



## Donor Newsletter # 3/2007

### Small Grants Programmes (Revisited)

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The theme of this issue is Small Grants Programmes. Small grants are not just small in size. While there may not yet be an all-inclusive definition of what constitutes a small grant, some common features of small grants programs are: Targeting community-based organizations; seeking to affect social change at the local level; focusing on capacity building and institutional support of beneficiaries; and encouraging greater dialogue and collaboration between grant makers and beneficiaries.

*Note: if the application details show n/a it is our advice to send a letter of introduction (loi).*

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## **Global Renewal Foundation (GR)**

### Background:

The Global Renewal Foundation is a small non-profit organization founded in 2002. Through its actions, it recognizes and supports human endeavours and natural processes that are important but which may have been overlooked or undervalued in the past.

Global Renewal is an exercise of philanthropy in the small. GR makes micro-grants to individuals and organizations around the world. Its values include modest and mindful action, non-violent approaches, social and economic fairness, collaborative relationships, and sustainable human-nature relationships.

### Activities:

The Foundation makes grants and micro-grants to individuals and organisations around the world that are addressing local issues with local solutions. The projects GR undertakes tend to be located in areas and communities where the natural or social environments are under stress. In its activities, Global Renewal takes a bottom-up approach. It makes modest contributions of resources (time, attention, energy, resources, funds) to individuals and organizations that are addressing local needs in regions around the world.

### Project example:

South Africa: White Lion Project  
"Tsimba-vaati" is a Shangaan word meaning "the place where star-lions came down from heaven." Over the years these unusual white lions were removed from their Timbavati home. GR assisted, in a small way, to help return these lions to their natural home.

### Geographical details:

Worldwide.

### Application details:

Applications and proposals will be evaluated based on the following general criteria:

- Individuals involved in the project have a demonstrated personal commitment (i.e., a meaningful amount of personal resources, time, energy have been invested in the project);
- Individuals involved in the project have an approach that is in harmony with natural principles;
- The project has evolved in a natural, bottom-up (or grassroots manner), and yet has a broader vision that will nurture the project's development.

In addition GR will place particular emphasis on supporting proposals in the following key areas: the project is located in areas or communities where the natural or social environments are under stress; and the project points to a need that can be satisfied uniquely by Global Renewal Foundation.

### Grant information:

Micro and Small Grants: for projects that seek monetary resources up to and including US\$ 2,000.

### Submit an Application Cover Sheet

[http://web10460.aiso.net/grf\\_images/grant\\_application\\_cover\\_sheet.pdf](http://web10460.aiso.net/grf_images/grant_application_cover_sheet.pdf)

and no more than 3 additional pages describing the following: description of how your project meets the GRF's values, criteria and focus areas; description, bios and phone numbers of the people and/or groups involved; and a financial plan for the project.

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*Information collected 2007/12*

**Global Transparency Initiative  
Active Partners Small Grants  
Programme**

#### Background:

The Global Transparency Initiative is a network of civil society organisations promoting openness in the International Financial Institutions, such as the World Bank, the IMF, the European Investment Bank and Regional Development Banks.

The GTI believes the people have a right to information from public institutions and a right to participate in the development policies and projects that affect their lives. In IFI-supported activities, transparency can help reduce corruption; identify potential social, environmental and economic risks and benefits; and avoid damaging communities and sensitive ecosystems.

#### Activities:

Through the Active Partners Small Grants Programme the GTI offers small grants for the following types of activities:

- **Case studies/Audits:** Small grants will be made to research and write case studies about the negative consequences of a lack of transparency by IFIs or the positive effects of transparency by such institutions, in specific instances. These case studies are intended to supplement the policy debate by providing real world examples. Emerging or ongoing situations are eligible. Thorough research and precise descriptions will be required. Bringing a situation to life with interviews and personal stories is advisable. The author should strive for balance and fairness. Photographs and other materials to aid in the presentation will be helpful. This grant will be available to cover staff costs as well as the production and distribution of the individual case studies. (Proposals for case studies/audits must also include a writing sample of approximately 200 words).
- **Advocacy:** Small grants will be available for key advocacy activities that are congruent with the program goals of the GTI and

promote accountability of IFIs, greater public participation in policymaking and access to IFI information. The GTI seeks to improve the transparency of IFIs by influencing the disclosure policies and standards of these institutions. This grant is available to individuals and civil society organizations, from developing countries in particular, who are involved in precedent setting transparency issues within the context of specific campaigns.

- **Translations:** Small grants will be made to translate case studies, transparency audits and other relevant documents produced by civil society that discuss issues dealing with transparency within a country context or within the operations of the international financial institutions (IFIs). To help achieve this goal, the GTI recognizes that information must be available in multiple languages in order to provide equal access to all civil society organizations and individuals interested in the transparency debates. This grant is available to members of civil society who produce timely analytical pieces on transparency at the IFIs or on national freedom to information legislation. Individuals or organizations can apply to this fund to request the translation of their product(s) into one or more languages. Grants for translations can be done in conjunction with the production of a GTI-funded case study or audit. Grants from this fund are also available for civil society correspondence and interpretation at meetings around transparency issues.

Requests for other types of work will also be considered.

#### Project example(s):

Haiti: Haiti Survie: Sensitisation of Haitians on harmful IFI funded projects and facilitating the involvement of parliamentarians in loan agreements.

Uganda: NAPE: Engagement of parliamentarians and IFIs towards an open and transparent process in the Bujagali dam project.

Geographical details: Global.

