, and construction-phase best practices—and surveying utilities to document current maintenance practices, costs, and benchmarks for improvement. Applicants may request up to \$250,000 in WRF funds for this project, with a required applicant contribution of at least 33% of the project award through cost share, in-kind, or third-party in-kind support. The anticipated period of performance for this project is 24 months from the contract start date.
Eligible Applicants:	Proposals are accepted from both U.S.-based and non-U.S.-based entities, including educational institutions, research organizations, governmental agencies, consultants, or other for-profit entities; researchers late on ongoing WRF-sponsored studies without approved extensions are not eligible to participate.
Total Budget: \$500,000	
Deadline: 05/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://portal.waterrf.org/outbound-grant-details/3351

Call Title: 2026 CSO CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF PROJECT INTENTIONS	
Programme: AFD	
Objective:	To support civil society organizations (CSOs) in contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and international solidarity, AFD issues an annual Call for Expressions of Project Intentions (AMI). This year, a single call has been introduced for both French and locally governed CSOs in order to shortlist projects led by CSOs in partner countries for financing in 2027.

Eligible Activities:	The following are priority themes for this AMI (although not exclusively): • Educational continuum – Employment (basic education/vocational training and professional integration) • Health (particularly the One Health approach) • Sustainable agriculture • Gender equality • Human rights Actions can take place in various countries from the OECD DAC list.
Eligible Applicants:	In addition to French CSOs, the 2021 law stipulates that CSOs in countries eligible for official development assistance may receive direct financing from AFD under certain conditions: (1) CSOs registered in countries eligible for official development assistance, according to the list published by the OECD's Development Assistance Committee (DAC), may apply for co-financing through AFD's CSO Initiatives mechanism; (2) Locally governed CSOs (including unions) are eligible provided they have received financing at least once before (either directly or through a lead CSO) for a completed project, from an entity of AFD Group (CSO-I mechanism, Operations Directorate, Expertise France, Proparco, FFEM, FID, or through an FSOF-intermediary funding mechanism), regardless of the amount, or from a French embassy (annual financing > €100,000).
Total Budget: €1,500,000 per project	
Deadline: 09/10/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.afd.fr/en/calls-for-projects/2026-cso-call-expressions-project-intentions

Call Title:	TFD's International Grants Program
Programme:	Taiwan Foundation for Democracy
Objective:	Applications are open for the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy International Grants Program, inviting international non-profit organizations, academic institutions, and think tanks to submit project proposals that advance democracy and human rights worldwide.
Eligible Activities:	The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD) is the first national democracy assistance foundation established in Asia, dedicated to strengthening democracy and human rights both in Taiwan and internationally. The Foundation aims to consolidate Taiwan's democratic system, promote democracy in Asia, and actively participate in the global democratic network by collaborating with like-minded organizations and individuals. The international grants program is designed to support non-profit organizations based outside of Taiwan in implementing projects that advance democracy and human rights. Strategic priorities include leveraging Taiwan's experience in democracy and human rights development, addressing challenges to democracy and human rights posed by China, and strengthening democracy and human rights in East Asia, including both Northeast and Southeast Asia. Eligible project categories encompass advocacy initiatives, research, conferences, publications, and educational programs such as capacity-building and training. The Foundation encourages projects that foster effective civil society networks, conduct in-depth studies, engage experts through forums or workshops, produce print or visual media, and enhance knowledge of democratic and human rights systems.

	The majority of grants awarded by the Foundation fall within a range between US\$3,000 and US\$20,000, and the average grant size is approximately US\$5,000; grants may not exceed US\$100,000. The Foundation typically does not provide full funding for any project, and applicants are encouraged to seek additional sources of support. Funding is limited to direct project costs and may not be used for capital expenditures, salaries for permanent staff, or fixed overhead costs. All projects must be completed within a single calendar year, as the Foundation does not make multi-year funding commitments. After approval, a contract is signed outlining the conditions and obligations, and grantees are required to submit a final report within 30 days of project completion, including narrative and financial documentation.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include international non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, think tanks, and related organizations based outside Taiwan. Applications must include a completed application form (submitted both in hard copy with original signature and digitally), detailed project plans, a separate budget statement, proof of registration, and the most recent annual report or financial statement. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. The application process involves both postal and email submission, and applicants should allow adequate time for delivery of hard copies.
Total Budget: \$100,000 per project	
Deadline: 15/12/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.tfd.org.tw/en/grants/application

