Project Vision

To build a comprehensive, user-friendly list of funding sources that accept unsolicited proposals for projects across Africa.

Core Concept

An intuitive, searchable database of grantmakers, with information organized into key categories such as mission, how to apply, etc. The database will include filter and search features by philanthropic targets and geographic location.

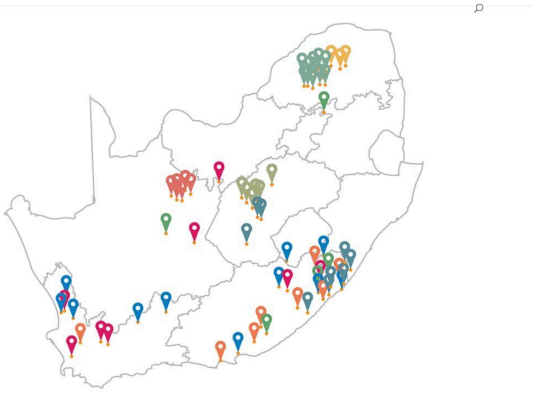
Philanthropic Targets

- Health & Human Rights
- Women
- Youth & Education
- Agriculture & Environment
- Arts & Culture
- Technology
- Social Justice
- Economic & Business Development

Geographic Filters

- An interactive map of Africa, divided into subregions (e.g. East Africa, Southern Africa, etc.)
- Each entry will be tagged by the area it serves, so users can view the relevant opportunities by clicking on a region





African Funding Sources Database

This curated list highlights grantmaking organizations and funding opportunities that support nonprofits, grassroots initiatives, and civil society groups across Africa. **Please note:** funding cycles, eligibility criteria, and application processes may frequently change. Be sure to visit each organization's official website for the most up-to-date and accurate information before applying.

Southern Africa Trust

- **Mission:** To influence public policy and reduce poverty and inequality in marginalized communities of Southern Africa
- **What they offer:** They provide grants to nonprofits, grassroots networks, and civic actors through unsolicited proposals, discretionary funding, and strategic closed calls.
- **Who they fund:** Civil society organizations, grassroots movements, community-based organizations, and regional networks working on poverty reduction and inclusive development.
- **How to apply:** Submit an application via their online grants portal.
- **When:** Applications accepted year-round, but funding decisions are typically aligned with internal review cycles.
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** info@southernafricatrust.org
    - **Phone:** +27 11 318 1012
    - **Address:** 45 Kyalami, 1684, South Africa
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Economic & Business Development, Social Justice, Agriculture & Environment
    - **Geographic Focus:** Angola, Botswana, Burundi, DRC, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe

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National Endowment for Democracy

- **Mission:** Advancing democracy, human rights, and civic participation.
- **What they offer:** Grants to support democracy-building initiatives which typically include program costs, capacity building, advocacy campaigns, and regional networking.
- **Who they fund:** NED supports grassroots civil society organizations, community-based nonprofits, and regional networks working to promote democratic governance and human rights.

- **How to apply:** Complete the required forms and write a narrative proposal describing your project. Submit via email to africaproposals@ned.org or by post to: 1201 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20004, USA
- **When:** They accept unsolicited proposals year-round. Proposal deadlines align with quarterly Board of Directors meetings. Submissions received after a deadline are reviewed at the following meeting.
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** africaproposals@ned.org
    - **Phone:** (202) 378-9700
    - **Address:** 1201 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20004
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Social Justice, Health & Human Rights
    - **Geographic Focus:** Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, some regional projects in other East African countries

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The Conservation, Food & Health Foundation

- **Mission:** To protect the environment, improve food production, and promote public health in under-resourced areas.
- **What they offer:** Small-to-medium grants to support applied research, pilot programs technical assistance, and training initiatives.
- **Who they fund:** Locally-based nonprofits, research institutions, and universities in low-income countries.
- **How to apply:** Visit the online grants portal and enter the access code “cfhgrants”.
- **When:** Submit a concept application before January 1st or between May 1st and June 15 to request an invitation to submit a full proposal for the Foundation’s May or November meetings.
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** pzinn@gmagoundations.com
    - **Phone:** (617) 391-3091
    - **Address:** 2 Liberty Square, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02109, USA
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Agriculture & Environment, Health & Human Rights
    - **Geographic Focus:** All AU member states

Social Change Assistance Trust (SCAT)

- **Mission:** To empower marginalized communities, strengthen civil society, and promote social change in partnership with local development agencies.
- **What they offer:** Grants (determined by funds available & capacity of the organization), capacity building, and field support.
- **Who they fund:** Local development agencies in South Africa (especially those focused on social justice)
- **How to apply:** Email a letter with a profile of your organization to info@scat.org.za
- **When:** Always open, grants based on funds available
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** info@scat.org.za
    - **Phone:** +27 (0) 21 4182575
    - **Address:** 52-54 Francis St., Woodstock, Cape Town, 7925, South Africa
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Health & Human Rights, Social Justice
    - **Geographic Scope:** South Africa (Eastern Cape, Western Cape, Northern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Free State, North West, Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga)