Application details:

Organizations and individuals already involved in IFI transparency issues and interested in playing an active role in the GTI are eligible to apply. Only complete proposals will be considered. Proposals must be submitted in English however successful applicants may use the grant to conduct and produce their work in other languages. Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis and applicants will be notified within 8 weeks of submitting their proposals.

Grant Proposal Form:

<http://www.ifitransparency.org/doc/smallgrantsapplication.doc>

Grant information:

Case study/audit grants of US\$ 500 to US\$ 3,000; Advocacy grants, up to US\$ 5,000; Translation grants, up to US\$ 1,000.

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### **Grassroots Foundation**

Background:

The grassroots foundation was founded in 1999 with the goal of supporting civil society movements in their struggle for the protection of nature and the recognition of human rights. Grassroots aims to strengthen NGO groups and movements in their efforts to challenge the destructive and undemocratic development practices

that many governments and corporations are promoting.

Grassroots is particularly interested in supporting groups that do not have an established funding base, and that are developing innovative and inclusive approaches to challenging and transforming environmental and social problems.

Activities:

Grassroots currently has four thematic programs:

- Reforming export credit agencies and banks: from 1999 to 2007, Grassroots supported over 60 projects through its "ECAs and Banks Program", which made up about half of the grassroots portfolio. The activities were geared towards supporting partners in both industrialized and developing countries. Overall, Grassroots funded projects in 18 countries: Australia, Austria, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Portugal, Spain and the U.S. as well as Brazil, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Poland, Russia, Sudan and Uganda. For the most part, these grants can be assigned to one of three thematic campaigns: the campaign on export credit agencies (ECAs), multilateral development banks (MDBs) or private banks.
- Supporting the anti-nuclear movement: for the past 8 years, Grassroots has supported anti-nuclear civil society campaigns and movements in Western and Eastern Europe as well as Russia. As criteria for its funding, grassroots has defined the following three areas: the support of campaign activities in Western Europe with the aim of preventing the financing of nuclear projects in Eastern Europe; the support of local anti-nuclear movements in Eastern Europe and Russia; strengthening the links between groups in Western and Eastern Europe.
- Stopping the spread of genetically modified organisms (GMOs): the

aim is the establishment and financial support of civil resistance against the practically unbridled introduction of genetic manipulation in agriculture.

- Protecting forests and forest peoples' rights: the Grassroots forest program is focused on support to groups in Eastern Europe and Russia, and provides funds in three issue areas: indigenous peoples support, forest conservation & sustainable forest management, and forestry certification. The forests program also supports groups worldwide struggling to protect forests from expansion of the pulp and paper industry.

#### Project example:

Romania: funding of various projects by the Romanian National Federation of Organic Farmers (in cooperation with the GMO Information Center – InfOMG). Starting in 2005, in addition to political lobbying on community and regional levels, the main project focus has been on efforts of establishing GMO-free cultivation zones. Thus, in the spring of 2006 they succeeded in securing the first GMO-free region of Romania, which has grown to include 14 communities that have declared themselves “GMO-free”.

#### Geographical details:

The focus is global, however in order to maximize its impact on a regional level, the programmes on GMOs and Forests are currently focused towards supporting groups in Eastern Europe.

#### Application details:

Grassroots does not accept unsolicited proposals, but instead approaches prospective partners pro-actively through existing networks; therefore members of those should be contacted first. See for those the links section on the website:

<http://www.grassroots.de/links.html>

#### Grant details:

Grants range between € 1,000 and € 5,000.

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### **National Geographic Conservation Trust Small Grants Program**

#### Background:

Dedicated to the conservation of the world's biological and cultural heritage, the National Geographic Society's Conservation Trust supports innovative solutions to issues of global concern. The trust encourages model projects that engage and inform their areas' local population. Projects that hold potential as media subject matter are also encouraged

The objective of the Conservation Trust is to support conservation activities around the world as they fit within the mission of the National Geographic Society. The trust will fund projects that contribute significantly to the preservation and sustainable use of the Earth's biological, cultural, and historical resources.

#### Activities:

The Trust supports innovative solutions to issues of global concern through its Small Grants Program. The Trust encourages model projects that engage and inform their areas' local population. The Conservation Trust's strength lies in supporting cutting edge programs that might be overlooked by other organizations, due to the risk involved in working with new investigators and in new fields.

#### Project example(s):

Kenya: Living among the lions of Kenya, Laurence Frank directs efforts to manage both predators and livestock to preserve predator populations in Africa.

Cambodia: Zeb Hogan is working on sustainability programs and preservation of the endangered

Mekong catfish, one of the largest freshwater fish in the world.

Geographical details: Global.

Application details:

Applicants are not expected to have Ph.D.'s or other advanced degrees. However, applicants must provide a record of prior research or conservation action as it pertains to the proposed project. Funding is not restricted to US citizens. Researchers planning work in foreign countries should include at least one local collaborator as part of their research teams.

Before receiving an application form, each principal investigator must submit a pre-application form online: [https://www.grantrequest.com/SID\\_69/](https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_69/)

The Conservation Trust accepts applications throughout the year. However, please allow eight months from the board's receipt of your application for the board to formally review and consider it.

Previous National Geographic Society grantees must first comply with all prior reporting and financial-accounting obligations before submitting applications for additional support.

Grants funded by the Conservation Trust are for one year's work in the field and/or laboratory.

Grant information:

Grants range from US\$ 15,000 to US\$ 20,000. As National Geographic Society funds are intended to function as complementary support, the trust strongly encourages applicants to seek additional, concurrent funding from other funding agencies.

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### **Rainbo Small Grants Project**

Background:

Rainbo (Research, Action and Information Network for the Bodily Integrity of Women) was founded in 1994 and is an African led international NGO working on issues of women's empowerment, gender, reproductive health, sexual autonomy and freedom from violence as central components of the African development agenda. Rainbo is a Northern organisation focusing solely on Africa and led by African women.

