

# FUNDING RESOURCES

FOR COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS IN AFRICA

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This resource guide was compiled by New Field Foundation and updated by UAF-Africa. Please note that this is not a complete list, but a work in progress. It only includes organizations that have confirmed their information and given permission to be included. If you have any changes to your organization's listing or any recommended additions, please contact Yuri Futamura, Foundation Administrator, at [yuri@newfieldfound.org](mailto:yuri@newfieldfound.org) or +1-415-561-3417 and Alice Mutuma of UAF-Africa at [alice@urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke](mailto:alice@urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke). The guide will be updated annually.

## FUNDERS DIRECTORY

Organization	Contact Info	Grantmaking Info
African Women's Development Fund (AWDF)	25, Yiyiwa Street, Abelenkpe, Accra PMB CT 89 Cantonments, Accra Ghana Phone: +233-21-780476 Fax: +233-21-782-502 Primary contact: Stella Kofie-Yariga, Senior Program Manager (Grants) Email: <a href="mailto:grants@awdf.org">grants@awdf.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.awdf.org">www.awdf.org</a>	<i>Geographic focus:</i> Africa-wide <i>Issue focus:</i> women's human rights; political participation; peace building; health, reproductive rights and HIV/AIDS; economic empowerment <i>Grant size:</i> \$1,000 - \$30,000 <i>Application process:</i> see website for application guidelines; applications accepted throughout the year
American Jewish World Service (AJWS)	45 West 36 <sup>th</sup> Street, 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10018-7904 USA Phone: +1-800-889-7146/+1-212-736-2597 Fax: +1-212-736-3463 Primary contact: Amarylis Estrella, Grants Administrator Email: <a href="mailto:grants@ajws.org">grants@ajws.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.ajws.org">www.ajws.org</a>	<i>Geographic focus:</i> Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe <i>Issue focus:</i> civil society, economic development, education, health, HIV/AIDS, sustainable agriculture, women's empowerment <i>Grant size:</i> \$3,000 - \$30,000 <i>Application process:</i> see website for application guidelines or write to primary contact; letters of inquiry accepted throughout the year and grants are awarded twice annually
Firelight Foundation	740 Front Street, Suite 380 Santa Cruz, CA 95060 USA Phone: +1-831-429-8750 Fax: +1-831-429-2036 Primary contact: Jennifer Anderson-Bahr, Senior Program Officer Email: <a href="mailto:info@firelightfoundation.org">info@firelightfoundation.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.firelightfoundation.org">www.firelightfoundation.org</a>	<i>Geographic focus:</i> Lesotho, Malawi, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe <i>Issue focus:</i> children orphaned or affected by HIV/AIDS <i>Grant size:</i> one-year grants of \$1,000 - \$10,000 <i>Application process:</i> see website for application guidelines; letters of inquiry from groups new to Firelight accepted once annually in March and letters of inquiry from groups previously funded by Firelight accepted once annually in October

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Fund for Global Human Rights (FGHR)	1634 I Street, NW, Suite 1001 Washington, D.C. 20006 USA Phone: +1-202-347-7488 Fax: +1-202-783-8499 Primary contact: Sarah Barnes, Director of Administration Email: info@globalhumanrights.org Website: www.globalhumanrights.org	<i>Geographic focus:</i> Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Uganda <i>Issue focus:</i> human rights, including women's rights <i>Grant size:</i> one-year grants of \$5,000-\$30,000 <i>Application process:</i> see website for application guidelines; applications accepted once annually per country
Global Fund for Women (GFW)	1375 Sutter Street, Suite #400 San Francisco, CA 94109 USA Phone: +1-415-202-7640 Fax: +1-415-202-8604 Primary contact: Muadi Mukenge, Program Officer for Africa Email: ssafrica@globalfundforwomen.org Website: www.globalfundforwomen.org	<i>Geographic focus:</i> Africa-wide <i>Issue focus:</i> women's human rights (health and reproductive rights, economic empowerment, civic and political participation, building peace, promoting education and literacy) <i>Grant size:</i> \$500 - \$20,000 (average 1 <sup>st</sup> grant is \$8,000) <i>Application process:</i> see website for application details; open and rolling process; grants awarded quarterly
Global Greengrants Fund	2840 Wilderness Place, Suite A Boulder, CO 80301 USA Phone: +1-303-939-9866 Fax: +1-303-939-9867 Primary contact: Chris Allan Email: info@greengrants.org Website: www.greengrants.org	<i>Geographic focus:</i> Africa-wide <i>Issue focus:</i> environment <i>Grant size:</i> \$500 - \$5,000 <i>Application process:</i> does not accept unsolicited proposals or applications
KIOS - Finnish NGO Foundation for Human Rights	Aleksanterinkatu 48 A 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor 00100 Helsinki, Finland Phone: +358-9-6813 1532 Fax: +358-9-6813-1531 Primary contact: Sari Naskinen, Project Coordinator for Africa Email: kios@kios.fi Website: www.kios.fi	<i>Geographic focus:</i> East Africa, post-conflict countries and countries with weak mechanisms for protecting human rights <i>Issue focus:</i> Human rights, including: democratic rights, right to education, gender equality <i>Grant size:</i> up to 50,000 EUR <i>Application process:</i> see website for application details; applications accepted throughout the year, followed by 3 – 6 month assessment and processing