Urgent Action Fund- Africa (UAF-Africa)

- **Mission:** To offer rapid-response to women, trans, and non-binary human rights defenders in crisis situations.
- **What they offer:** Emergency grants ranging from 8K-12K USD to support urgent actions and protection.
- **Who they fund:** Individuals and grassroots organizations across the continent working in human rights.
- **How to apply:** Apply on UAF's online portal.
- **When:** Applications are accepted year-round.
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** info@uaf-africa.org
    - **Phone:** +(254) 726 577 560
    - **Address:** Riara Corporate Suites, Riara Road, Nairobi, Kenya
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Women, Health & Human Rights
    - **Geographic Scope:** All AU member states

Global Fund Community Foundations

- **Mission:** To empower organizations rooted in local contexts, ensuring people led resources and decision-making are central to sustainable development.
- **What they offer:** Small grants (typically $7000-$20,000 USD for one year, with possible renewal), alongside participation in learning networks.
- **Who they fund:** Community organizations committed to shift power locally and build asset ecosystems.Check grant eligibility here.
- **How to apply:** Submit a concept note using the online form or by email.
- **When:** Concept notes are accepted year-round.
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** info@globalfundcf.org
    - **Address:** 50 Oxford Road, Parktown, Johannesburg 2193, South Africa
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Social Justice, Economic & Business Development
    - **Geographic Scope:** All AU member states

Gilead

- **Mission:** To strengthen healthcare infrastructures and provide education and financial support to the most vulnerable communities around the world.
- **What they offer:** Grants supporting programs in prevention, education, access to healthcare, and patient support across areas including HIV/AIDS, liver diseases, oncology, COVID-19, and other serious illnesses.
- **Who they fund:** Patient advocates, nonprofits, and healthcare professionals across all Gilead's therapeutic areas of focus.
- **How to apply:** Submit an application on the Grant Portal.
- **When:** Applications are accepted year-round. They must be submitted at least six weeks before your activity begins, as it typically takes approximately six to 12 weeks for review.
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** grants@gilead.com
    - **Phone:** +1 (800) 445-3235
    - **Address:** 333 Lakeside Dr., Foster City, CA 94404, USA
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Health & Human Rights
    - **Geographic Scope:** All AU member states

Rockefeller Brothers Fund

- **Mission:** To build a more sustainable, just, and peaceful world.
- **What they offer:** Grants to support initiatives in democratic practice, peacebuilding, and sustainable development, with funding amounts varying by program and project scope.
- **Who they fund:** Nonprofit organizations and civil society groups whose work fits within their thematic programs and geographic focus.
- **How to apply:** Submit a grant request through their online portal. Before applying, review their program guidelines to ensure strong alignment. They accept unsolicited proposals, but RBF makes it clear that these are rarely funded unless they align very closely with its current program strategies and geographic priorities.
- **When:** Applications are accepted year-round.
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** grantsmgmt@rbf.org
    - **Phone:** +1 212 812 4200
    - **Address:** 475 Riverside Dr., Suite 900, New York, NY 10115 USA
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Social Justice, Business & Economic Development, Agriculture & Environment
    - **Geographic Focus:** Botswana, Namibia, Angola, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Zambia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Zimbabwe, Comoros

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Kathryn McQuade Foundation

- **Mission:** The Katherine McQuade Foundation supports projects that advance education, empower women, promote human rights, and improve quality of life.
- **What they offer:** Small to medium-sized grants for programs that demonstrate measurable, sustainable community impact.
- **Who they fund:** Nonprofit organizations, community groups, and educational institutions whose work aligns with the Foundation's mission and focus areas.
- **How to apply:** Complete the online application form. The Foundation generally accepts unsolicited proposals year-round, though submission windows may close temporarily due to high volume.
- **When:** Rolling applications accepted year-round unless temporarily closed due to high application volume.
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** robert.r.fox@bofa.com
    - **Phone:** (980) 683-9845
    - **Address:** 620 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202, USA
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Health & Human Rights, Women, Youth & Education
    - **Geographic Focus:** All

