

GRANT OFFICE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER GRANT CYCLE

The **Community Support Funds** is a program designed by [Wikimedia User Group Nigeria](#) to support Nigerian mission-aligned organisations, individual members of the Wikimedia User Group Nigeria, networks & fan clubs, organised group contributing to any Wikimedia projects such as Wikipedia, Wikidata or Wikimedia Commons – to organise projects throughout the year with a budget of NGN 50,000 up to NGN 425,000.

In September 2023, the Wikimedia Nigeria Foundation continued to respond to the open knowledge needs of the communities in the Wikimedia User Group Nigeria and its unprecedented threat to the critical gains we have made in the last fiscal year. At the same time, we witnessed the unlimited potential of our funded projects in closing the cultural gap within the Wikimedia projects. From the swift implementation of new financial scope to the adoption of our new Strategy for the new fiscal year, the Wikimedia Nigeria Foundation continues to make important advances across the partnership to fight the limitations to open knowledge and respond to current and future challenges.

Executive Summary

The September Financial Report provides the Wikimedia Nigeria Foundation's financial statements, reflecting an effective and prudent use of resources to support programs within the country. In this cycle, we pressed ahead with the fight against open knowledge illiteracy

In September we demonstrated how our continued investments in resilient and sustainable systems for open knowledge could support communities and individuals in the fight against open knowledge illiteracy and respond to new challenges in promoting the work of the Wikimedia Foundation.

In this month under review, a total of thirty one (31) proposals were submitted for funding from the community. These projects cut across twenty one (21) states and the six (6) geo-political zones in Nigeria. The proposals were from both individuals and Networks/clubs. Ten (10) projects were accepted for funding after meeting every criteria set aside by the Grant Committee after days of personal scrutiny and almost four (4) hours of extensive deliberations on the 22nd of September, 2023.

Of the thirty one applicants, nine (9) were females; and twenty two (22) were male.

A detailed report can be found below.

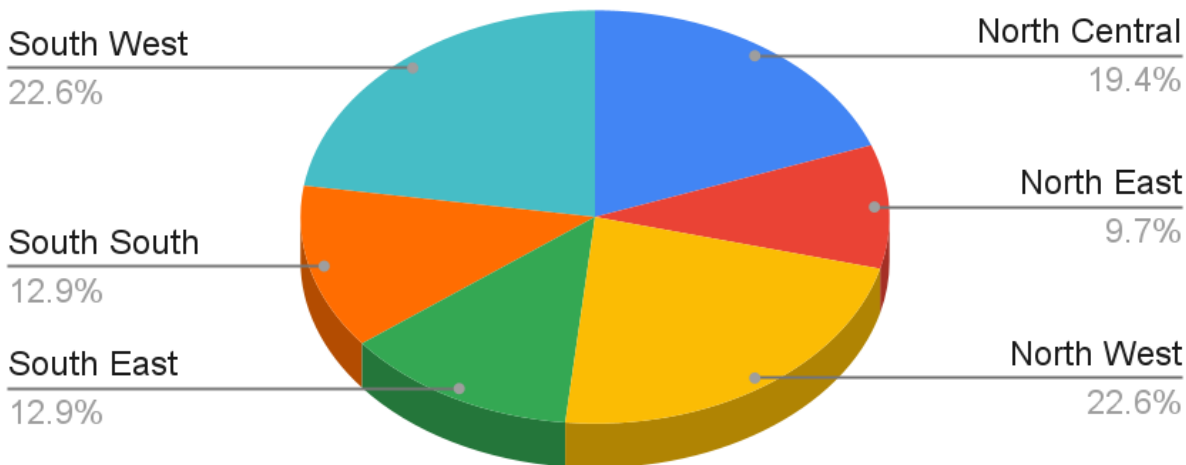
Statistics	
Total applications	31
Funded	10
Not funded	21
Community	
Network/club	2
Individual	30
Network/club funded	1
Individual funded	9
Project Class	
Campaign	0
Micro grant	10