Rainbo's mission is to improve the lives of African women and girls through empowering them to become equal partners in the social and economic development of their communities.

Activities:

Rainbo funds projects to: support effective and innovative projects that combat Female Circumcision/Female Genital Mutilation (FC/FGM); improve access to reproductive health services & information; improve access to primary education for girls; improve access to information on HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment; establish income generating activities for women; increase NGO capacity to monitor of national government policy; build women's leadership.

Sub Granting, initially called the Small Grants Project, was started in 1995 to provide modest funds and technical assistance to African NGOs that might not otherwise have access to mainstream sources of funding.

Application details:

To apply, submit a full proposal (following the proposal guidelines) with a completed proposal cover sheet and budget. Applications are accepted

in English, French or Arabic. Mail, fax or e-mail proposals to the contact information provided below. Proposals are accepted year-round and there is no application deadline. Decisions about funding are made 3 times a year (March, July and November) by the Small Grants Committee.

**Grant information:**

On average grants awarded range between US\$ 5,000 and US\$ 15,000, with exceptional cases of US\$ 20,000.

**Geographical details:**

The overall focus is Africa. Rainbo supports projects in Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Sudan. Furthermore does Rainbo work with over 50 regional partners across Africa through the Amanitare network.

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**Rainforest Information Centre  
Small Grants Fund (RSGF)**

**Background:**

The Rainforest Information Centre is a non-profit, volunteer organisation which was born out of the successful struggle to save the sub-tropical rainforests of New South Wales, Australia in the early 1980s. Since then RIC has been involved in campaigns and projects, which protect rainforests, and at the same time recognise the legitimate development aspirations of rainforest peoples.

The RIC is dedicated to the protection of the Earth's remaining rainforests and the indigenous people who depend on them.

**Activities:**

Over the last 15 years, the RIC Small Grants Fund (RSGF) has disbursed approximately US\$ 600,000. Much of this money is disbursed as "grantor of last resort", a few hundred to a few thousand dollars at a time to prime the pump for important, frontline projects in scores of countries which would have difficulty in finding funding from conventional sources. RSGF is also a source for money, which can be granted almost immediately for emergency uses, which rule out most other funding bodies because of their lengthy funding cycles.

**Project examples:**

Brazil: Ana Paula Fagundes to continue her work defending the pampas biome from monoculture cellulose plantations.

India: Save Hukharaniya River Movement in Western Bengal.

Papua New Guinea: PNG Eco-Forestry Forum to support their ongoing work on illegal logging in Papua New Guinea.

Geographical details: Global (and not only regions with rainforest!).

Application details: n/a

**Grant information:**

Grants range between AUS\$ 250 and AUS\$ 7,500 (in some rare cases up to AUS\$ 15,000).

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**Rainforest Foundation US (RF-US)**

**Background:**

The Rainforest Foundation was founded in 1989 by Sting and Trudie Styler. Since that time, the Rainforest



Foundation has grown into a network of organizations working in a dozen countries around the globe. In 1996, the Rainforest Foundation established independent offices in New York, Oslo and London, as well as the Rainforest Foundation Fund.

The mission is to support Indigenous and traditional populations of the rainforest in their efforts to protect their environment and fulfil their rights by assisting them in: securing and controlling the natural resources necessary for their long term well-being and managing these resources in ways that do not harm their environment, violate their culture or compromise their future; and by developing the means to protect their individual and collective rights and to obtain, shape and control basic services from the state.

**Activities:**

The work falls into three thematic areas: land tenure and collective rights, rights-based forestry and protection of the environment and sustainable economic development. Within these areas, RF-US provides project-related grants and direct technical assistance to indigenous and local partners in the Amazon. Projects are aimed at fulfilling specific local priorities - such as mapping land for demarcation, lobbying for stronger rights legislation or developing land management plans - while, at the same time, strengthening indigenous institutions' ability to advance their own agendas.

Besides specific campaigns and projects RF-US also provides small grants for meetings, training sessions, and emergencies.

**Project examples:**

Colombia: Akwa Project: support of an educational program designed to build strong leadership skills among U'wa leaders and youth. The program includes workshops for community members; focused on organizational capacity building, project

administration, and communication skills.

Suriname: Lower Marowijne Community Map Production, support of a community-based mapping initiative carried out by the Association of Indigenous Village Leaders in Suriname (VIDS).

**Geographical details:**

Central America: Belize, Nicaragua;  
South America: Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Surinam, Venezuela.

Application details: n/a

**Grant information:**

Small Grant Initiative: up to US\$ 5,000 for small projects.

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**Ramsar Small Grants Fund for Wetland Conservation and Wise Use (Ramsar SGF)**

**Background:**

The Ramsar Small Grants Fund was established by Ramsar COP4 in 1990 as a mechanism to assist developing countries and those with economies in transition in implementing the Convention and to enable the conservation and wise use of wetland resources. The Convention's mission is the conservation and wise use of all wetlands through local, regional and national actions and international cooperation, as a contribution towards achieving sustainable development throughout the world.

The aim of the Fund is to provide assistance for wetland conservation and wise use. The SGF does have a niche as a funding programme, which can allow countries to address relatively small-scale projects or use SGF funds to seek complementary funding from other sources for larger scale activities.

**Activities:**

Suitable project proposals are those which contribute to the implementation of the Convention's Strategic Plan 2003-2008 for the conservation and wise use of wetlands; provide emergency assistance for Ramsar sites; or provide 'preparatory assistance' to allow non-Contracting Parties to progress toward accession.