Michael and Susan Dell Foundation

- **Mission:** MSDF focuses on advancing education, health, and family economic stability through strategic grantmaking and investments. They accept unsolicited proposals, but only within the specific focus areas.
- **What they offer:** Grants, capacity-building support, and impact investments.
- **Who they fund:** Registered nonprofits, social enterprises, and mission-driven organizations with a proven track record of impact and alignment with the Foundation's focus areas.
- **How to apply:** Submit your proposal on the online application portal. Be sure your project aligns with their focus areas and check the requirements before applying.
- **When:** Applications are accepted year-round.
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** grants@dell.org
    - **Phone:** 512-660-5500
    - **Address:** 4417 Westlake Dr., Austin, TX 78746, USA
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Economic Development, Health & Human Rights, Women, Youth & Education
    - **Geographic Focus:** East and Southern Africa- Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania

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Oak Foundation

- **Mission:** The Oak Foundation is dedicated to creating a safer, fairer, and more sustainable world through funding initiatives. They provide grants through direct invitations, Letters of Enquiry, and Requests for Proposals.
- **What they offer:** Grants, capacity-building support, and strategic partnerships.
- **Who they fund:** Registered nonprofits, NGOs, and community-based organizations whose work aligns closely with the Foundation's program priorities.
- **How to apply:** Submit an LOE via their online form. They ask that applicants do not contact them regarding submissions, as they will initiate contact. Before applying, be sure to read their grant-making guidelines.
- **When:** LOE accepted year-round. Responses and invitations to submit are made on a rolling basis.
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Health & Human Rights, Agriculture & Environment, Social Justice
    - **Geographic Focus:** All AU member states

Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation (DRK)

- **Mission:** DRK supports early-stage social entrepreneurs in health, education, social justice, energy and environment. Aside from funding, the Foundation also provides capacity building and mentorship to scalable ventures. Check their website for a more detailed description of what the DRK Foundation funds.
- **What they offer:** Multi-year unrestricted funding (typically $300,000 over three years), strategic guidance, leadership coaching, and access to a global network of sector experts and funders.
- **Who they fund:** Early-stage nonprofit and for-profit enterprises with innovative, scalable models that address urgent social or environmental strategies.
- **How to apply:** Complete the online application and upload a written executive summary, pitch deck, or business plan document that addresses these topics.
- **When:** Applications accepted year-round.
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** info@drkfoundation.org
    - **Phone:** (650) 319-7808
    - **Address:** The Ikigai Community WorkSpace (Westlands) Peponi Road, Nairobi, Kenya
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Business & Economic Development, Health & Human Rights, Social Justice
    - **Geographic Focus:** All AU Member States

New Africa Fund- Africa Impact Fundraising Grant

- **Mission:** To drive local sustainable change by offering grantees flexibility to respond to the evolving needs of their communities.
- **What they offer:** 30-Day fundraising challenge with up to $5,000 USD in matching funds, 12 months of free fiscal sponsorship with possibility of extension, training and capacity-building support.
- **Who they fund:** Nonprofit organizations registered in one of the 55 African Union member states.
- **How to apply:** Apply online through the New Africa Fund Application Portal during the annual open call.
- **When:** Open call held annually from July 1-31.
- **Contact:**

    - **Email:** contact@newafricafund.org
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Economic Development, Social Justice
    - **Geographic Scope:** All AU member states

KIOS Foundation

- **Mission:** To strengthen the realization of human rights by supporting defenders in developing countries.
- **What they offer:** Aside from grants, KIOS supports organizations by strengthening the expertise, networks, and security of those working to defend human rights.
- **Who they fund:** Civil society organizations, human rights defenders, and networks protecting human rights in eligible countries.
- **How to apply:** Check the online grant page for open calls.
- **When:** KIOS accepts unsolicited proposals only during open calls, which are held periodically.
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** kios@kios.fi
    - **Phone:** Ms. Stella Vellendi (Adviser for Grantmaking Programme in East Africa) +258 40 952 7922
    - **Address:** Lintulahdenkatu 10, 00500, Helsinki, Finland
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Social Justice, Health & Human Rights
    - **Geographic Focus:** Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, some regional projects in other East African countries

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Jana Robeyst Trust Fund

- **Mission:** To support the study and protection of endangered mammals, more specifically elephants.
- **What they offer:** Small grants up to €1,500. Grants may cover essential field equipment, travel for fieldwork, or participation in conversation-related training and conferences.
- **Who they fund:** Early-career biologists conducting work on endangered mammal conservation.
- **How to apply:** Download and complete the application form available here. Submit the application along with your CV and two references using a professional email address (or include proof of affiliation with a university, research institute, or nonprofit) to the

email provided using this subject line: "*Grant Application [chosen deadline] [your name]*".
When: Deadlines: April 30, August 31, and December 31 each year.