GEOGRAPHY

The report below only represents the projects funded

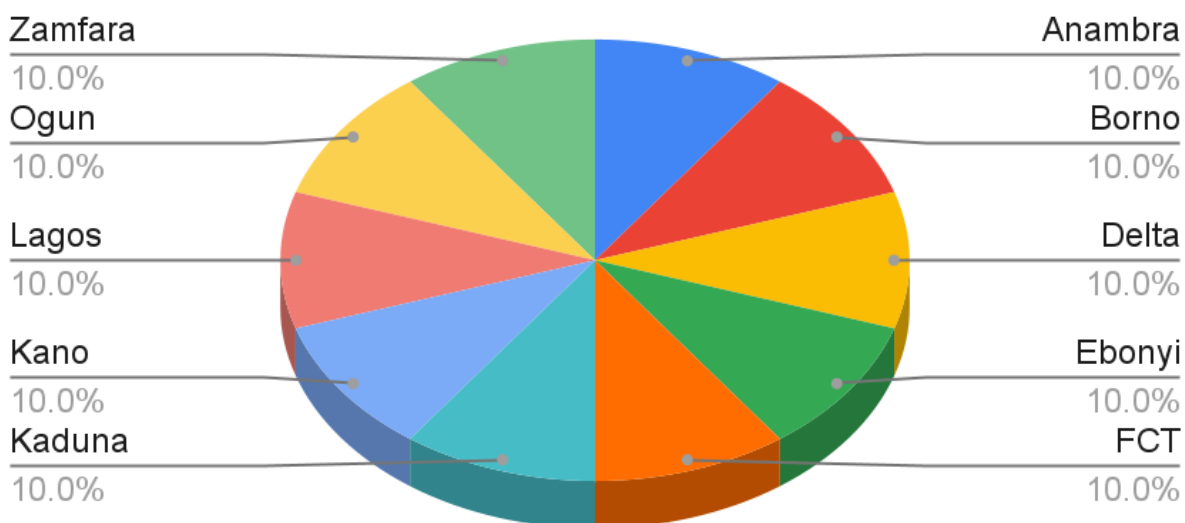
Geo-political representation	
North Central	6
North East	3
North West	7
South East	4
South South	4
South West	7

Geo-political zone distribution



State distribution	
Anambra	1
Borno	1
Delta	1
Ebonyi	1
FCT	1
Kaduna	1
Kano	1
Lagos	1
Ogun	1
Zamfara	1

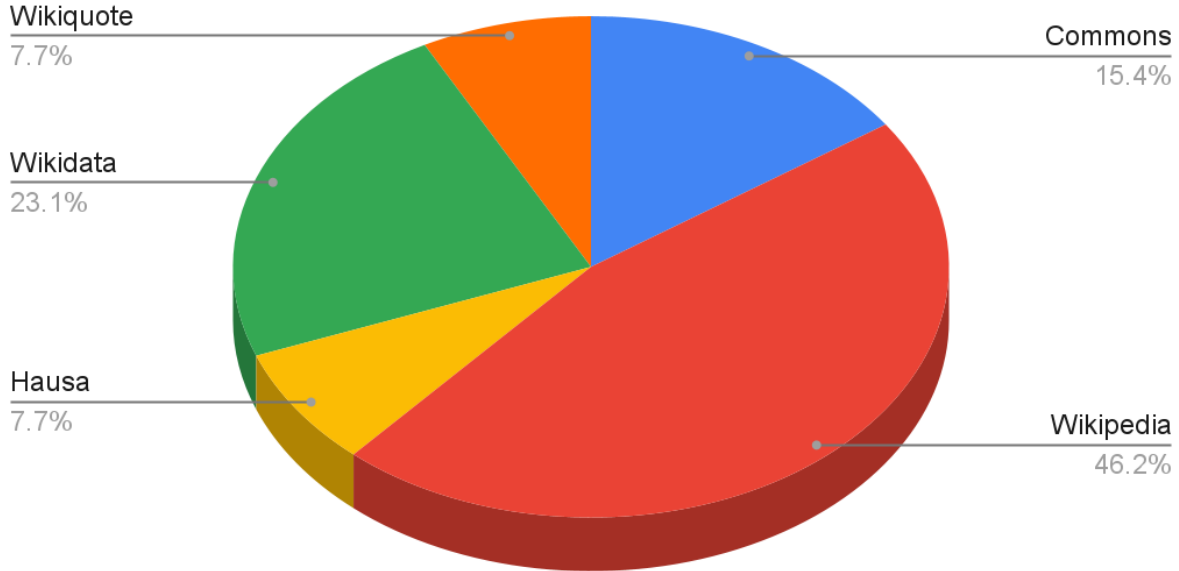
Distribution by States



Gender distribution	
Female	1
Male	9

Wikimedia Projects	
Commons	2
Wikipedia	6
Hausa Wikipedia	1
Wikidata	3
Wikiquote	1

Wikimedia Project



FINANCIAL DISTRIBUTION

For the month in review, a total of *one million, three hundred and twenty nine thousand naira* (**1,329,000 NGN**) was shared among ten (10) projects for micro grants, making an average of *one hundred and thirty two thousand, nine hundred naira* (**132,900 NGN**) per project. This total amount spent was less than that for the month of August 2023 (**2,645,000 NGN** with an average of **220,417 NGN** for the fifteen projects). The amount spent for September was considerably lower due to the fact that only micro grants were funded.

