

GRANT OFFICE REPORT FOR AUGUST 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 August 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 August 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 August 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 twenty-nine (29) proposals were submitted for funding from the community. These projects cut across seventeen (17) states and five (5) geo-political zones in Nigeria. The proposals were from both individuals and Networks/clubs. Twelve (12) projects were accepted for funding after meeting every criterion set aside by the Grant Committee after days of personal scrutiny and almost four (4) hours of extensive deliberations on the 21st of August, 2023.

For the first time, we had more female recipients of our grants; not just more females, but the number of female recipients was more than the male recipients (eight females and four males).

A detailed report can be found below.

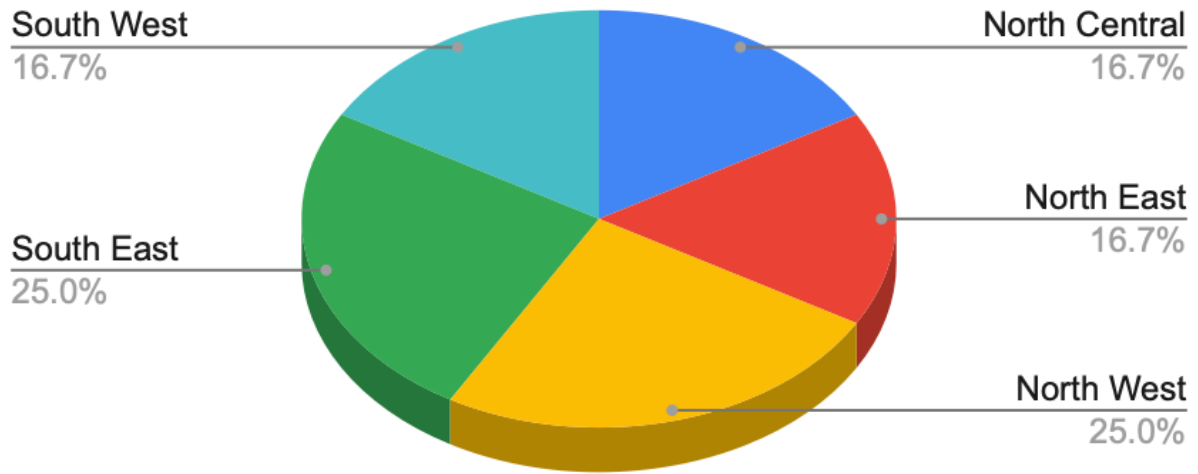
Statistics	
Total applications	29
Funded	12
Not funded	17
Community	
Network/club	6
Individual	23
Network/club funded	5
Individual funded	7
Project Class	
Campaign	3
Micro grant	9

GEOGRAPHY

The report below only represents the projects funded

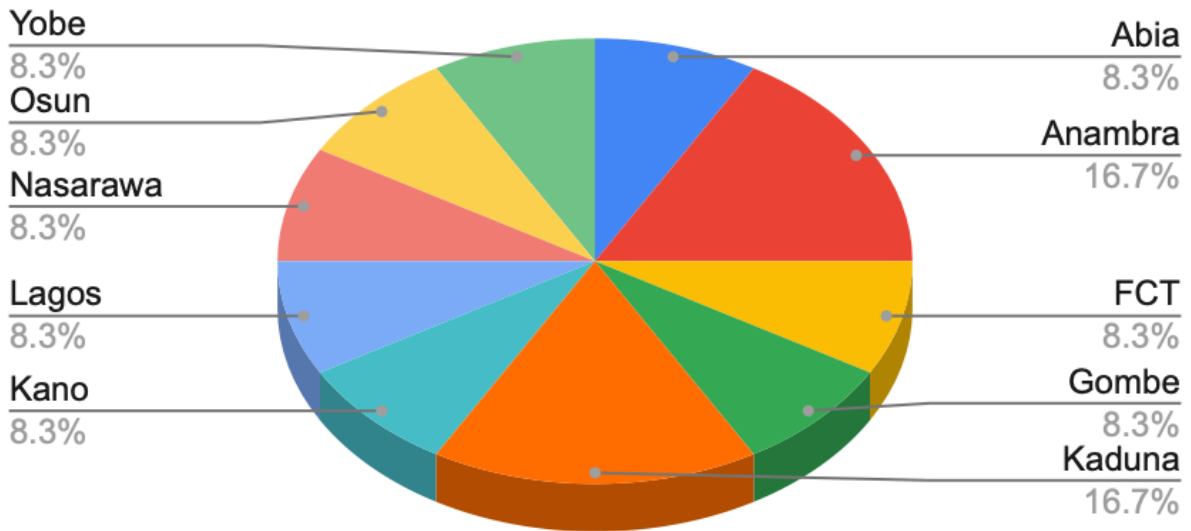
Geo-political representation	
North Central	2
North East	2
North West	3
South East	3
South South	0
South West	2