- **Contact:**
  - **Email:** info@janatrustfund.org
  - **Address:** Waterhoenlaan 63, 9032 Wondelgem, Belgium
- **Tags:**
  - **Philanthropic Target:** Agriculture & Environment
  - **Geographic Focus:** Sub-Saharan Africa

Canada Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development

- **Mission:** To manage Canada's support and resources effectively and accountably to achieve meaningful, sustainable results across many sectors.
- **What they offer:** Grants and contribution funding for international development initiatives.
- **Who they fund:** Registered nonprofits, civil society organizations, and other legal entities engaged in activities aligned with Canada's Global Affairs priorities.
- **How to apply:** Submit a concept note through the Partners@International portal. If accepted, you will be invited to submit a full proposal.
- **When:** Applications are accepted year-round.
- **Contact:**
  - **Email:** info@international.gc.ca
  - **Contact form:** https://international.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/corporate/contact/form
  - **Phone:** 1-800-267-8387 (in Canada); 613-944-4000 (Outside of Canada)
  - **Address:** 125 Sussex Drive, Ontario, Canada K1A 0G2
- **Tags:**
  - **Philanthropic Target:** Agriculture & Environment, Women, Youth & Education, Business and Economic Development, Health & Human Rights, Social Justice, Art & Culture, Technology
  - **Geographic Focus:** All AU member states

JRS Biodiversity Foundation

- **Mission:** To increase access and use of information that will lead to greater biodiversity conservation and more sustainable development in sub-Saharan Africa.
- **What they offer:** Grants including capacity building, data mobilization, digitization, and dissemination of biodiversity data, tools, and technologies.

- **Who they fund:** Nonprofit organizations, research institutions, government agencies, and consortia that are based in or directly support biodiversity efforts in sub-Saharan Africa.
- **How to apply:** Submit a brief Letter of Inquiry to jrsrfp@jrsbiodiversity.org. Alternatively, submit a full proposal when responding to a specific Request for Proposal.
- **When:** LOIs are accepted year-round. RFPs are published periodically on the website.
- **Contact:**
  - **Email:** jrsrfp@jrsbiodiversity.org
- **Tags:**
  - **Philanthropic Target:** Agriculture & Environment
  - **Geographic Focus:** Excludes North African countries: Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia

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AJA Foundation

- **Mission:** To level the playing field by investing in organizations that enable equal access to education, essential social and legal services, quality healthcare, and medical research for those most disadvantaged or structurally excluded.
- **What they offer:** Grants varying in size depending on the program.
- **Who they fund:** Organizations that align with their values and areas of focus and are focused on creating a sustainable impact.
- **How to apply:** Submit a Letter of Inquiry on the Foundation's website, demonstrating alignment with their focus areas. If accepted, you'll be invited to submit a full proposal within the 60-day deadline.
- **When:** LOIs are accepted year-round on a rolling basis. Only one request per organization is considered per year.
- **Contact:**
  - **Contact Form:** https://www.ajafoundation.org/contact-us/
- **Tags:**
  - **Philanthropic Target:** Health & Human Rights, Agriculture & Environment, Youth & Education
  - **Geographic Focus:** All AU member states

Doris Duke Foundation

- **Mission:** To build a more creative, equal, and sustainable future by investing in the performing arts, environmental conservation, medical research, child well-being, and greater mutual understanding among diverse communities.

- **What they offer:** Strategic and responsive grant funding, fellowships, capacity-building support, and collaborative funding opportunities.
- **Who they fund:** Nonprofit organizations, academic and research institutions, and networks aligned with their program areas.
- **How to apply:** Submit a Letter of Inquiry through the Foundation's online portal.
- **When:** LOIs are accepted year-round. Specific programs and calls for proposals are posted periodically on the website.
- **Contact:**
  - **Email:** info@dorisduke.org
  - **Phone:** +1 (212) 964-7000
  - **Address:** 650 Fifth Ave., 19th Floor, New York, NY 10019, USA
- **Tags:**
  - **Philanthropic Target:** Agriculture & Environment; Arts & Culture, Health & Human Rights, Youth & Education
  - **Geographic Focus:** All AU member-states

TK Foundation- Maritime Grants Program

- **Mission:** To promote knowledge of the seas and oceans, and strengthen maritime safety and security for the betterment of all.
- **What they offer:** Project-based grants.
- **Who they fund:** Nonprofit organizations that align with the Foundation's focus areas.
- **How to apply:** First, contact the Maritime Program Officer at dennis@thetkfoundation.org to discuss a potential project or grant. If the proposal fits within one or more of the key focus areas, you may be invited to complete a Letter of Inquiry (provided by Officer).
- **When:** Potential applicants may contact the Maritime Program Officer at any time throughout the year.
- **Contact:**
  - **Email:** dennis@thetkfoundation.org
  - **Address:** 41 Kidare Ave, Parkview, Johannesburg, 2193
- **Tags:**
  - **Philanthropic Target:** Agriculture & Environment, Youth & Education
  - **Geographic Focus:** Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West, and Western Cape