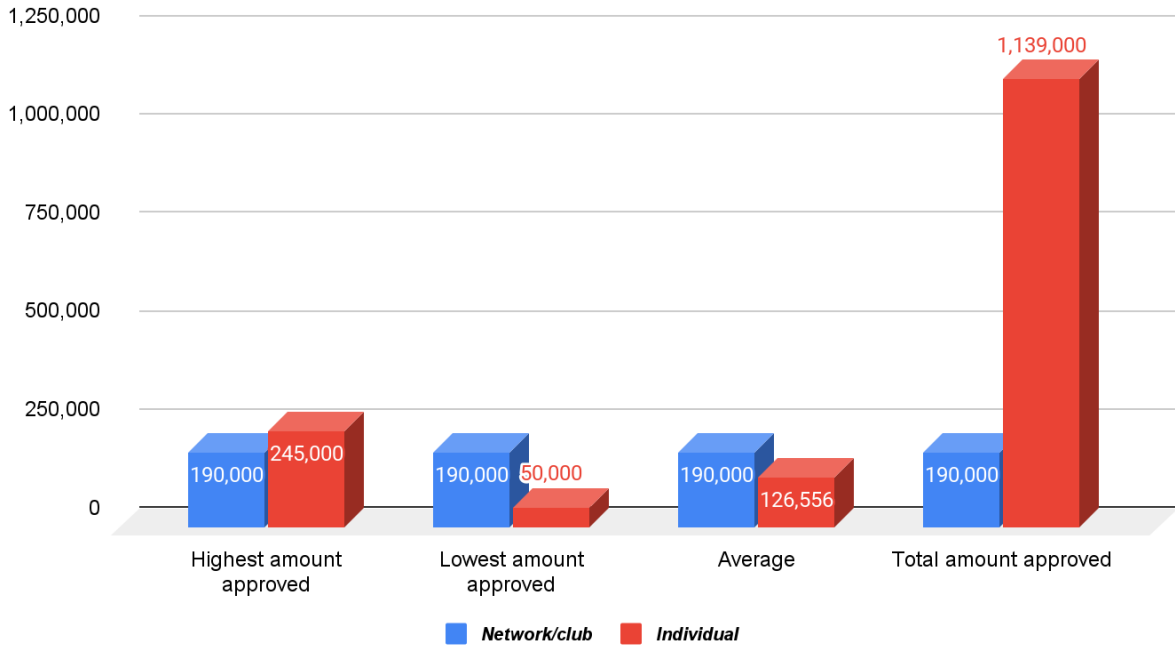
This amount was disbursed to the different networks/clubs & individual applicants before the 10th of October 2023. A total of *one million, three hundred and twenty nine thousand naira* (**1,329,000 NGN**) was spent on micro grants (which is lower than the amount of **1,845,00 NGN** spent in August).

The financial distribution can be seen below.

Total amount approved	1,329,000	
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Average amount	190,000	
Highest amount funded	245,000	
Least amount funded	50,000	
<i>Network/Club Funding</i>		
Total approved	1	
Highest amount approved	190,000	Abuja
Lowest amount approved	190,000	Abuja
Average	190,000	
Total amount approved	190,000	
<i>Individual Funding</i>		
Total approved	9	
Highest amount approved	245,000	
Lowest amount approved	50,000	
Average	126,556	
Total amount approved	1,139,000	