Geo-political zone distribution



<i>State distribution</i>	
Abia	1
Anambra	2
FCT	1
Gombe	1
Kaduna	2
Kano	1
Lagos	1
Nasarawa	1
Osun	1
Yobe	1

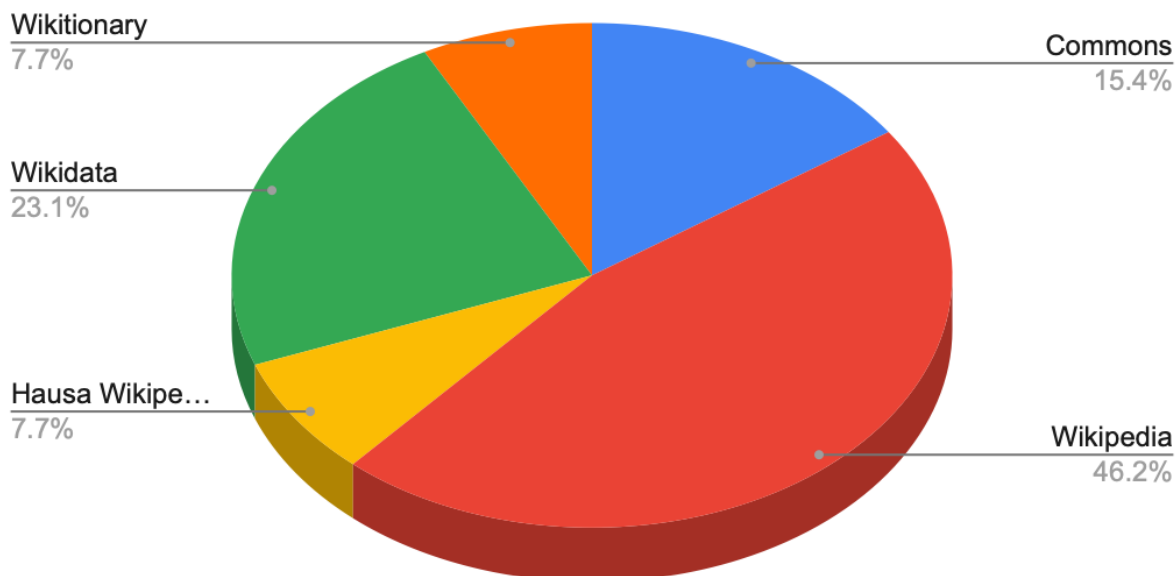
Distribution by States



Gender distribution	
Female	8
Male	4

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

Wikimedia Project



FINANCIAL DISTRIBUTION

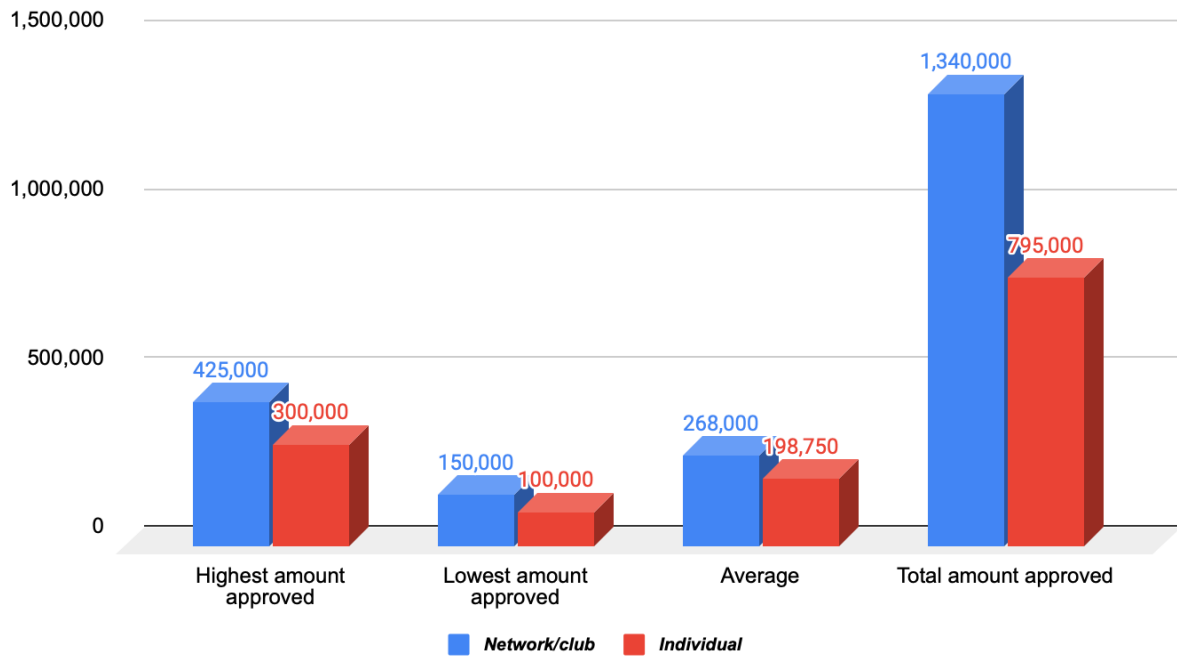
For the month in review, a total of *two million, six hundred and forty five thousand naira* (**2,645,000 NGN**) was shared among twelve (12) projects for micro-grants and campaigns, making an average of *two hundred and twenty thousand, four hundred and seventeen naira* (**220,417 NGN**) per project. This total amount spent was less than that for the month of July 2023 (**2,856,000 NGN** with an average of **190,400 NGN** for the fifteen projects)

This amount was disbursed to the different networks/clubs & individual applicants before the 11th of September 2023. A total of *one million, eight hundred and forty five thousand naira* (**1,845,00 NGN**) was spent on micro-grants (which is higher than the amount of 1,586,000 NGN spent in July) while *eight hundred thousand naira* (**800,500 NGN**) was spent on the Campaigns (which is lower than the amount of 1,269,500 NGN spent in July).

The financial distribution can be seen below.

Total amount approved	2,645,000	
Average amount	220,417	
Highest amount funded	425,000	
Least amount funded	100,000	
Network/Club Funding		
Total approved	5	
Highest amount approved	425,000	Anambra
Lowest amount approved	150,000	NIJ
Average	268,000	
Total amount approved	1,340,000	
Individual Funding		
Total approved	7	
Highest amount approved	300,000	
Lowest amount approved	100,000	
Average	198,750	
Total amount approved	795,000	

