

African Media Grants



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African Media Grants: Climate Change and Environmental Reporting

ELIGIBILITY

Which organisations can apply?

Any professional news media outlet may apply for a grant to support their efforts to bring climate change and environmental reporting to their audiences.

Which countries are eligible?

Botswana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe

How much can my organisation apply for?

Organisations may apply for grants equalling \$10,000 USD.

How can we receive funds if we're successful in our application?

Organisational bank account that can accept USD. There is no possibility of sending funds via Western Union or other money transfer services.

Is there a deadline for applications?

Yes. The applications must be submitted by **24 October 2021**.

REPORTING PROJECTS

What type of project can I propose?

You should propose a project that seeks to address an issue/series of issues related to climate change in accordance with the criteria(*) outlined above. The project should include a series of stories, reports, or features that will be published by your organisation in any format: (e.g. written, audio, podcast, video, graphic, data, etc.). Multi-format submissions are also accepted.

Projects should be focused on the climate crisis and/or environmental reporting. Projects may also focus on economic, environmental, health, political, science and/or social-related effects of the climate crisis at a local, regional, or national level.

A grant selection jury will assess your project, the proposed content and format, the intended impact and how closely overall it meets the above mentioned criteria(*). Grant awards will be made based on these factors and how highly your proposed project scores in relation to all submissions received for consideration.

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How long can the assignment period be?

Projects should be completed within a 10 week period (10th November 2021 - 15th January 2022). The work must be published by the end of the grant agreement (and if not, a clear schedule for publication must be provided), details of which must be included as part of your grant agreement.

Do I need to disclose that my work has been supported by WAN-IFRA Media Freedom?

Yes. In all cases, successful media must disclose the funding source of the work produced while recognising that the content produced reflects the author's views and not those of WAN-IFRA. This should be done in writing for all print materials and verbally in all radio/broadcast/podcast content. The individual may use the WAN-IFRA Media Freedom logo on all platforms for work created as a result of this initiative, if they so choose.

Can I request equipment or hardware?

No. Note that grants cannot be used to purchase technical equipment or hardware.

In what language must I submit work?

Content can be produced in any language, but must also be available in English.

Are there editorial guidelines for the assignments?

WAN-IFRA's Climate Change and Environmental Reporting grants are designed to aid newsrooms across Africa in tackling storytelling that:

- Demonstrates clear relevance to local communities
- Addresses the big issues, highlights the underreported stories, or exposes new angles
- Showcases innovative solutions that have impact
- Promotes efforts towards positive change and shows people how they can take action

A successful application will clearly demonstrate some or all of these criteria.

Do I need to submit a report?

Yes. Organisations will need to submit a brief financial and narrative report within the given deadline (15th January 2022), along with copies of all work produced under the grant.

Click [HERE](#) to apply as an organisation

Still have questions? Feel free to contact us at: media.grants@wan-ifra.org