

# A brief tour of Wikimedia Foundation funding programs

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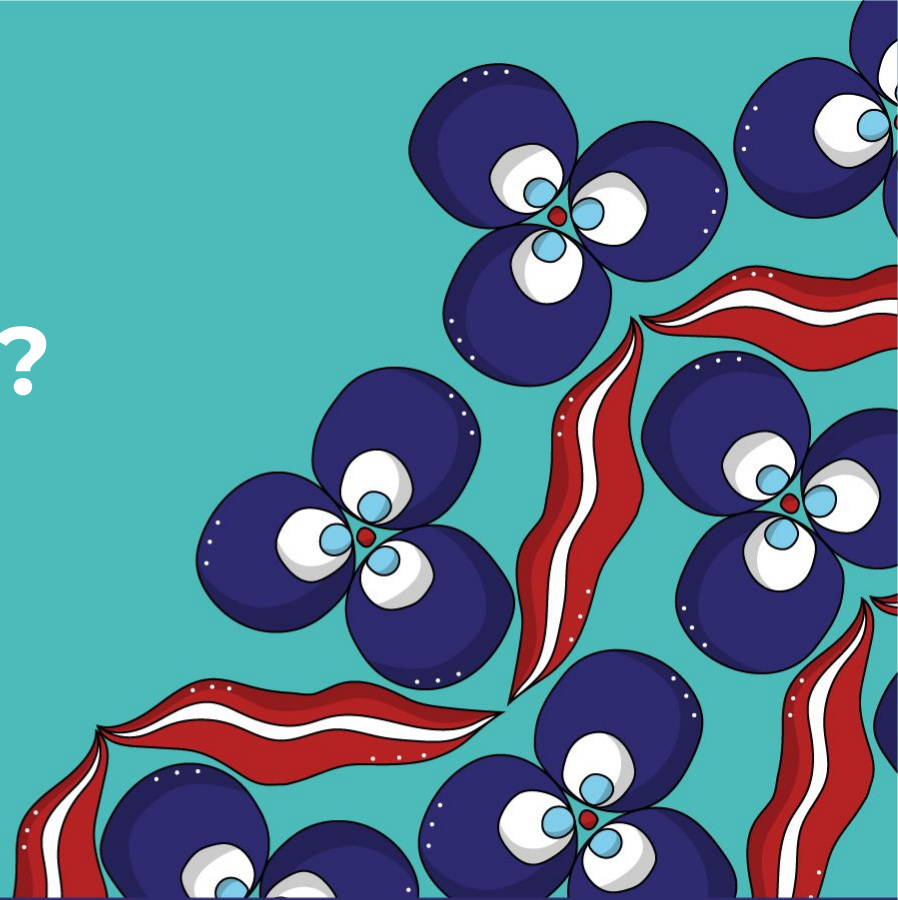


# What's in this overview?

- What are some activities and projects we fund?
- What are our primary funding programs?
- If I'm interested in Rapid Funds, how do I start?

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# What do we fund?



# Funding Highlights



## [Increasing access to Albanian cultural heritage materials](#)

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Partnering with local NGO to both train staff and support the curation and publication of high quality cultural heritage materials to Wikimedia Commons.



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## [Üsküdar University Student Club](#) **Wikimedians of Turkic Languages UG / WMTR UG**

Formed after Wikidata Training Days 2022, this group of multidisciplinary students has been supported by affiliates in training, edit-a-thons, and university outreach activities.



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## [Wiki Loves Monuments 2023 in Serbia](#)

**User:Nter25**

Community-organized photography contest to document monuments, cultural heritage sites, and other subjects of interests in Serbia.

# What is eligible for funding?

Some examples of activities:

- Local events connected to campaigns
- Edit-a-thons
- Workshops for new or experienced contributors
- Informal meetups for supporting general community engagement
- Formal meetings to support strategic or other long-term planning
- Collaborative work with an institution (such as a library, museum, or school)



# What is eligible for funding?

Some examples of expenses:

- Temporary working space, services, prizes, outreach, and other common costs for meetups, edit-a-thons, contests, photowalks, and campaigns.
- Project-related travel for organizers and event participants
- Some equipment/technology needs with a plan for maintenance and sharing with your community
- Small-scale, one-time software development projects
- More complete criteria [available on Meta-wiki](#).

# What is eligible for funding?

Compensation for well-defined roles that do not replace volunteer activities in your Wikimedia community, such as:

- project management
- graphic design
- software development time (for small-scale projects)
- training
- childcare services
- translation / interpretation services
- speaker fees/honoraria
- Wikimedian-in-Residence roles

# What is eligible for funding?

We're open to funding needs beyond these specific examples.