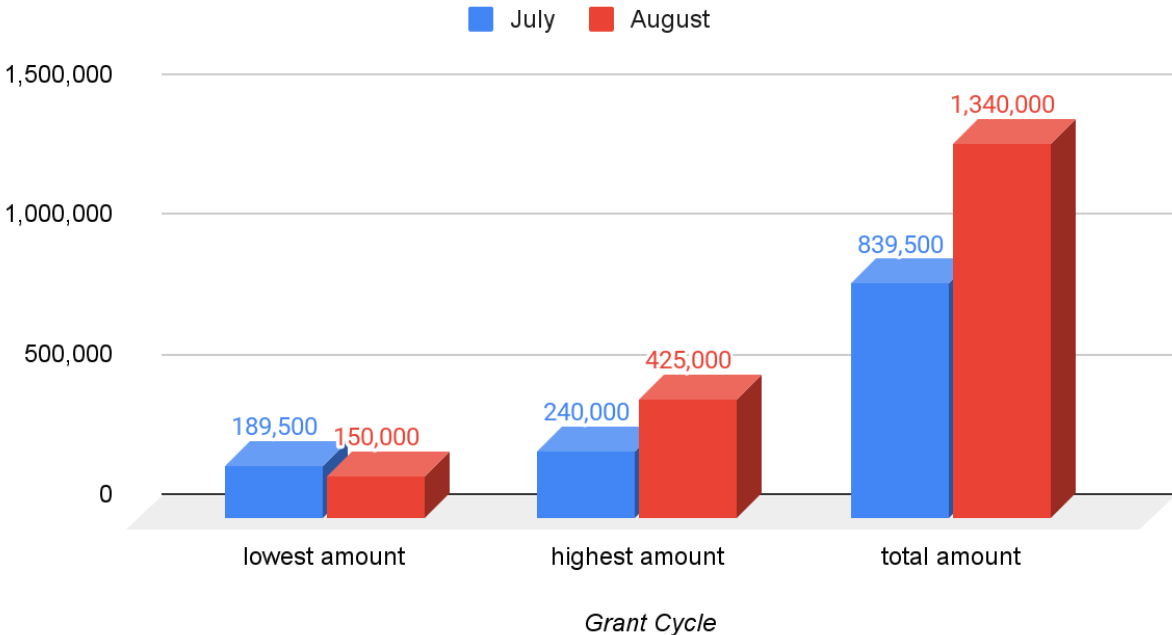
Fund distribution by community



In this section, we would compare the two grant cycles

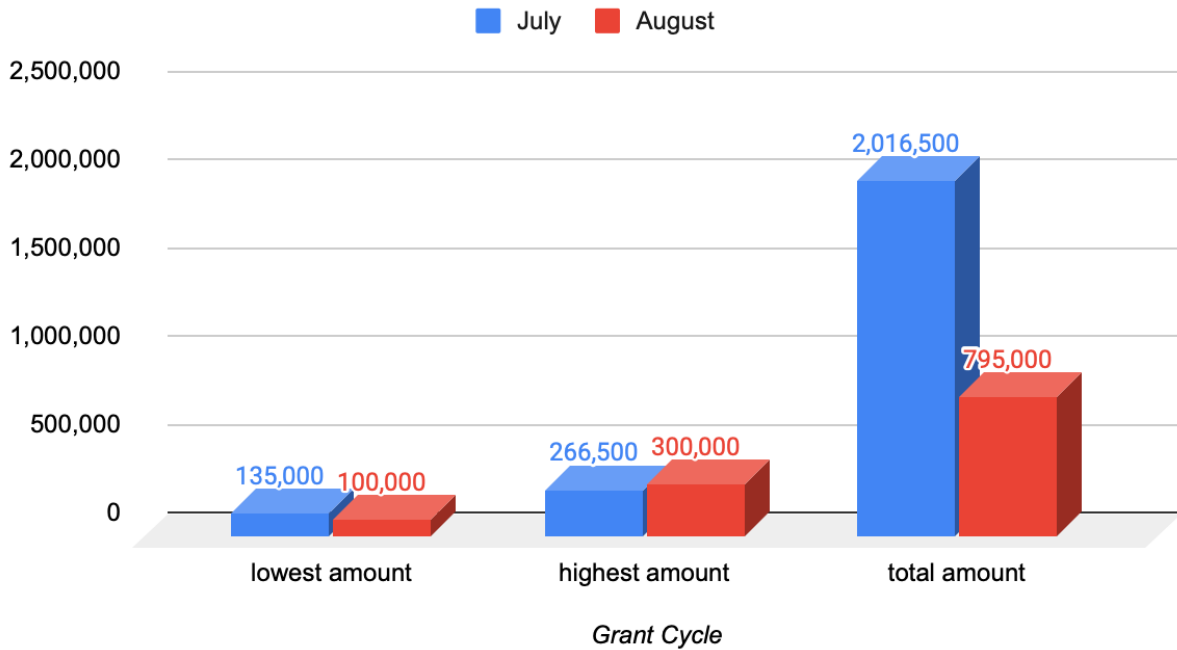
Network/club funding for July & August			
Cycle	lowest amount	highest amount	total amount
July	189,500	240,000	839,500
August	150,000	425,000	1,340,000

Network/club funding for July & August



Individual funding for July & August			
Cycle	lowest amount	highest amount	total amount
July	135,000	266,500	2,016,500
August	100,000	300,000	795,000