**Project example(s):**

Malaysia: Restoring the Coastal Hydrology of Tanjung Piai Ramsar Site in Malaysia. The project will help to restore the hydrology of a mangrove Ramsar site that is being heavily affected by erosion from shipping traffic. This will be done through the development of a comprehensive plan for the re-establishment of natural hydrology which includes a study on baseline information, a framework of plan features, cost estimation, promotion of the plan and fundraising.

**Geographical details:**

All developing countries and countries with economies in transition have access to the Fund.

**Application details:**

Deadline for applications June 30 of each year. The Secretariat's regional teams also offer an advisory service to help with the preparation of suitable proposals, for which drafts should be submitted to the Senior Regional Advisors by 15 April. Note that emergency assistance projects may be submitted at any time of the year.

**Guidelines:**

[http://www.ramsar.org/sgf/key\\_sgf\\_guide\\_2006-08\\_e.doc](http://www.ramsar.org/sgf/key_sgf_guide_2006-08_e.doc) or

[http://www.ramsar.org/sgf/key\\_sgf\\_guide\\_2006-08\\_e.pdf](http://www.ramsar.org/sgf/key_sgf_guide_2006-08_e.pdf)

**Grant information:**

The SGF offers a maximum of 40,000 Swiss Francs (about US\$ 32,000) per project and is intended to play a catalytic role.

**Contact information:**

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**Rapid Response Facility Small Grants (RRF)**

**Background:**

The Rapid Response Facility is a small grants programme jointly operated by the [UNESCO World Heritage Centre](#), the [United Nations Foundation](#) and [Fauna & Flora International](#). It aims to protect Natural World Heritage Sites (NWHS) in times of crisis.

The RRF aims to: mobilize funds quickly to respond to emergency situations in NWHS; provide bridging funds in places where longer-term funding is being sought; and catalyse innovative financing mechanisms as part of long-term support programmes.

**Activities:**

Emphasis is primarily on rapid responses, holding threats at bay and assessing threats. Types of eligible expenditure include: equipment and materials; communications; salaries and operating costs (where a site's normal funding mechanisms are blocked e.g. by civil disturbance); targeted information campaigns; technical/ expert assistance to deal with a specific problem; and assessment of threats and medium- to

long-term needs and planned solutions.

**Application details:**

Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions are made on a rolling basis. All sites inscribed onto the List of World Heritage under criterion N(iv) (before 2005) or criterion (x) (from 2005 onwards) are eligible for grants. As are: nominated sites whose inscription to the List of World Heritage was deferred due to immediate threats to their ecological integrity; and, under exceptional circumstances, sites intended for NWS nomination that have been identified by legitimate consensual government processes as meeting the relevant criteria for nomination (e.g. sites having been inscribed on national World Heritage Tentative Lists).

Beneficiaries eligible for grants include: statutory agencies responsible for site management (e.g. national natural resource/wildlife ministries or their designated agencies, park managers, etc); other institutions, including: registered local, national or international NGOs; the private sector (including local and multinational corporations); and multi- and bilateral aid organizations.

**Geographical details:**

Global however grants are to be restricted to developing countries that are eligible for ODA according to the DAC of the OECD.

Guidelines: [http://www.fauna-flora.org/docs/rff\\_funding\\_criteria\\_english.pdf](http://www.fauna-flora.org/docs/rff_funding_criteria_english.pdf)

**Grant information:**

Grants of US\$ 5,000 to US\$ 30,000 are awarded for a period of up to 6 months.

**Contact information:**

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E-mail: [rrf@fauna-flora.org](mailto:rrf@fauna-flora.org)  
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**Rufford Small Grants Foundation  
for Nature Conservation**

**Background:**

The Rufford Small Grants Foundation is a new charity established specifically for the development of Rufford Small Grants for Nature Conservation (RSGs). The Foundation is managed by the Rufford Maurice Laing Foundation.

Rufford Small Grants are aimed at smaller conservation programmes than those covered by the main awards, including pilot projects.

**Activities:**

As well as the conservation of animals in their habitat, the Foundation is also keen to support conservation work focusing on threatened habitats (in general work at a habitat or ecosystem level rather than species-specific work is favoured; however it is recognised that data gathering may be a critical element in developing a conservation or management strategy), and on other organisms such as plants, fungi, or insects. Beyond this, the overriding requirement is that the work must be of a pragmatic nature, and make a substantial and long lasting impact on the issue in question. There will often be a significant human element to a successful proposal, with community education and/or involvement being very important.

**Project example(s):**

Nepal: Community Based Biodiversity Conservation Project (CBCP): the aim is to develop a model user group demonstrating active forest management and biodiversity conservation leading to a win-win situation in community forestry.  
Papua New Guinea: Kokop Village Eco-Forestry & Conservation Pilot Project: the pilot project involves two

components: reforestation and rainforest conservation.

Tanzania: Planting *Prunus africana* in Chagga homegardens; the overall aim is to educate, encourage and mobilize farmers to plant and improve management of *P. africana*, which is an internationally valuable and threatened species, in their agroforestry farming systems.

Geographical details: Global.

Application details:

Eligible are individuals or small groups and projects must be outside the first world. Grants are not normally offered in response to applications for funding for attending conferences and seminars, nor for academic research projects or purely data gathering expeditions; undergraduate projects are not eligible.

Applications are assessed quarterly, with deadlines at the end of January, April, July and October. The official application form must be used: [http://www.rufford.org/rsg/appdocs/RSG\\_Application.doc](http://www.rufford.org/rsg/appdocs/RSG_Application.doc)

Grant information:

The small grants are up to £ 5,000.