Importantly, expenses should be mission-aligned:

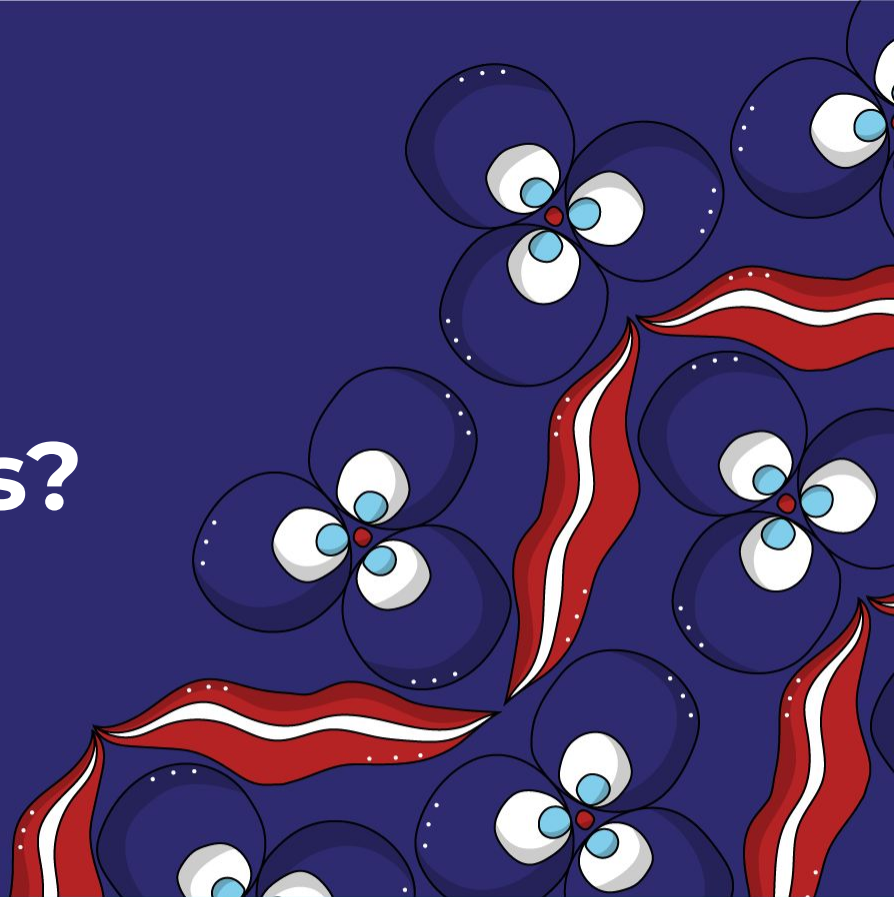
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# What are our funding programs?





## Wikimedia Community Fund

The Community Fund is a unified program with flexible support and funding for Wikimedians working on knowledge equity aligned with the Movement's Strategic direction.



## Wikimedia Alliances Fund

The Alliances Fund, for mission-aligned organizations in underrepresented communities who want to collaborate and amplify our work.



## Wikimedia Research Fund

The Research Fund provides support to individuals, groups, and organizations with research interests on or about Wikimedia projects.



## Movement Strategy Implementation Grants

Movement Strategy Implementation Grants support projects that take the current state of a Movement Strategy Initiative and push it one step forward.



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## Rapid Fund

Short-term, low-cost projects by individuals, groups, or organizations contributing to Wikimedia projects.

This program is comparable to the previous Rapid Grants program.

45 days processing time; average funding amount:  
500 - 5,000 USD

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## Conference & Event Fund

Funding and planning support to groups, individuals or organizations to organize local, regional, and thematic conferences that bring together Wikimediaans for experience sharing, skill building, and networking. This program is comparable to the previous Conference & Events Grant program.

2 months processing time; average funding amount:  
10,000 - 90,000 USD

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## General Support Fund

Flexible general operating support for individuals, groups, or affiliates that have developed larger projects or programs or a strategic plan that requires sustained investment over time to be able to achieve its goals. Multi-year grant funding is available if appropriate to the goals and objectives of the applicant. This program is comparable to the previous Simple Annual Plan Grant, Annual Plan Grant, and Project Grant programs.

2 months processing time; average funding amount:  
10,000 - 300,000 USD

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# Rapid Fund Program



# How does the process work?

Activity	Length of time
Submission Deadline	Every two months (on the 1st of that month)
Pre-screening eligibility check	7 days
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eligibility and compliance check</li><li>• Feedback from Program Officer</li><li>• Applicants can respond to feedback</li></ul>	28 days
Decisions announced	2-4 days
Grant processing, agreement, and payment	14 days
Reporting due	30 days after project end date

## Five ways to get started

- Review the eligibility criteria
- Review recently funded proposals
- Review the application
- Register on Fluxx
- Talk with me!