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Henry Nxumalo Foundation

- **Mission:** To support investigative journalism reporting on under-covered areas of Southern Africa.
- **What they offer:** Small grants that may cover travel, research assistance, access to public records, and other reporting-related expenses to support investigative journalism projects.
- **Who they fund:** Individual journalists and nonprofit organizations based in Southern Africa.
- **How to apply:** Review the grant rules and ensure your application includes the information listed here. Send a brief proposal (no more than 3 pages), a CV, a budget, and where possible a letter of support from an editor/publisher/broadcaster to henrynxumalofund@gmail.com.
- **When:** Proposals are accepted year-round.
- **Contact:**
  - **Email:** henrynxumalofund@gmail.com
- **Tags:**
  - **Philanthropic Target:** Social Justice
  - **Geographic Focus:** Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique, Lesotho, Eswatini, Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West, and Western Cape

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Sahee

- **Mission:** To promote sustainable development and improve living conditions in Eswatini.
- **What they offer:** Grants to support projects that strengthen food security, improve healthcare and education access, and promote environmental sustainability.
- **Who they fund:** NGOs in Eswatini that align with Sahee's focus areas.
- **How to apply:** Send a short description of the organization and project (1-2 pages). If the proposal is accepted, Sahee will provide next steps and send the application forms directly.
- **When:** Applications are welcome year-round.
- **Contact:**
  - **Email:** info@sahee.org
  - **Phone:** +41 78 637 44 04
  - **Address:** Bahnhofplatz 1, 6460 Altdorf, Switzerland
- **Tags:**
  - **Philanthropic Target:** Agriculture & Environment, Health & Human Rights, Youth & Education
  - **Geographic Focus:** Eswatini

Purpose Earth

- **Mission:** To empower grassroots leaders with creative solutions to global challenges in the sectors of environmental protection, community activation, and cultural collaboration.
- **What they offer:** Grants ranging from $2000-$10,000 USD, coupled with mentorship support to help scale and sustain impact.
- **Who they fund:** Both individuals and organizations whose projects align with the Purpose Earth mission.
- **How to apply:** Submit an application via their online portal. Applications must include a detailed proposal, a professional reference letter, and a 1-minute video explaining the project's impact.
- **When:** Open calls occur annually, with submissions capped at the first 200 fully completed applications on a first-come basis.
- **Contact:**
  - **Email:** hello@purposeearth.org
- **Tags:**
  - **Philanthropic Target:** Agriculture & Environment
  - **Geographic Focus:** All AU member states except South Sudan, Ethiopia, Sudan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Libya, and Mali

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Internet Freedom Fund- Open Technology Fund

- **Mission:** To empower communities in repressive environments to circumvent censorship, communicate securely, and access blocked information through innovative internet freedom tools and research.
- **What they offer:** Grants ranging from $10,000 to $900,000 USD, typically supporting 6-24 month projects in categories like technology development, applied research, and digital security support.
- **Who they fund:** Individuals and organizations who demonstrate understanding of local censorship and surveillance contexts.
- **How to apply:** Submit a concept note using the OTF online application. If approved, applicants are invited to submit a full proposal.
- **When:** Concept notes are accepted year-round. They are reviewed monthly and applicants will receive a response within 6-8 weeks.
- **Contact:**
  - **Email:** hello@opentech.fund
  - **Address:** 1015 7th Street NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20001 USA
- **Tags:**
  - **Philanthropic Target:** Technology, Social Justice, Health & Human Rights
  - **Geographic Focus:** All AU member states with no US sanctions

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The Pollination Project

- **Mission:** To seed social change by providing microgrants to individuals and communities working to create a more compassionate, just, and sustainable world.
- **What they offer:** Seed grants up to $500 USD for early-stage, volunteer-led initiatives, follow-up funding up to $5000 USD for projects that demonstrate impact and sustainability, and capacity-building support.
- **Who they fund:** Individuals, groups, and nonprofit organizations with an annual budget under $50,000 USD. Projects must be volunteer-led and must serve charitable community purposes.
- **How to apply:** After ensuring eligibility by completing the pre-screen questionnaire, apply using the online portal.
- **When:** Applications are accepted year-round and reviewed monthly.
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** applications@thepollinationproject.org
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Agriculture & Environment, Youth & Education, Economic & Business Development, Arts & Culture, Technology, Social Justice, Health & Human Rights
    - **Geographic Focus:** All AU member states