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Internet: <http://www.ruffordsmallgrants.org/rsg>

*Information collected 2007/12*

### **Seventh Generation Fund (SGF)**

Background:

SGF supports innovative native community projects that raise awareness and create attention for vital indigenous peoples' issues. This support includes rebuilding native sustainable communities, promoting

traditional economies, developing alternative energy, protecting sacred sites and traditional spiritual practices, pressuring the UN to recognize the rights of indigenous peoples, and establishing national and international coalitions and linkages for social justice.

Activities:

- Arts and Cultural Expression: Projects designed to reaffirm cultural expression and Native community cohesiveness are supported by this initiative.
- Environmental Health and Justice: Support of Indigenous peoples involved in frontline grassroots action, advocacy for environmental and social justice and community organizing; projects shall focus on areas impacted by extractive industries that deplete or ruin precious natural resources or other threats to the ecological balance.
- Indigenous Peoples of the Americas programme: SGF's "international component" assists strategic alliances between indigenous people of North America and peoples of South America including issue advocacy, small grant and technical assistance that facilitates cross-continental collaboration, rebuilding healthy communities, fighting environmental racism and corporate invasion onto indigenous homelands, and revitalizing traditional economies through rebuilding community, regional, and national linkages and trade innovations.
- Sacred Earth: this initiative includes community-based efforts to protect and preserve traditional sacred sites through small grants and technical support.
- Sustainable Communities: provision of seed money, organizational support and technical training to grassroots community-based projects striving for holistic community health and renewal; implement traditional agricultural and

building methods, seek renewable forms of energy, encourage youth involvement and leadership development, and promote cultural education, traditional forms of governance, and strategies for sustainable development.

- Intergenerational Leadership Initiative: Goals are to build cultural knowledge, strengthen identities and self-esteem to empower the youth and preserve the Indigenous cultures for future generations.

Geographical details:

South America: Brazil, Ecuador, Peru;  
North America: Canada, United States.

Application details:

Your proposal must include each of these criteria:

- The project is focused in the Native community with its purpose, design and implementation strategy originating from the Indigenous peoples and/or communities it serves.
- The leadership authority and decision-making activities are clearly vested in the people impacted by the project.
- The project promotes and enhances the language, culture, traditional institutions, values and way of life of its constituents.
- The project demonstrates the capacity and intent to become self-reliant and commits to the development of training and technical assistance strategies to increase self-reliance.
- The project demonstrates the capacity and willingness to carry out its mission in a manner that impacts the largest number of people and broadest segments of their society.
- The project is willing to incorporate internal training processes within its structure and planning in order to increase the number of skilled people in the community.

The Fund accepts proposals that include each of the above-listed criteria. Deadlines for submitting a proposal for small grants: March 1, June 1, September 1, & December 1.

Application form:

[http://www.7genfund.org/generalsgf\\_appform.doc](http://www.7genfund.org/generalsgf_appform.doc)

Grant information:

General support small grants range from US\$ 600 to US\$ 10,000 per year in assistance to seed an emerging organization, to help cover the general operating costs of an existing organization or specific project, or to cover related project-expenses.

Training & Technical Assistance: financial support of US\$ 600 to US\$ 5,000 per year to facilitate project-specific training, pay for experts/special consultants, and/or provide for other capacity building needs like regional workshops, national forums and special conferences.

Mini Grants range between US\$ 50 - US\$ 500. For these grants there are no deadlines; proposals may be submitted at any time during the year in the form of a one or two-page letter that includes a proposed budget for the project.

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**Sigrid Rausing Trust Small Grants**

Background:

Sigrid Rausing is a publisher, anthropologist and philanthropist, who founded her charitable trust (the Sigrid Rausing Trust) in 1995. The Trust has five main areas of interest; Human Rights, Women's Rights and Advocacy,

Minority Rights, Environmental Justice, and Social and Economic Rights.

The Trust mainly supports groups that work internationally. In recent years a substantial part of the international work has concentrated on groups that sub-grant to grass-roots organisations. The Trust has always emphasised the importance of supporting women, not only by supporting women's organisations, but also by encouraging all the groups that are funded to consider the gender implications of their work.

**Activities:**

The Trust's funding is divided into five categories:

- Human Rights: research, support and advocacy;
- Women's Rights: social and economic participation, and implementation of rights;
- Minority Rights: marginalised indigenous and minority people, lesbian and gay rights, and refugees and migrants;
- Environmental Justice;
- Social and Economic Rights: corporate and institutional accountability, and labour rights.

Most of the work of the Trust is in the field of international human rights. The Trustees are interested in lasting social change, and in forming long-term partnerships with the organisations the Trust supports.

The small grants programme was set up in recognition of the excellent and effective work that is carried out by smaller groups. Grants are made to small organisations that work within the Trust's guidelines and fall within the trustees' fields of interest.

**Project example(s):**

Kyrgyzstan: Tendesh: Advocacy/education group trying to prevent violence towards women in small communities in rural Kyrgyzstan.  
Zimbabwe: Women in Politics Support Unit: To support and promote women in parliament and local government in Zimbabwe in non-partisan way.

Mongolia: Mongolian Women's Fund: For small grants to Mongolian women's organisations.

Geographic details: Global.

**Application details:**

Though unsolicited applications in this category are not often accepted, there is an open pre-application process. Write a one page letter, on headed paper, with the following information: purpose and goals of the organisation, project for which funding is requested, amount being asked for, total budget of the organisation and the project, and some biographical details of the group leadership. The Trust is interested in rights based advocacy and not the delivery of services. Grants are frequently made on the recommendation of a larger group already funded by the Trust, whose work and leadership is well known and valued by the trustees. Priority is given to groups, often in the global south, that do not easily have access to alternative sources of funding.