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The National Endowment for Democracy (NED)	1025 F Street, NW, Suite 800 Washington, D.C. 20004 USA Phone: +1-202-293-9072 Fax: +1-202-223-6042 Primary contact: Christopher Wyrod, Program Officer for Africa Email: info@ned.org Website: www.ned.org	<i>Geographic focus:</i> Africa-wide <i>Issue focus:</i> political and economic freedom, strong civil society, independent media, human rights, rule of law <i>Grant size:</i> \$20,000 - \$100,000 <i>Application process:</i> see website for application guidelines; applications accepted throughout the year and grants awarded quarterly
New Field Foundation	1016 Lincoln Boulevard Mailbox 14, 3rd Floor San Francisco CA 94129, USA Phone: +1-415-561-3417 Fax: +1-415-561-3419 Primary contact: Jocelyne Takatsuno, Operations Manager Email: proposals@newfieldfound.org Website: www.newfieldfound.org	<i>Geographic focus:</i> primarily West Africa (see website for specific countries) <i>Issue focus:</i> women and their families overcoming poverty, violence and injustice in their communities <i>Grant size:</i> 1 – 2 year grants of \$7,500-\$75,000 per year <i>Application process:</i> see website for application guidelines
The Norwegian Human Rights Fund (NHRF)	Postal address: P.O. Box 6890 St.Olavs plass, N-0130 Oslo, Norway Physical address: c/o Norwegian Red Cross, Hausmannsgate 7, Oslo, Norway Phone: +47-22-05-44-70/71 Fax: +47-22-05-44-72 Primary contact: Tale Longva, Executive Director Email: tale.longva@nhrf.no Website: www.nhrf.no	<i>Geographic focus:</i> Low and middle income countries, including priorities countries of Zimbabwe and Liberia <i>Issue focus:</i> human rights <i>Grant size:</i> up to \$20,000 <i>Application process:</i> see website for application guidelines; applications accepted throughout the year



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Rockefeller Brothers Fund	437 Madison Avenue, 37 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10022-7001 USA Phone: +1-212-812-4200 Fax: +1-212-812-4299 Primary contact: Nancy Muirhead, Assistant Secretary and Program Officer Email: nmuirhead@rbf.org Website: www.rbg.org	<i>Geographic focus:</i> South Africa <i>Issue focus:</i> improving basic education, assisting orphans and vulnerable children, addressing the societal impact of HIV/AIDS, <i>Grant size:</i> South Africa grants range from \$10,000 to \$70,000 per year <i>Application process:</i> see website for application guidelines; 2 – 3 page letters of inquiry in English are received throughout the year on a rolling basis and grants awarded quarterly
Urgent Action Fund-Africa	Urgent Action Fund - Africa CVS Plaza, 2nd Floor, Kasuku Road, Off Lenana Road P O Box 53841-00200, Nairobi Kenya • Tel/Fax: +254-20 2301740, 2351397, 0726 577 560 Email: info@urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke • Website: www.urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke	<i>Geographic focus:</i> Africa-wide <i>Issue focus:</i> Conflict, Precedent-setting legal or legislative action and the protection of women's human rights defenders <i>Grant size:</i> maximum of US\$5,000 <i>Application process:</i> see website for application guidelines; applications accepted and grants awarded throughout the year; UAF-Africa will respond within 72 hours either with an acknowledgement, decline or follow-up
The Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (VGIF)	3 West 29 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1002, New York, NY 10001 USA Phone: +1-212-213-0622 Fax: +1-212-213-0684 Primary contact: Fay Kittelson Email: vgif@vgif.org Website: www.vgif.org	<i>Geographic focus:</i> Africa-wide <i>Issue focus:</i> grants to improve the lives of women and children through projects for educational activities, leadership training, community development, and advancement of international understanding and cooperation <i>Grant size:</i> \$2,000 - \$5,000 <i>Application process:</i> see website for application guidelines and grant history; proposals received by Nov 1 and awarded in April the following year