Frontline AIDS Rapid Response Fund

- **Mission:** To help organizations and individuals in addressing urgent HIV-related human rights challenges, including stigma, discrimination, and threats of violence.
- **What they offer:** Emergency response grants up to $15,000 USD, capacity-building support, and documentation and dissemination of best practices.
- **Who they fund:** Organizations led by or working closely with marginalized groups affected by HIV.
- **How to apply:** Complete the eligibility checker and follow the steps to complete the online application.
- **When:** Applications are accepted year-round.
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** info@frontlineaids.org
    - **South Africa Office:** Sunclare Building, 21 Dreyer Street, Claremont, Cape Town, 7708
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Social Justice, Health & Human Rights
    - **Geographic Focus:** All AU member states

African Environmental Defenders Emergency Fund

- **Mission:** To provide urgent emergency support to land and environmental defenders facing threats due to their activism in defense of land, natural resources, and environmental justice.
- **What they offer:** Emergency grants up to $5,000 USD to cover short-term critical needs such as legal aid, bail or bond costs, temporary relocation, medical help, and more.
- **Who they fund:** Individuals or groups who are frontline land or environmental rights defenders. Eligible applications should not have received other emergency support.
- **How to apply:** Apply online, by email, or by calling the helpline numbers.
- **When:** Applications are accepted anytime and decisions are often made quickly, within 5 days of submission for verified emergency cases.
- **Contact:**
  - **Email:** help@environodefenders.africa
  - **Address:** 63 Hout Street, Mercantile Building, Cape Town, 8000, South Africa
- **Tags:**
  - **Philanthropic Target:** Agriculture & Environment, Social Justice
  - **Geographic Focus:** All African countries

Digital Rights Fund for WANA

- **Mission:** To foster a more inclusive and equitable society, united in protecting digital freedoms even amidst adversity.
- **What they offer:** Grants up to $30,000 for projects lasting 6 months to a year.
- **Who they fund:** Organizations and collectives working in the SWANA area focused on countering digital rights threats and violations online.
- **How to apply:** Submit an application on their online portal.
- **When:** Applications are accepted year-round.
- **Contact:**
  - **Email:** info@smex.org
  - **Phone:** +961 01 383 029
- **Tags:**
  - **Philanthropic Target:** Technology, Social Justice
  - **Geographic Focus:** Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Sudan, and Tunisia

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National Research Foundation (NRF)

- **Mission:** To advance research career development and promote knowledge production across all disciplinary fields.
- **What they offer:** Grants, scholarships, and fellowships for research infrastructure across various disciplines including science, engineering, social science, and the humanities.
- **Who they fund:** South African public universities, research institutions, individual researchers, postgraduate students, and collaborative projects with international partners.
- **How to apply:** View open calls and read the relevant eligibility criteria and documents associated with each funding opportunity here. After ensuring that you qualify, submit your application electronically on the NRF Connect system.
- **When**: Different open calls are posted throughout the year. Check the website for specific deadlines.
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** info-grants@nrf.ac.za
    - **Phone:** +27 12 481 4000
    - **Address:** Meiring Naudé Road, Brummeria, Pretoria, South Africa
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Agriculture & Environment, Women, Youth & Education, Health & Human Rights, Social Justice, Technology
    - **Geographic Focus:** South Africa (depending on grant)

Reece Foundation

- **Mission:** To support locally-led initiatives that help communities access clean water, sanitation, or food security through irrigation.
- **What they offer:** Grants between AU$5000 to AU $30,000.
- **Who they fund:** Charities or community groups focused on providing access to clean water, sanitation, or food security.
- **How to apply:** Submit a proposal using their online form. All successful applicants will be contacted within two months of submission.
- **When**: Applications are accepted year-round.
- **Contact:**
    - **Contact Form:** https://www.reecefoundation.charity/contact-us
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Agriculture & Environment, Health & Human Rights
    - **Geographic Focus:** All AU member states

Ty Danjuma Foundation

- **Mission:** To enhance the quality of life of Nigerians by focusing on vulnerable and rural populations facing poverty barriers.
- **What they offer:** Annual grants, community funds, and discretionary grants.
- **Who they fund:** Registered local NGOs and CBOs working in Nigeria.
- **How to apply:** For the annual grant, applications are required to submit a 5-7 page concept note using these guidelines. For discretionary grants, complete the online form.
- **When:** Annual grant calls are issued once a year. The date varies, so be sure to check the website for details. Discretionary grants accept submissions continuously.
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** contact@tydanjumafoundation.org
    - **Phone:** +234 906 544 7852
    - **Address:** 35 Fandriana Close, Off Dar Es Salaam Street, Aminu Kano Crescent, Wuse II, Abuja-FCT, Nigeria
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Health & Human Rights, Women, Youth & Education. Business and Economic Development
    - **Geographic Scope:** Nigeria