**Grant information:**

Grants are up to £ 10,000.

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**TRIAS**

**Background:**

TRIAS is a development oriented NGO that strengthens the capacity of individuals and groups of people to develop themselves and - through concerted action - to consolidate their economic and social progress. TRIAS especially seeks to enhance the social and economic security of small

entrepreneurs and farmers in the South.

**Activities:**

TRIAS enforces farmers and entrepreneurs in the South through capacity building, small grants and by helping them start up systems of micro financing so that new impulses are given to the local development. People in the South are able to increase on their own the prosperity of their family. And at the same time enforce their own solidarity network and the local, economical community.

**Project example(s):**

South Africa: project to promote the integration of marginalised small-scale farmers into the agriculture and horticulture sector in the Western Cape province.

Uganda: support to the farmers in Hoima, Kibaale en Masindi Districts: (in collaboration with the Catholic Diocese of Hoima) aiming at increasing agriculture production and income of the small-scale farmers.

**Geographical details:**

Africa: Dem. Rep. Congo, Ghana, Guinea, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda; Asia: Philippines, Vietnam; Central & South America: Brazil, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Peru.

Application details: n/a

**Financial information:**

Total expenses for projects 2006: € 7.763.196.

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## **UNDP-GEF Small Grants Programme**

**Background:**

Established in 1992 and funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) as a corporate programme, SGP is implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on behalf of the three GEF implementing agencies, and executed by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).

Its mission is to provide financial and technical support to projects in developing countries that conserve and restore the natural world while enhancing well-being and livelihoods.

**Activities:**

SGP supports activities of non-governmental and community-based organizations in developing countries towards climate change abatement, conservation of biodiversity, protection of international waters, reduction of the impact of persistent organic pollutants and prevention of land degradation while generating sustainable livelihoods.

GEF/SGP grants are awarded for activities, which support community-level action in the following areas of focus:

- **Biodiversity:** Projects are funded that support or promote the conservation and sustainable use and management of biodiversity in ecosystems (including agro biodiversity and agro-ecological systems). The operational programs are restricted to in situ conservation activities and the conservation of the genetic variability of wild relatives of domesticated species. Projects should be located in areas that contain globally significant biodiversity.
- **Climate Change:** SGP climate change projects are implemented according to the following GEF operational programmes: OP 5: Removing barriers to energy

- efficiency and energy conservation; OP6: Promoting the adoption of renewable energy by removing barriers and reducing implementation costs; OP 11: Promoting environmentally sustainable transport; OP 12: Crosscutting issues related to energy, climate change and integrated ecosystem management.
- International Waters: SGP will fund international waters projects under four general circumstances: 1) In the context of a collaboration with an on-going large or medium-sized GEF project; 2) Guided by the priorities and institutional structures laid out in TDAs and SAPs produced by completed GEF projects; 3) In collaboration with well-established multi-country regional agreements with specific plans of action, to which GEF projects may or may not have contributed; 4) In situations where TDAs, SAPs or other agreements have not been developed, but a primary threat to a transboundary water body have been clearly substantiated through other means. When such a threat arises from activities in two or more countries, SGP could fund projects that bring together NGOs and/or CBOs from those countries to address them. When the threat can be shown to stem from activities within a single country, SGP could fund projects involving NGOs or CBOs within that country.
  - Land degradation and Desertification: Initiatives include: conservation and restoration of arid and semi-arid areas; efficient stoves and biogas to reduce forest loss; integrated watershed management; soil conservation; afforestation; prevention of forest fires; and organic farming among others. A number of projects address policy and other barriers to mitigating land degradation (e.g. land tenure, access to natural resources).
  - Persistent Organic Pollutants: POP-1: Targeted (foundational) capacity building, which refers to the preparation of National Implementation Plans (NIPs) providing a framework for the development and implementation of policy and regulatory reforms, capacity building, and investments, as well as awareness raising among different stakeholders, and dissemination of information on integrated management of POPs, including best management practices; POP-2: Implementation of Policy/Regulatory Reforms and Investments, which refers to the actual realization of what is planned in the NIPs; POP-3: Demonstration of Innovative and Cost-Effective Technologies and Practices, which may include non-combustion technologies for disposal of products, clean production, phase-out of PCBs, alternatives to DDT, and practices with multi-focal area benefits among others.
- Geographic details: Global.
- Application details:  
To be eligible for GEF/SGP support, a project proposed for funding must fit the GEF/SGP country programme strategy and country-specific eligibility criteria approved by the NSC. It must also be consistent with the Operational Strategy and relevant Operational Programs established by the GEF:
- In the biodiversity focal area, activities must promote the conservation and sustainable use of biological resources in arid and semi-arid ecosystems; coastal, marine and freshwater ecosystems; forest ecosystems; or mountain ecosystems.
  - In the area of climate change, activities must either demonstrate the removal of local barriers to energy conservation and energy efficiency, or promote the adoption of renewable energy.