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African Grantmakers Network	Address: Lot 87, Sacré Coeur 3 Pyrotechnie X VDN BP 45435, Dakar-Fann, Senegal Tel: +221 33 869 4686 Email: info@africangrantmakers.org	The African Grantmakers Network brings together grantmaking organisations from all over Africa to consolidate the voice for African Philanthropy.
East Africa Association of Grantmakers	Rattansi Educational Trust Building, Koinange Street P0 Box 49626-00100, Nairobi, Tel: +254- 020 315773 Fax: +254 -020 2244470 Email: Info@eaag.org	The EAAG is a support institution for member organizations to enable them not only enhance their Grantmaking practices but also achieve long term Organizational and financial stability
Ford Foundation Africa	P.O. Box 41081, 00100 Nairobi, Kenya Tel: (+254) 20-2710444 Fax: (+254) 20-2712203 Email: ford-nairobi@fordfoundation.org	The foundation has provided significant support to advance the region's two decades of progressive reform. Our strategy focuses on consolidating and continuing this quest. We believe the success and impact of our work will be determined and measured by how women and youth engage with and benefit from the progressive change effort to establish equitable, democratic, economically secure and peaceful societies in the region.
UHAI: The East African Sexual Health and Rights Initiative (EASHRI)	3rd Flr, Suite 5, Rosami Court Muringa Rd Kilimani P.O. Box 27611 - 00100 Nairobi Kenya Email: info(at)uhai-eashri.org <a href="http://www.uhai-eashri.org">http://www.uhai-eashri.org</a>	UHAI-EASHRI is a grant-making initiative which aims to provide flexible and accessible resources to support civil society activism around issues of sexuality, health and human rights in the East African region (). In its grant-making and convening roles.

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Mama Cash	P.O. Box 15686 1001 ND AMSTERDAM The Netherlands <a href="http://www.mamacash.org/">www.mamacash.org/</a>	<p>Mama Cash is the oldest international women's fund - established in the Netherlands in 1983. She supports pioneering and innovative women's initiatives around the world, because she believes that social change starts with women and girls.</p> <p>In the last ten years Mama Cash has awarded nearly 19,000,000 to advance women and girls' human rights. She is active in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Commonwealth of Independent States. Check the website for details on how to apply for funding.</p>
HIVOS - Humanist Institute for Development Cooperation	Programme Officer Gender, Women and Development East Africa and Sri Lanka Hivos , Raamweg 16 2596 HL, The Hague The Netherlands	Hivos is a non-governmental organisation, rooted in The Netherlands and guided by humanist values, that wants to contribute to a free, fair and sustainable world where citizens, women and men, have equal access to resources, opportunities and markets and can participate actively and equally in decision-making processes that determine their lives, their society and their future.
TrustAfrica	Lot 87, Sacré Coeur 3 Pyrotechnie x VDN BP 45 435 Dakar-Fann, Sénégal Tél.: +221 33 869 46 86 Fax: +221 33 824 15 67 <a href="mailto:info@trustafrica.org">info@trustafrica.org</a> <a href="http://www.trustafrica.org">www.trustafrica.org</a>	Although TrustAfrica does not accept unsolicited proposals, we make grants to a limited number of promising initiatives that emerge in our workshops. These major grants for collaborative projects tend to fuse multiple strategies (like research, advocacy, dialogue, or creativity) and connect organizations from different countries and regions.



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TrustAfrica	Lot 87, Sacré Coeur 3 Pyrotechnie x VDN BP 45 435 Dakar-Fann, Sénégal Tél.: +221 33 869 46 86 Fax: +221 33 824 15 67 info@trustafrica.org www.trustafrica.org	Although TrustAfrica does not accept unsolicited proposals, we make grants to a limited number of promising initiatives that emerge in our workshops. These major grants for collaborative projects tend to fuse multiple strategies (like research, advocacy, dialogue, or creativity) and connect organizations from different countries and regions.
Tet Ansanm Fund	1405 Emerson Street, NW Washington DC 20011-3827 USA	Tides does not have discretionary grantmaking funds and has no open proposal submission process. Rather, we partner with individual and institutional donors who have donor advised funds at Tides and direct their own grantmaking. Most of the funds at Tides do not accept unsolicited proposals.
Fund for Non Violence	Fund for Nonviolence 303 Potrero # 54 Santa Cruz, CA 95060 USA	The Fund for Nonviolence cultivates and supports efforts to bring about social change that moves humanity towards a more just and compassionate coexistence. We focus on social justice for marginalized communities and, in particular, on elevating the voices and leadership of people from those communities.
AWOMI-African Women Millennium Initiative	Route de l'aéroport X rue banque BST, Yoff Layenne BP 50409 Dakar-Fann Dakar , Senegal	The African Women's Millennium Initiative on Poverty and Human Rights (AWOMI) is an organization that was founded in May 2005 to spearhead the progressive empowerment of African women and youth who suffer conditions of extreme poverty and infringed rights