Food Safety for Africa (FS4A) Open Call

- **Mission:** To accelerate food systems transformation by supporting innovative African-led solutions that enhance food security, agritech, and sustainability.
- **What they offer:** Up to 60k euro grant funding to test, validate, and scale food systems innovations. Includes support for R&D, commercialization, and early-stage deployment.
- **Who they fund:** Startups, SMEs, and research organizations based in Africa.
- **How to apply:** https://opencalls.fund/open-call/fs4africa-oc-1
- **When:** Active through September 30, 2025. Check website for details on future calls.
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** fs4africa@opencalls.fund
    - **Address:** Headquarters & West Africa Hub PMB 5320, Oyo Road, Ibadan 200001, Oyo State, Nigeria
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Agriculture & Environment
    - **Geographic Scope:** All AU member states

Africa No Filter

- **Mission:** To shift stereotypical narratives about Africa by supporting African storytellers, media, and arts organizations.
- **What they offer:** A range of grants including project support, capacity building, operational funding, convening grants, and microgrants aimed at media and storytelling projects.
- **Who they fund:** African creatives, journalists, artists, and organizations who are members of the African Narrative Collective.
- **How to apply:** After being accepted to join the African Narrative Collective, you will be eligible to receive invitations to apply for specific grants.
- **When:** Grants are issued periodically and only to accepted Collective members.
- **Contact:**
  - **Email:** grants@africanofilter.org
- **Tags:**
  - **Philanthropic Target:** Arts & Culture
  - **Geographic Scope:** All AU member states

Mozilla Foundation- Africa Innovation Mradi: In Real Life (IRL) Fund

- **Mission:** To support African civil society working at the intersection of technology, digital flights, and social justice.
- **What they offer:** Grants ranging from $15,000-$50,000 USD depending on type. Designed to support those working in digital resilience, human rights, media, arts, or technology advocacy.
- **Who they fund:** Nonprofits, networks, or collectives registered and actively working in Africa. Other requirements may apply for specific grants.
- **How to apply:** Submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) on the Mozilla site. Applicants will then be invited to submit a full proposal.
- **When:** Applications are accepted during fixed call periods. Monitor the Mozilla site for the next announcement.
- **Contact:**
  - **Email:** africamradi@mozillafoundation.org
- **Tags:**
  - **Philanthropic Target:** Technology, Social Justice
  - **Geographic Scope:** All AU member states

African Women's Development Fund (AWDF)

- **Mission:** To support an Africa where gender justice, freedom, and dignity are achieved for all.
- **What they offer:** Grants up to $30,000 to women-led organizations.

- **Who they fund:** Women's rights organizations registered in one of 42 African countries.
- **How to apply:** Apply during annual open call (typically April-May) via LOI and portal.
- **When:** Open once annually (around April 28-May 27)
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** grands@awdf.org
    - **Phone:** +233 242700881
    - **Post Address:** P.M.B CT 89 Cantonments, Accra, Ghana
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Women & Youth
    - **Geographic Scope:** All excluding Sudan, South Sudan, and Somalia

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Mama Cash

- **Mission:** Mama Cash supports organizations led by women, girls, trans people, and intersex people working to advance structural change toward justice and equality.
- **What they offer:** Core, project, and capacity-strengthening grants.
- **Who they fund:** Women's, girls' trans, and intersex-led organizations working toward social justice.
- **How to apply:** Submit an LOI on the Mama Cash online application portal based on the grant that best fits your group's work and timeline, as different funds open at various times throughout the year.
- **When:** Calls for proposals open during different times of year depending on the funding stream. Check the Mama Cash website for openings.
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** info@mamacash.org
    - **Phone:** +31 20 515 87 00
    - **Address:** Eerste Helmersstraat 17 B3, 1054 CX Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Women & Youth, Social Justice, Health & Human Rights
    - **Geographic Focus:** All AU member states

Firelight Foundation

- **Mission:** To make a better life for families, children, and young people.
- **What they offer:** Multi-year grants, technical assistance, and capacity-building support.
- **Who they fund:** Community-based organizations (CBOs) born and raised in Africa that work to address root causes of challenges such as education gaps, child protection

issues, and gender inequality. They do not support individuals, expat-founded organizations, or international NGOs.
- **How to apply:** Register on this interest page to receive updates regarding funding opportunities.
- **When:** Funding calls are issued periodically. Check their website for the latest application windows.
- **Contact:**
  - **Email:** info@firelightfoundation.org
  - **Phone:** +1 (520) 663-9500
  - **Address:** 2101 Webster St., Suite 1300, Oakland, CA 94612, USA
- **Tags:**
  - **Philanthropic Target:** Women & Youth, Social Justice
  - **Geographic Focus:** Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Kenya

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Africa Climate Change Fund (ACCF)