Individual funding for July & August



FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

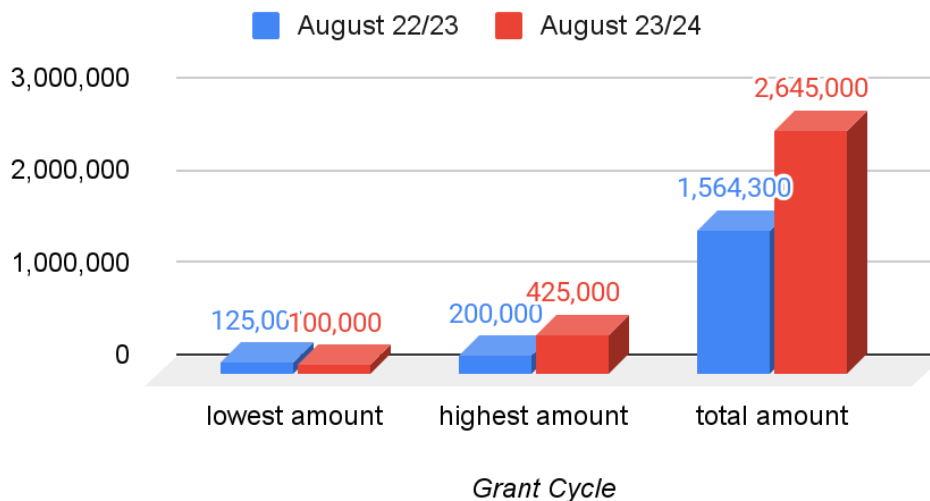
The graphs above depict a considerable change in the amount disbursed for both individual and community projects. In the last grant cycle, the amount disbursed to networks & clubs was lower than the amount disbursed to the same category in this present cycle. The increase is a result of networks/clubs 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 (August 22/23) into perspective, we see a remarkable increase in the number of applications. August of the 22/23 fiscal year had only sixteen (16) applications while this grant cycle had 29 applications; which is an 81.25 % increase. Nine (9) projects were funded out of the sixteen (16) proposals submitted in August 22/23; which shows a 56.25% funding, while twelve (12) projects were funded from the twenty-nine (29) proposals in the grant cycle in review (41.38 %).

Total funding for August 22/23 & August 23/24			
Cycle	lowest amount	highest amount	total amount
August 22/23	125,000	200,000	1,564,300
August 23/24	100,000	300,000	795,000

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



Three of the 12 projects to be funded are seeking to solve the issue of photo misrepresentation of Nigerian monuments on the Wikimedia project. This will be solved through the WIKI LOVES MONUMENTS CAMPAIGN.

The project, [Wiktionary Workshop in Igabi Local Government](#) is aimed at enhancing skills, promoting content creation, and fostering community engagement among local Wikimedia editors in Igabi local government area of Kaduna state. This project would focus mainly on the Hausa Wikipedia and Wiktionary.

[Bridging the Gap: Using Hausa Wikipedia to Fight Climate-denialism](#) is a project directed towards addressing the critical issue of climate denialism in the Hausa-speaking communities'. This project aims to utilise the power of knowledge dissemination through the Hausa Wikipedia platform to combat climate denialism and promote accurate scientific information among the Hausa-speaking population

[Enhancing Wikidata's and Wikipedia Documentation of Nigerian Cuisine](#) is aimed at enriching the documentation of Nigerian culinary heritage on both Wikidata and Wikipedia. By engaging Wikimedia contributors, the project seeks to improve the accuracy, breadth, and accessibility of information related to Nigerian local dishes, ingredients, cooking methods, and cultural significance.

The Anambra State Wikimedia Network is celebrating its one-year anniversary through the proposal [Awareness and One Year Anniversary of Wikimedia Anambra Network](#). The essence of the anniversary is to appreciate the volunteers and laud the sustainability of the space. This is about the people, their energy, their time, and resources. The celebration incorporated the awareness creation to bring in more numbers and interact about the guidelines and principles of Wikipedia.

RECOMMENDATIONS

After deliberations with the grants committee, the following recommendations were made;

- Another **grants office hour** should be approved for the month of October since we couldn't hold one in September;
- Late reporting on grants would lead to disqualification in the next grant
- Individuals not active on the proposed Wiki for the past three months would not be approved for funding. Also, those with less than 500 edits on the target Wiki should not also be approved for funding;