- In the international waters focal area, activities must address environmental concerns in a specific water body shared by two or more countries (such as freshwater drainage basin that is regionally significant or a large marine ecosystem), or address land-based threats to international waters.
  - SGP may support sustainable land management through the following activities: (i) sustainable agriculture based on soil and water conservation through, improved tillage methods, agro forestry approaches to reduce erosion, promotion of suitable land uses (including protection from farming where necessary), and improved management of agricultural waste; (ii) sustainable rangeland/pasture management and ground water conservation namely through strengthening of viable traditional systems, mechanisms to resolve conflicts over land use, community-based protection, rehabilitation, fire management, ground water recharge; and (iii) forest and woodland management, especially in non-protected forests, such as promoting viable indigenous management systems, rehabilitation of degraded deforested areas, and by introducing "fees for ecosystem services" and community woodlots for fuel wood.
  - The involvement of the GEF in addressing POPs and other global contaminants dates back to 1995 in its work on transboundary water bodies. Following the adoption of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants in May 2001, the GEF Assembly designated POPs as one of the six GEF focal areas, making POPs a major focus of GEF assistance. Potential SGP activities in this focal area include: (i) promoting access to and the transfer of environmentally sound alternative technologies, products, and management practices (including indigenous knowledge), such as integrated pest and vector management; (ii) demonstrating viable and cost-effective alternatives to POPs products; (iii) organizing capacity building workshops on POPs; (iv) promoting organic farming; (v) generating business opportunities including the marketing of POPs substitutes; (vi) encouraging composting, marketing and use of locally composted humus; (vii) promotion of non-POPs alternatives to vector borne disease control; and (viii) monitoring of local inventories of POPs in humans, wildlife and the environment.
- Several different kinds of activities are eligible for funding by SGP:
- Community-based assessment and planning (planning grants): Small amounts of grant funds (typically no more than US\$ 2,000) are available to support pre-project participatory assessment and planning activities designed to strengthen community participation in project identification and development.
  - Pilot demonstration activities: Most funded projects are activities that test and demonstrate the viability of innovative community-level approaches to global environmental problems.
  - Although most demonstration projects include capacity development components, grants may be awarded for targeted technical assistance and training activities which focus on developing CBO and NGO capacities in the GEF focal areas.
  - Monitoring and analysis: Grants funds may also be made available to intermediary NGOs and research centres (including universities) to support programme monitoring; to help identify, assess, and document best practices; and to prepare case studies of SGP-supported projects. The use of participatory

methods in monitoring and analysis activities is encouraged.

- Dissemination, networking, and policy dialogue: In order to leverage SGP project experience, grant funds are available to support dissemination of innovations and best practices, relevant networking activities, and policy dialogue efforts aimed at promoting a supportive policy environment for community-level action in the GEF focal areas.

In addition to meeting the basic GEF criteria, priority is given to activities that:

- Facilitate community participation in their design, implementation, and evaluation.
- Improve household and community access to productive assets and income/employment opportunities.
- Consider gender roles and relationships, with a focus on the needs of women.
- Recognize the roles and importance of indigenous knowledge and resource management systems, and of local institutions and patterns of social organization.
- Support approaches to technology adoption and diffusion that engage stakeholders directly and take into account their needs and priorities.
- Expand community access to local sources of technical assistance and training.
- Include local contributions and cost sharing by stakeholders.

Grant information:

The maximum grant amount per project is US\$ 50,000, but averages around US\$ 20,000.

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### **Urgent Action Fund Africa (UAF Africa)**

Background:

Urgent Action Fund-Africa is the independent sister fund of Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights. UAF-Africa supports women's groups in Africa to build peace in their communities, demand justice for gender-based violence, set legal precedents that protect the rights of women and girls and provide for their own increased security and protection.

UAF-Africa's work is organized around three thematic areas:

- Peace building: activities include promoting women's perspectives in peace making/peace building and in post-conflict transformation and reconstruction efforts.
- Transitional justice: incorporates UAF-Africa's efforts to engender post conflict processes such as Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commissions, constitution making, national as well as international tribunals.
- Rapid response grant making: this programme provides small amounts of money in time-urgent situations to women's rights groups throughout Africa.

Activities:

Rapid-Response Grant making: UAF-Africa provides small grants to support strategic interventions that take advantage of unanticipated opportunities to advance women's human rights or to safeguard rights that have already been won. Such opportunities arise when an unexpected event - positive or negative - creates a situation in which an immediate response can have a significant impact. UAF-Africa's grants support short-term measures that

comprise vital elements of long-term strategies for advancing women's human rights.

UAF-Africa funds mainly in the following three categories: Interventions in situations of armed conflict, escalating violence or politically volatile environments; potentially precedent-setting legal or legislative action; and/or protection of women human rights defenders who are threatened because of their activism.

Geographic details: Africa

Application details:  
Grant requests may be made directly to Urgent Action Fund-Africa or referred through individuals and organizations already known to us. We can respond more quickly to requests that arrive with an endorsement from one of our advisors, another funder, or a known member of the women's human rights community.

Proposals are accepted in any official language; however, requests received in languages other than English, Portuguese, Kiswahili or French may require additional time for translation.

Grant information:  
UAF-Africa provides grants of up to US\$ 5,000

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### **Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights (UAF)**

Background:  
Urgent Action Fund, as part of women's rights movements worldwide, supports women's rights defenders working to create cultures of justice, equality and peace. We provide rapid response grants that enable strategic interventions, and participate in collaborative advocacy and research.

The Fund responds to women activists who have a strategy in place and are facing an unanticipated situation requiring immediate intervention to ensure gains made are not lost, or to take advantage of a unique opportunity to advance a campaign already underway.

Activities:  
The Fund is both a grant maker and an initiator of programs, engaging in a range of activities to equip women's human rights activists with the resources necessary to respond to emerging conflict or crisis.  
Rapid Response Grant making: the UAF provides small grants to support strategic interventions that take advantage of opportunities to advance women's human rights. Such opportunities arise when an unexpected event – positive or negative – creates a situation in which rapid intervention can have a significant impact.  
Grant making Categories are: situations of armed conflict, escalating violence or politically volatile environments; precedent-setting legal or legislative action; and/or protection of women's human rights defenders.

