

Wikimedia Grantmaking

Overview and Statistics

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Three Grant Types

- Wikimedia Foundation has been making **Wikimedia Grants** since 2009
 - <http://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Grants:Index>
- WMDE and WMF have been making **Participation Grants** since 2011
 - <http://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Grants:Participation>
- WMF has been making **annual operating grants** since the fiscal year 2011-2012.
 - <http://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Grants:Annual/Draft>

Wikimedia Grants Overview

- Open to chapters (till 2011), now to any individual or organization, whether or not formally affiliated with Wikimedia or its projects
- Simple, public application
- Open, public discussion (sometimes frustrating)
 - Community input via Grant Advisory Committee (GAC)
- Open, public approval of proposals
- Open, public reporting about executed grants

Grants awarded 2011-2012

- In FY 2011-12 the WMF grants program received a total of 39 grant requests:
 - 27 approved requests (including 4 annual grants),
 - 2 reappportionments from FY 2010-11,
 - 7 withdrawn requests, and
 - 3 requests that were not approved.
- In FY 2011-12 the WMF grants program has awarded a total of USD 742,166.66 or EUR 566,925.00 out of USD 815,038.14 or EUR 622,589.00 requested, or 92% of total funds requested.

Non-annual grants in FY 2011-12

- In FY 2011-12 the WMF grants program has awarded 23 project grants in the amount of USD 139,506.74 or EUR 106,566.00.
- In FY 2011-12 WMF approved 88% of all non-annual grants not open or withdrawn.

Grants stats FY 2011-12

- The **largest** grant awarded in FY 2011-12 was in the amount of USD 286,021.00 or EUR 218,485.00 to WMSE.
- The **largest non-annual** grant awarded in FY 2011-12 was in the amount of USD 40,000 or EUR 30,555.00 (WikiConference India)
- The **smallest non-annual** grant awarded in FY 2011-12 was in the amount of USD 255 or EUR 195 (CMDA IT Expo).
- Most non-annual grants awarded were in the **range** of USD 2,000.00 – USD 10,000.00 or EUR 1,500 – EUR 8,000.
- The **average** size of a non-annual grant awarded in FY 2011-12 was USD 6,600.00 or Euro 5,000.00.

The GAC: What Works

- The Grant Advisory Committee (GAC) has been active since June 1st 2011
- It has reviewed grants regularly, providing advice to grantees on how to improve or clarify their proposal, and endorses or objects to proposals, informing the WMF's decision
- The GAC has shown attention to detail, helpful experience sharing, and a positive attitude supportive of applicants (with minor exceptions).

The GAC: What Doesn't Work

- The GAC has often been represented by only 1-2 members (out of 16) on a given request
- The GAC has not been responsive to repeated attempts to get it engaged in self-regulation, e.g. committing to a standard of participation, setting terms of office, determining a method of recruiting new members
- The incumbent GAC is decidedly split on key questions:
 - Standard of participation (minimal number of members? A consensual summary-of-opinion? Beyond \$nnnn?)
 - Term of office (half the GAC thinks it should be permanent)

Annual Operating Grants

- These grants are “unrestricted” grants, in the sense that they are based on an approved **annual plan** by a qualifying chapter. The plan can have a line item like: “Outreach events: \$100K”, without having to go into the details of each planned event.
- Stricter criteria to qualify for these grants, including stability, compliance, and a proven track record with project/event grants
- Despite some grants already underway, exact process and criteria still being discussed

Annual grants in FY 2011-12

- In FY 2011-12 WMF has awarded 4 annual grants to chapters in the amount of USD 602,659.92 or EUR 460,359.00.
- The following chapters were awarded annual grants after submitting program plans:
 - WMAT: \$170,121 = EUR 131,299 (~+333%)
 - WMSE: \$286,021.00 = EUR 218,485 (~+500%)
 - WMAR: \$97,733 = EUR 74,656 (~+112%)
 - WMHU: \$48,785 = EUR 37,266 (~+311%)

Participation Grants Program

Definition: Partnership between WMF and WMDE to fund volunteer *participation* in *non-movement* mission-aligned events and activities.

Scale: Most grantees are awarded between USD 300 and USD 2,000 or between EUR 250 and EUR 1,500 per participant (usually awarded in local currency). So far, the Participation Grants Committee (PGC) reviews about 4 requests each month.

Scope: This program does not support participation in events sponsored by WM Foundation, a WM chapter, or WM movement groups, since scholarships for these programs are expected to be offered by the organizers, possibly funded by a WMF Grant.