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OSI	Open Society Institute 400 West 59th Street New York, New York 10019 <a href="http://www.soros.org/initiatives/osiea">http://www.soros.org/initiatives/osiea</a>	The Open Society Foundations work to improve the lives of the world's most vulnerable people and to promote human rights, justice, and accountability.
Astraea Lesbian Foundation For Justice	116 East 16th Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10003 Phone: 1.212.529.8021 Fax: 1.212.982.3321 <a href="mailto:info@astraeafoundation.org">info@astraeafoundation.org</a> <a href="http://www.astraeafoundation.org">www.astraeafoundation.org</a>	Astraea is a dynamic global foundation providing critically needed financial support to lesbian-led, trans, LGBTI and progressive organizations. It started in 1977, when a small group of women created a multi-racial, multi-class, feminist foundation in order to address the lack of funding for women-specifically lesbians and women of color
Canadian International Development Agency-Gesp	P.O Box 00200-63005 Nairobi, Kenya Humanity United 1991 Broadway, Suite 320 Redwood City, California 94063 USA	The Humanity United team provides resources and support to partner organizations and the larger community working to end modern-day slavery and mass atrocities.
Tides Foundation	P.O. Box 29903, San Francisco CA 94129-00903 USA <a href="http://www.tides.org">http://www.tides.org</a>	Tides actively promotes change toward broadly shared economic opportunity, robust democratic processes and the opportunity to live in a healthy and sustainable environment where human rights are preserved and protected. Founded in 1976, we partner with forward-thinking philanthropists, foundations, activists and organizations to make the world a better place.

## FUNDER NETWORKS

*Note: Some Africa funders participate in grantmaker networks. These networks provide opportunities for learning and collaboration among Africa funders. These networks DO NOT make grants themselves. They are not able to directly assist non-profit organizations in their efforts to obtain funding, and organizations should not submit proposals to these networks. However, their websites provide useful information, resources and advice for grantseekers.*

Network	Website	Brief description
Africa Grantmakers Affinity Group (AGAG)	<a href="http://www.africagrantmakers.org/">http://www.africagrantmakers.org/</a>	Membership network of 30+ foundations currently funding in Africa or are interested in funding in Africa; website provides basic information on AGAG member foundations including a searchable database of where their members fund and a list of resources for grantseekers
Grantmakers Without Borders (Gw/oB)	<a href="http://www.gwob.net/">http://www.gwob.net/</a>	Network of public and private foundations, as well as individual donors, who practice global social change philanthropy.
International Human Rights Funders' Group (IHRFG)	<a href="http://www.ihrfg.org">www.ihrfg.org</a>	Association of grantmakers devoted to supporting efforts to achieve the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Right and the treaties and laws it has generated so that all people may enjoy a truly and fully human existence; website provides funders directory.



## FUNDRAISING RESOURCES

Resource	Contact Details	Services
Foundation Center	<a href="http://www.foundationcenter.org">www.foundationcenter.org</a>	Proposal Writing Tips: <a href="http://fdncenter.org/learn/shortcourse/prop1.html">http://fdncenter.org/learn/shortcourse/prop1.html</a> Online Fundraising Courses: <a href="http://fdncenter.org/learn/classroom/index.jhtml">http://fdncenter.org/learn/classroom/index.jhtml</a>
Fahamu	<a href="http://fahamu.org/">http://fahamu.org/</a>	Proposals That Make a Difference CD-ROM: <a href="http://fahamu.org/proposals.php">http://fahamu.org/proposals.php</a> Online Fundraising & Resource Mobilization Course: <a href="http://www.securegiving.co.uk/shop/fahamu/index2.html">http://www.securegiving.co.uk/shop/fahamu/index2.html</a>
Global Fund for Women	<a href="http://www.globalfundforwomen.org">www.globalfundforwomen.org</a>	Women's Fundraising Handbook: <a href="http://globalfundforwomen.org/resources/fundraising-handbook/1-intro.html">http://globalfundforwomen.org/resources/fundraising-handbook/1-intro.html</a>



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