Call Title:	The Impact Accelerator for Young African Innovators
Programme:	African Masterclass Series
Objective:	The Impact Accelerator is a free 12-week program equipping young Africans with skills, mentorship, and practical knowledge to transform ideas into scalable, impact-driven ventures.
Eligible Activities:	The Impact Accelerator, now in its sixth edition, was created to bridge Africa's opportunity gap by equipping young leaders, innovators, and entrepreneurs with the skills and mentorship needed to launch and scale impact-driven ventures across the continent. Participants engage in a 12-week immersive learning experience that combines expert-led masterclasses, live sessions, case studies, hands-on workshops, mentorship, and collaborative project work. The program is organized into Impact Cohorts aligned with key SDG themes, including health, education, agriculture, climate, gender equity, STEM, AI, policy, civic engagement, and economic empowerment. The curriculum is structured around five core pillars: Funding & Capital, Technology & Digital Tools, AI & Emerging Tech, Innovation & Product, and Leadership & Policy. These pillars are designed to provide practical knowledge on accessing grants, blended finance, angel capital, and crowdfunding, as well as leveraging digital tools and AI for social impact. By the end of the program, participants are expected to generate over 200 viable venture ideas, with at least 150 solutions reaching market or pilot stage. The accelerator is free to attend and prioritizes women and underrepresented groups among young Africans aged 18–45. Participants may access grants, blended finance, angel capital, and crowdfunding opportunities as part of the program.

Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is open to young Africans aged 18–45, with priority given to women, underrepresented groups, social entrepreneurs, NGO leaders, university students, early-career professionals, developers, designers, and digital creators building tech-enabled solutions for African communities.
Total Budget:	€Not Available
Deadline:	31/12/2026
More information and official documents:	https://africanmasterclass.org/

Call Title:	PROJECT GRANTS (PG)
Programme:	Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)
Objective:	Funds up to US\$ 1,000,000 are available for PGs that improve food safety, animal and plant health capacity to comply with international sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) requirements. These grants are expected to help address particular SPS challenges or issues that affect trade to international markets. The STDF offers grants for projects that promote compliance with international SPS requirements. It should be clear how the requested project will help to address particular SPS challenges or issues that affect trade to regional and/or international markets.
Eligible Activities:	The following types of projects are given favourable consideration: • Projects relevant to the identification, development and dissemination of good practice in SPS-related technical cooperation, including projects that develop and apply innovative and replicable approaches; • Projects linked to STDF work (e.g. Climate Change, Electronic SPS Certification, Good Regulatory Practice, Public-Private Partnerships, Trade Facilitation); • Projects that address SPS constraints through regional approaches; and • Collaborative and inter-disciplinary projects focused on the interface / linkages between human, animal and plant health and trade, and benefiting from the involvement of two or more partners or other relevant organizations. Actions can take place in various countries from the OECD DAC list.
Eligible Applicants:	The following organizations are eligible to apply for STDF funding: • Public sector entities (including regional or international bodies) with responsibility for SPS measures or policy, either in their own right or in cooperation with the private sector. The STDF encourages implementation of projects and activities through public private partnerships; • Private sector entities, either in their own right or in cooperation with the public sector. Examples of private sector entities include legally registered farmers' organizations, trade and industry associations, etc.; • Non-profit non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with expertise in the SPS area and with an organization in the relevant beneficiary country or countries, in co-operation with the public and/or private sector; and • STDF partners.

Total Budget: \$1,000,000 per project	
Deadline: 01/03/2026	
More information and official documents:	https://www.standardsfacility.org/project/apply