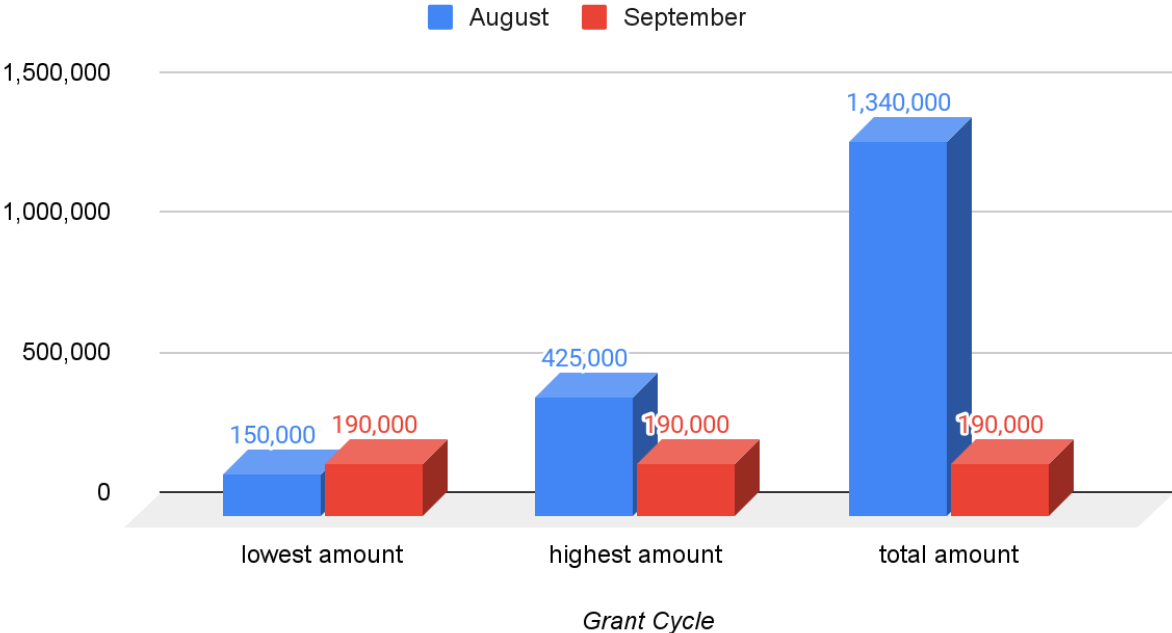
Fund distribution by community



In this section, we would compare the two grant cycles

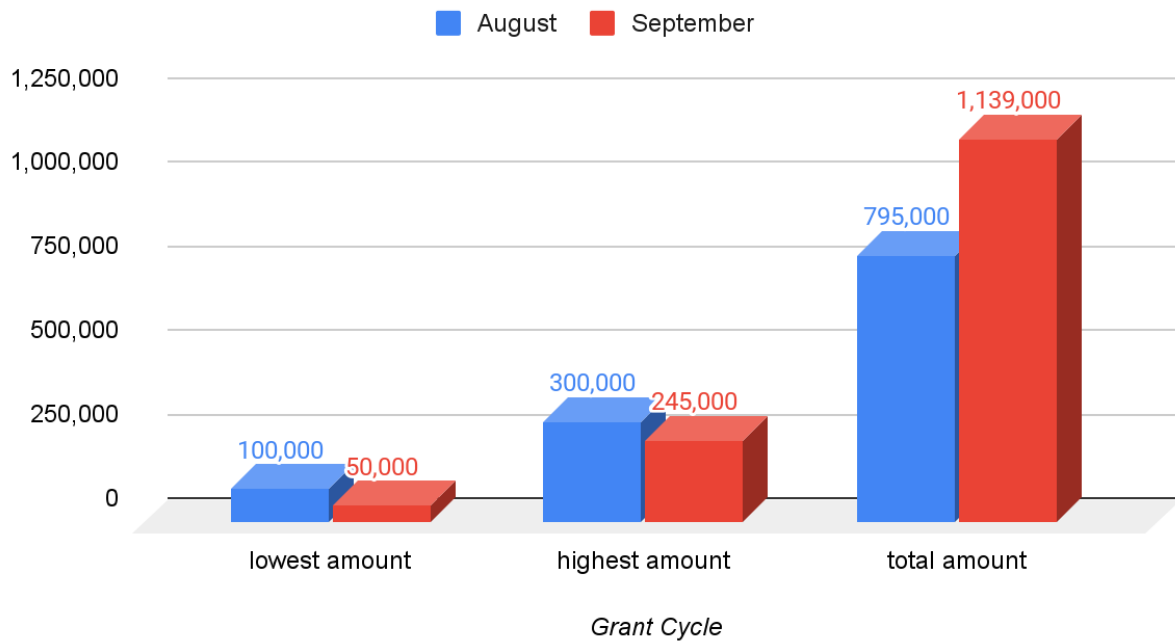
Network/club funding for August & September			
Cycle	lowest amount	highest amount	total amount
August	150,000	425,000	1,340,000
September	190,000	190,000	190,000