# Some eligibility criteria

- All requests between 500 USD and up to 5,000 USD
- Proposals and reports can be submitted in any language.
- Grants can be up to 12 months in length
- Individuals can have up to one (1) open project funded through Rapid Funds
- Applicants need to demonstrate adequate and relevant experience on the target Wikimedia project(s) mentioned in their proposal.
- [Full eligibility criteria on Meta-wiki](#)



## What / who isn't eligible?

- People
  - Staff and contractors at the Wikimedia Foundation.
  - Certain leaders in affiliates that receive General Support Funds (e.g. presidents, executive directors, bank account signatories, paid staff, etc.)
    - Some exceptions may be made for volunteer board members in certain circumstances related to their role in the organization.
  - Individuals can't receive funding on behalf of separate organizations.

## What / who isn't eligible?

- Topics / Expenses
  - Travel scholarships for conference participation
  - Software development that depends on continuous funding
  - Research and open access fees for publication (see Research Fund)
  - Equipment purchases where there is no plan to make it available to a broader community

# Review recent proposals

All current and past Rapid Fund proposals are available to review on Meta-wiki.

[Browse applications for CEE / Central Asia](#) or [other regions!](#)

**Rapid Fund** [ edit | edit source ]

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# Review the application

[Rapid Fund application](#) is available on [Meta-wiki](#) via Google Docs. You can make a copy to draft your proposal.

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## RAPID FUND Application Form

[Instructions](#)

[Applicant details](#)

[If you apply as an individual](#)

[If you apply as a group or legally non-registered Wikimedia Affiliate](#)

[If you apply as a nonprofit organization or legally registered Wikimedia Affiliate](#)

[Main proposal](#)

[Learning and metrics](#)

[Financial proposal](#)

### Instructions

1. You can find Wikimedia Foundation Grantee Portal (Fluxx) [tutorials and other resources here](#). If you need any support or have any questions, please email your [Program Officer](#).
2. Please check the [Rapid Fund eligibility criteria](#) and [documents needed by grantee type](#) before filling out this application. Any ineligible requests can be declined during the eligibility check.
3. This application can be filled in any language. All required questions are marked as 'required'. There is no character limit on the open questions.
4. If you want, you can prepare the proposal offline by **copying** this form and later moving your responses to [Fluxx](#). When you upload into the Fluxx Grantee Portal, make sure you constantly save your responses, as they **do not save automatically**.
5. Once submitted to Fluxx, your proposal will automatically be published on Meta-Wiki (Meta) within two days. You can find the [list of all applications here](#). There is a community endorsement section on Meta, where community members can state why they support the proposal and why it should be funded. Community endorsement is not a prerequisite for funding.

# Review the application

What do we ask about for a proposal?

- Applicant information
- Planned activities
  - Purpose → **Why do you want to do this?**
  - Programs or activities that will help achieve that purpose
  - The communities you want to support
  - Information about yourself and your team
- Learning and metrics
  - What you want to learn from your activities
  - Information or data you will collect to support your learning connected to the purpose of your proposal
- Budget

# Review the application

Resources for starting your first application

- [My first application - Video Tutorial and Guide](#) by Jessica Stephenson
- [Recommendations for editing events, contests, and content campaigns](#)
- [Recommendations for GLAM-related projects](#)
- [Recommendations for Education-related projects](#)
- [Recommendations for Public policy advocacy](#) (e.g. anti-disinformation, human rights, copyright)

# Register on Fluxx

Fluxx is an external platform we use to process and approve proposals. Applicants submit proposals here first, then a duplicate is created on Meta-wiki.



Welcome to Wikimedia Foundation Funds Grantee Portal (Fluxx)!

Login Now:

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The [Wikimedia Foundation](#), Inc is a nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to encouraging the growth, development, and distribution of free, multilingual content, and to providing the full content of these wiki-based projects to the public free of charge.

We are excited that you are interested in Wikimedia Foundation Funds. You can find more information about our funding programs on [this page](#).



## Register on Fluxx

Registration resources:

- [How to Register - Video tutorial \(English\)](#), prepared by Jessica Stephenson and Davit Saroyan.
- [Registration step-by-step guide on Meta-wiki](#)
- [How to to Login and Complete Profile information - Video tutorial \(English\)](#), prepared by Jessica Stephenson and Davit Saroyan

## Talk with me!

Come talk to me during the conference!

E-mail: [cschilling@wikimedia.org](mailto:cschilling@wikimedia.org)

[Office hours are also available](#) for you to schedule a time to meet with me to discuss questions or ideas.



# The end.

Now go forth, and apply!  
(And ask for help if you need it!)