Call Title: CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2026 – INTERNAL SECURITY	
Programme: Migration Partnership Facility (MPF)	
Objective:	ISF seeks to enhance internal security in the EU, in particular by preventing and combating terrorism, radicalisation, serious and organised crime and cybercrime, by assisting and protecting victims of crime, and by preparing for, protecting against and effectively managing security-related incidents, risks and crises.
Eligible Activities:	All projects proposed under this Call shall have the following operational focus: • to improve and facilitate the exchange of information among and within the EU and priority Partner Countries' law enforcement, and other competent authorities and relevant EU bodies, and international organisations; • to intensify cross-border cooperation, including joint operations, among and within the EU law enforcement and other competent authorities in Partner Countries, in relation to terrorism and serious and organised crime with a cross-border dimension; • to support efforts to strengthen capabilities to combat and prevent crime, terrorism and radicalisation, as well as manage security-related incidents, risks and crises, in particular through increased cooperation between public authorities, civil society and private partners between EU Member States and priority Partner Countries. All proposals shall involve at least one EU MS participating in AMIF and at least one partner country from the regions EU Southern Neighborhood, Sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia and South and West Asia.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is limited to: A public body of an EU member state (at central, regional or local levels); An EU member state-based organisation. NGOs can be co-applicants.
Total Budget: €3,000,000	
Deadline: Ongoing	
More information and official documents:	https://www.migrationpartnershipfacility.eu/calls-for-proposals

Call Title: CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2026 – BORDER MANAGEMENT	
Programme: Migration Partnership Facility (MPF)	
Objective:	This is a rolling Call for Proposals with an open deadline. Applicants may propose projects (i.e. submit a Concept Note) at any time. The first step is to submit a Concept Note online. Only if the Concept Note is approved, you will be invited to submit a Full Application.
Eligible Activities:	Eligible initiatives/activities (non-exhaustive list): • Improving border controls, in line with the European Agenda on Migration and in compliance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and with established good practices of European integrated border management, enhancing

	the cooperation between EU and priority Partner Countries for tasks carried out at borders; • Strengthening the security of identity and travel documents in non-EU countries; • Supporting dialogue on visa issues with non-EU countries, as well as their consular capacities, and cooperation with the EU and EU MS, in line with the EU common visa policy; • Reviewing and developing legislation, policy documents/strategies, action plans, policy tools and instruments, standard operating procedures related to border management and visa policies; • Investing in common large-scale IT systems in the area of integrated border management and common visa policy, including their interoperability; • Investing in infrastructure and equipment, systems and services, training, exchange of experts, deployment of immigration liaison officers, innovative methods or technologies, studies; • Strengthening institutional and operational coordination mechanisms, information exchange, and border management-related risk assessment capacities, including preparedness and response arrangements where relevant. All proposals shall involve at least one EU MS participating in AMIF and at least one partner country from the regions EU Southern Neighborhood, Sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia and South and West Asia.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is limited to: A public body of an EU member state (at central, regional or local levels); An EU member state-based organisation. NGOs can be co-applicants.
Total Budget: €5,000,000	
Deadline: Ongoing	
More information and official documents:	https://www.migrationpartnershipfacility.eu/calls-for-proposals

Call Title:	CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2026 – MIGRATION PARTNERSHIPS
Programme:	Migration Partnership Facility (MPF)
Objective:	This is a rolling Call for Proposals with an open deadline. Applicants may propose projects (i.e. submit a Concept Note) at any time. The first step is to submit a Concept Note online. Only if the Concept Note is approved, you will be invited to submit a Full Application.
Eligible Activities:	Eligible initiatives/activities (non-exhaustive list): • Activities seeking to improve partner countries' policy and legal frameworks for legal migration and labour mobility without any actual mobility dimension to be funded; • Activities seeking to strengthen information, outreach and protection of migrants; • Review and/or development of legislation, policy documents/strategies, action plans, policy tools and instruments, standard operating procedures linked to migration management; • Capacity-building of partner country authorities on migration management, including legal migration and labour mobility and comprehensive migration monitoring;

	- Capacity-building of partner country authorities related to readmission as well as reintegration of migrants irregularly staying in the EU (in coordination with FRONTEX); - Activities seeking to strengthen partner countries' policy and legal frameworks as well as capacity-building on asylum policy and protection in line with international standards; - Migration dialogue at EU level with relevant partner countries, including: organisation of conferences, expert meetings and study visits; Studies, reviews and mappings; Evaluation and monitoring activities. All proposals shall involve at least one EU MS participating in AMIF and at least one partner country from the regions EU Southern Neighborhood, Sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia and South and West Asia.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is limited to: A public body of an EU member state (at central, regional or local levels); An EU member state-based organisation. NGOs can be co-applicants.
Total Budget: €6,000,000	
Deadline: Ongoing	
More information and official documents:	https://www.migrationpartnershipfacility.eu/calls-for-proposals

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