Network/club funding for August & September



Individual funding for August & September			
Cycle	lowest amount	highest amount	total amount
August	100,000	300,000	795,000
September	50,000	245,000	1,139,000

Individual funding for July & August



FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

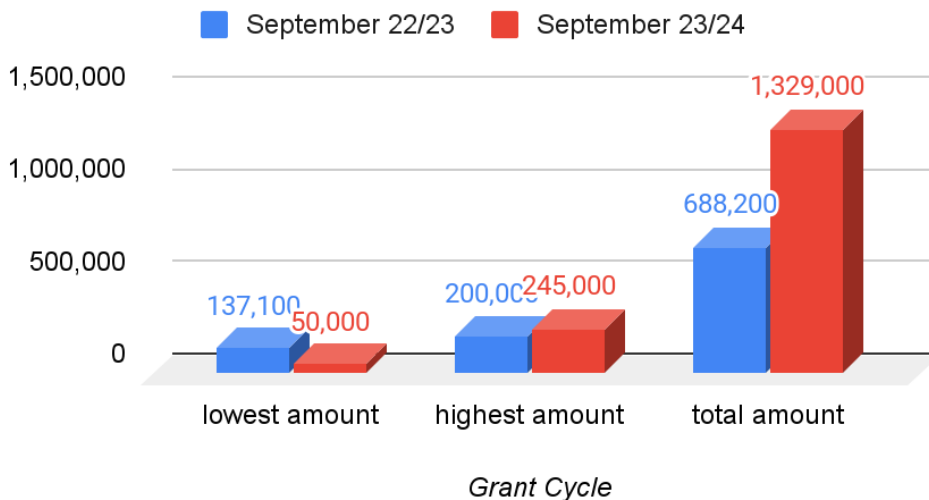
The graphs above depict a considerable change in the amount disbursed for both individual and community projects. In the last grant cycle, the amount disbursed to networks & clubs was lower than the amount disbursed to the same category in this present cycle. The increase is as a result of networks/clubs having launchings and anniversaries for this grant cycle. For individual projects, there was a decrease in the amount disbursed this cycle when compared to the last cycle because we had to fund only a few projects due to the bulk sum of the financial cap going to the clubs and networks

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Putting the same grant cycle of the last fiscal year (September 22/23) into perspective, we see a remarkable increase in the number of applications. September of 22/23 fiscal year had only twelve (12) applications while this grant cycle had 31 applications; which is a 158.33 % increase. Four (4) projects were funded out of the twelve (12) proposals submitted in September 22/23; which shows a 33.33% funding, while ten (10) projects were funded from the thirty one (31) proposals in the grant cycle in review (32.26 %).

Total funding for September 22/23 & September 23/24			
Cycle	lowest amount	highest amount	total amount
September 22/23	137,100	200,000	688,200
September 23/24	50,000	245,000	1,329,000

Total funding for September 22/23 & September 23/24



The project, [ABC of Wikipedia with User Group Nigeria Abuja Network](#), a project by the Wikimedia Network in Abuja, would be centred around LEARNING HOW TO EDIT WIKIPEDIA with reference to elements of a Wikipedia page, editing principles and guidelines, policies and procedures and translation. This will enable the members create quality content, which will help both the Wiki community and anyone looking for information on a particular topic on a Wikipedia page

[SheSaid 2023 Local Event in Ogun State](#) is a project aimed at driving transformative change by amplifying Nigeria women's voices and achievements across diverse fields on Wikiquote. This project would bridge the gender gap by ensuring Nigeria women's unique quotes, insights, and accomplishments are adequately represented and celebrated. The project would train local women, students, existing Nigeria Wikimedia contributors and anyone passionate about bridging the gender gap on Wikiquote, to acquire the best and high quality wikiquote editing skills to bridge the gap about Nigeria Women voices and quotes on Wikiquote.

[Wikipedia video vox-pop awareness in Lagos](#) is a project to be undertaken by documentary cinematographer. This project is designed to raise the awareness of Wikimedia in Nigeria in a creative video vox-pop. The project is a campaign that will involve interviewing random people on the street of Ota, Ogun state, Nigeria for 60-seconds (for each individual) and find out how useful Wikipedia has been to them and then publish on social media as it will be fun, quick and witty.

REPORTS OF PREVIOUS GRANTS

Reports of previous grants continue to be an issue as grantees have to be sent messages before reports are submitted. Of 45 reports due (from May to July projects), only 25 reports have been submitted for review; and only 20 reports have been closed.