- **Mission:** To support African countries in implementing climate change adaptation and mitigation initiatives.
- **What they offer:** Grants up to government agencies, NGOs, and research institutions for climate-related projects.
- **Who they fund:** Registered entities in African countries engaged in climate action.
- **How to apply:** Online at https://accf.afdb.org/fr/node/30. Complete the form, prepare a concept note, and email the completed form to africaclimatechangefund@afdb.org by the deadline specified in the call. .
- **When:** Call for proposals are advertised on a biennial basis. (Next call likely in second half of 2026)
- **Contact:**
  - **Email:** africaclimatechangefund@afdb.org
  - **Phone:** +216 71 10 20 00
  - **Address:** Avenue Joseph Anoma, 01 BP 1387, Abidjan 01, Cote d'Ivoire
- **Tags:**
  - **Philanthropic Target:** Agriculture & Environment
  - **Geographic Scope:** All excluding Western Sahara

Noel Buxton Trust- Africa Grants

- **Mission:** To support those that promote sustainable livelihoods, peacebuilding, and empowerment of marginalized youth in vulnerable communities.
- **What they offer:** Small grants to strengthen the capacity of local organizations and enable community-led solutions to poverty, conflict, and inequality.
- **Who they fund:** Small, locally-registered organizations promoting sustainable livelihoods, peacebuilding, and supporting marginalized youth in vulnerable communities in sub-Saharan Africa.
- **How to apply:** Submit a short proposal (max 2 pages), budget, proof of registration, and recent accounts.
- **When:** They previously accepted applications year-round, but the grant program is currently closed. The website notes that they are expected to reopen in Autumn 2025.
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** admin@noelbuxtontrust.org.uk
    - **Address:** 20 Aldbury Road, London, SW18 1LU, UK
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Youth, Economic Development, Social Justice
    - **Geographic Focus:** Ethiopia, Uganda, Sudan, Kenya, other in Sub-Saharan Africa

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Aspire Coronation Trust (ACT) Foundation

- **Mission:** To support local organizations working to address challenges across the African Continent, particularly in the areas of health, entrepreneurship, leadership, and environment.
- **What they offer:** Grants around $20,000-$50,000 USD per project with support for capacity-building and regional networking.
- **Who they fund:** Legally registered nonprofit organizations or social enterprises in Africa. Must have been in operation for at least two years and have a minimum of three staff members.
- **How to apply:** Complete the application form on the Foundation's website before the deadline.
- **When:** Annual application window around October-November
- **Contact:**
    - **Email:** info@actrustfoundation.org
    - **Phone:** +234 812 293 9984
    - **Address:** 14 Ahmed Onibudo Street, Victoria Island, Lagos 106104, Nigeria
- **Tags:**
    - **Philanthropic Target:** Agriculture & Environment, Health & Human Rights
    - **Geographic Scope:** Africa-wide

Commonwealth Foundation- Civil Society Grants

- **Mission:** To nurture the growth of vibrant and free societies, championing the active and constructive participation of people in all aspects of governance.
- **What they offer:** Grants up to £60,000.
- **Who they fund:** Nonprofit organisations in eligible Commonwealth Foundation Member States. See the eligibility criteria and eligible countries map here.
- **How to apply:** Create a Survey Monkey Apply account. Submit the application form with additional documentation (logic model using this template, copy or organization registration, latest audited accounts for grants exceeding £15,000 per year).
- **When:** Annual window, around mid-September to late-October
- **Contact:**
  - **Email:** cfgrants@commonwealth.int
  - Phone: +44 (0)20 7930 3783
  - Address: Pall Mall, London, SW1Y 5HY, United Kingdom
- **Tags:**
  - **Philanthropic Target:** Health & Human Rights, Social Justice, Agriculture & Environment
  - **Geographic Scope:** Botswana, Cameroon, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Kingdom of eSwatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia

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Global Forest Watch Small Grants Fund

- **Mission:** To protect forests for current and future generations.
- **What they offer:** Grants ranging from $20,000-$50,000, with additional support for capacity-building and regional networking.
- **Who they fund:** Civil society organizations using Global Forest Watch tools and data to monitor, advocate, and address deforestation and land rights issues.
- **How to apply:** Submit a concept note and full proposal via the online application portal during the annual open call. Projects must incorporate GFW tools or datasets and only NGOs are eligible.
- **When:** Annual application window (deadline around May of each year).
- **Contact:**
  - **Email:** gfwfund@wri.org
  - **Address:** 10 G Street NE, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20002, USA
- **Tags:**
  - **Philanthropic Target:** Agriculture & Environment, Social Justice

- **Geographic Focus:** Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Madagascar, Republic of the Congo, Uganda (may change depending on year)