Geographic details:  
Global with the exception of Africa.

Application details:  
Regardless of category, grant proposals must demonstrate all of these criteria:

- strategic: the action is related to a pre-determined plan to create structural change that will advance women's human rights;
- unanticipated and Time Urgent: the situation or opportunity is unanticipated and action must happen quickly to be effective;
- sustainable: the group is able to carry out the proposed action effectively, and can secure funding for future work related to the strategy;
- supported: the group has the support of others involved in women's human rights or related fields, locally or globally.

Note: the UAF is not able to make grants for humanitarian efforts, general program activities, or individual participation at conferences or special events.

#### Grant information:

There are no geographic restrictions for UAF grants. All requests from the continent of Africa should be sent to UAF-Africa. The UAF accepts grant proposals in any language. The Fund will respond to your request within 72 hours; however, proposals in languages other than English, Spanish, Russian or French may require additional time for translation. Once a grant has been approved, funds can usually be delivered within a week. The UAF grants are intended to enable short-term interventions in the course of long-term strategies for advancing women's human rights. You have the option to request that your application remain confidential.

Grants usually range between US\$ 1,000 and 5,000.

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### **Wetlands and Poverty Reduction Project Seed Funding Facility**

#### Background:

Till the end of 2008 the WPRP's Seed Funding Facility will make € 350,000 available to support partnership processes in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The Facility will not fund projects – only the development of project proposals.

The Seed Funding Facility will provide funds to support conservation and development sectoral organisations to work collaboratively together and engage with local and regional actors in the development of project proposals that address wetlands-poverty issues.

#### Activities:

The Seed Funds support conservation and development organisations in the South to collaborate with local actors in developing project proposals dealing with poverty reduction and sustainable use of wetlands.

#### Geographical details:

The Seed Funding Facility welcomes project concepts from any country in Africa, Asia and Latin America on the DAC1 List of Aid Recipients, however, within this list, the WPRP will give priority to the following countries:  
Africa: Ethiopia, Kenya, Mali, Malawi, Mauretania, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia; Asia: China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia; Central & South America: Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Nicaragua.

#### Application details:

Application details:

To be eligible for consideration under the Seed Funding Facility, project concepts must meet the following minimum criteria:

1. Partnership: project concepts must be submitted by a collaborative partnership involving organizations from the development and conservation sectors.
2. Issue and focus: project concepts must combine a pro-poor ecosystem-based approach that focuses on sustainable livelihoods and address the critical links between wetlands, water and poverty.
3. Local participation and gender: the partnership must integrate and work directly with local people taking special account of the needs of women, the vulnerable and other minority groups.
4. Influencing policy: project concepts must indicate how they intend to influence policy processes and achieve policy change at the local and regional levels.
5. Eligibility: see Geographic details.

**Grant information:**

The maximum amount that can be requested under the Seed Funding Facility is € 25.000. Maximum amount under the Seed Funding Facility will be granted only in exceptional cases.

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**World Bank Small Grants Program**

**Background:**

Created in 1983, the Small Grants Program (SGP) is one of the few global programs of the World Bank that directly funds civil society organizations. With funds from the Development Grants Facility, the

program is administered through the Country Offices. NGOs and other civil society organizations that are interested in participating in the Program should contact the local World Bank Country Office.

The purpose of the SGP is to strengthen the voice and influence of poor and marginalized groups in the development processes, thereby making these processes more inclusive and equitable. Thus, it supports activities of civil society organizations whose primary objective is civic engagement of the poor and marginalized populations. By involving citizens who are often excluded from the public arena, and by increasing their capacity to influence policy and program decisions, the SGP helps facilitate ownership of development initiatives by a broader sector of society.

**Activities:**

The Program supports activities whose primary objective is civic engagement. In addition: activities may include, but are not limited to, workshops and seminars to enhance civic engagement skills and/or knowledge; appropriate communication campaigns to influence policymaking or public service delivery; or innovative networking efforts to build the capacity of the particular sector. Furthermore should the activity be completed within one year of the date the grant is awarded.

Not funded are: Research programs, formal academic training programs, operational projects, ongoing institutional core support (such as equipment), scholarships, fellowships, study programs, individuals applying on their own behalf, or non-legal entities.

**Application details:**

The Program is administered by participating World Bank Country Offices. Not all Country Offices participate in the Small Grants Program. Guidelines and application forms are available from the participating World Bank Country Office. The SGP makes decisions only

once a year by June. Organizations should apply at least 4 to 6 months in advance of the date of the grant activity. Applicants are advised to read the criteria and the application form carefully before submitting an application to the participating Country Office. Attention: Requests and proposals should not be sent to the World Bank Office in Washington D.C.

Apply can CSOs based in a developing country and working on issues of development. These CSOs must be in good standing, as well as have a record of achievement in the community and record of financial probity. Priority will be given to organizations not supported by the Program in previous years (organizations are not eligible for more than three grants from the SGP within a five-year period).

Grant information:  
Most grants are in the range of US\$ 3,000 to 7,000 with a maximum of US\$ 15,000. The SGP rarely funds

more than half of the proposed budget and therefore prefers that its grants help leverage additional contributions from other sources. Applicant organizations are asked to describe how a grant from the World Bank might help them to raise matching funds from other donors.

Contact information:

For a list of participating Country Offices please check:

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/EXTSOCIALDEVELOPMENT/EXTSMALLGRANTS/0,,contentMDK:20507441~menuPK:1234307~pagePK:64168445~piPK:64168309~theSitePK:952535,00.html>

For Contact names of NGO/CS Specialists in World Bank Country Offices please check:

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