

The Wikigrants program

The Wikigrants program is a system of microgrants, financing content-generating activities of editors and contributors to Wikipedia and Wikimedia Commons.



WG 2012-18: A microgrant for Motyle Dzienne - a book on entomology, to enable an editor to keep expanding a series of articles on European butterflies.

Lycaenidae - Satyrium spini-1,
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With 75 grants from 38 users in 2014 and 26 grants so far in 2015, and an annual budget of 25000-30000 PLN, the programme allows editors to purchase books, reimburses travel expenses, gives access to premium educational content, and thus drives the development of free Wikimedia content, with each grantee's progress reported back to the committee.

In 2015, an external jury found Wikigrants worthy of the ProWikimedia award - in the *Efficient Content Creation* category. The ProWikimedia Jury emphasised the trust between the Wikigrants committee and the recipients, as well as low levels of beauracracy involved. These, combined, result in measurable gains for the Wikimedia projects, especially Wikipedia and Wikimedia Commons.

WG 2015-25: A microgrant to fund travel costs to the Niedźwiedzia Cave, the longest cave structure in Sudety Mountains. 14 articles have been expanded and 40 high quality photographs made available on Wikimedia Commons.

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