

Grant Title: IREX SMALL GRANTS FUND - AFRICA

Area of Research: Opportunities to support education, media, and civil society projects in Africa that will strengthen civic engagement, professionalism and independence in media, the quality of and access to basic education, as well as training for professionals in these fields.

Application Deadline: Rolling deadlines.

Amount: Up to \$10,000 per project.

Length of Support: According to project.

Eligible applicants: Local private, nongovernmental institutions in Africa.

Agency/ Department: International Research & Exchange Board

Summary: This program is designed to support education, media, and civil society projects in Africa that will strengthen civic engagement, professionalism and independence in media, the quality of and access to basic education, as well as training for professionals in these fields. *Education:* Training for in-service and pre-service education professionals, to include curriculum development and teaching methodologies; and/or training in educational leadership for school administrators; Vocational training or educational programs addressing child labor or trafficking, child soldiers, HIV/AIDS, learning disabilities or special needs. *Media:* Journalism training, to include basic reporting skills, environmental reporting, business and economics reporting, investigative reporting, and other specialized reporting skills; Media advocacy, to include education on the value of professional media, development of media legislation, community outreach, and training in issues related to free media; Institutional development of media and media-related institutions, to include support for equipment and operational costs. *Civil Society:* Institutional development of civil society organizations, to include support for training and technical assistance. Preference given to organizations and/or initiatives focused on advocacy, transparency and accountability, anti-corruption and/or citizen participation; Women's empowerment initiatives that promote the full participation of women in all levels of economic, political and /or social life. Special use of technology encouraged.

Detailed Information: <http://www.irex.org/programs/sgf/index.asp>