Participation Grant Review

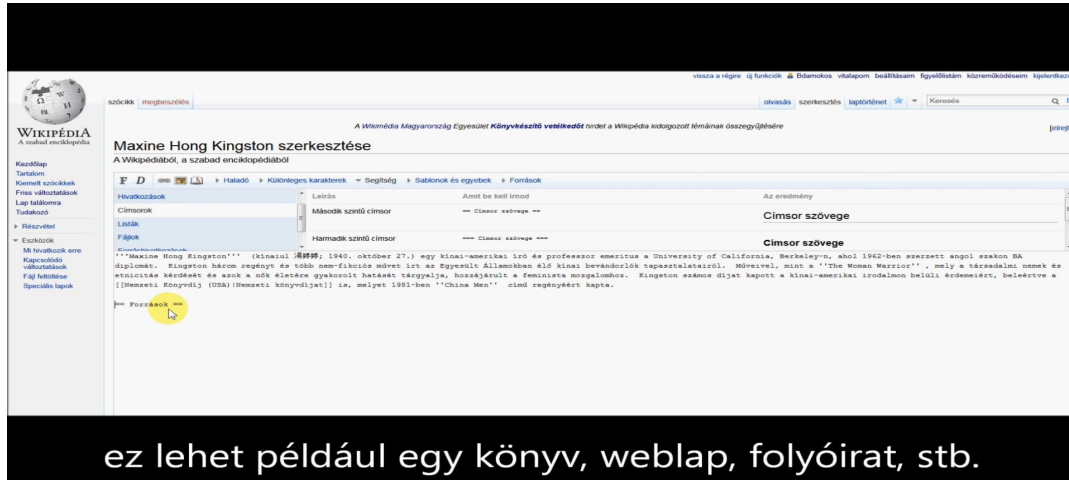
- **Criteria for review:** The PGC will consider an applicant's past participation in the WM movement, including work on-wiki and off-wiki (this may include endorsements from volunteers, chapters, and WMF staff), the expected impact of the applicant's participation in the event on the WM movement and alignment with the WM movement's goals, and the degree to which the applicant is actively participating in the activity or event, and all in reference to the actual cost of participation.
- **Review process:** Grants and reports are reviewed and approved by the Participation Grants Committee (PGC) on a weekly basis and discussed publicly by the community on Meta.
- **Requirements:** All grantees are required to sign a grant agreement, to submit receipts, and to document their participation in a public report on Meta, but reporting requirements are less strict than those for recipients of WMF Grants.
- **For additional information** and discussion see, **[[m:Grants:Participation]]**.

Participation grants stats

- In FY 2011-12 the PGP awarded USD 9,316.56 out of USD 15,408.44 requested or EUR 7,116.71 out of EUR 11,770.20 requested.
- In FY 2011-12 the PGP approved 10 requests, or 78 percent of 13 total requests not open or withdrawn.
- In FY 2011-12, the largest participation grant awarded was in the amount of USD 1,756.57 or EUR 1,341.80, and the smallest participation grant was awarded in the amount of USD 196.92 or EUR 150.42.
- In FY 2011-12, most grants awarded were in the range of USD 500 to USD 1,500 or EUR 400 to EUR 1,100.

What do grants make possible?

Projects



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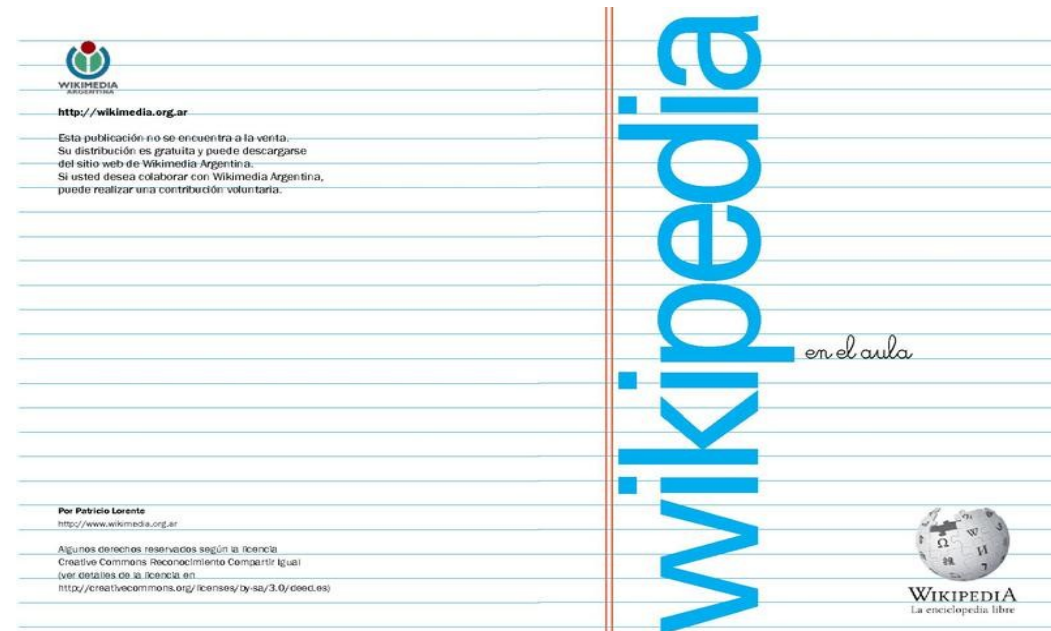


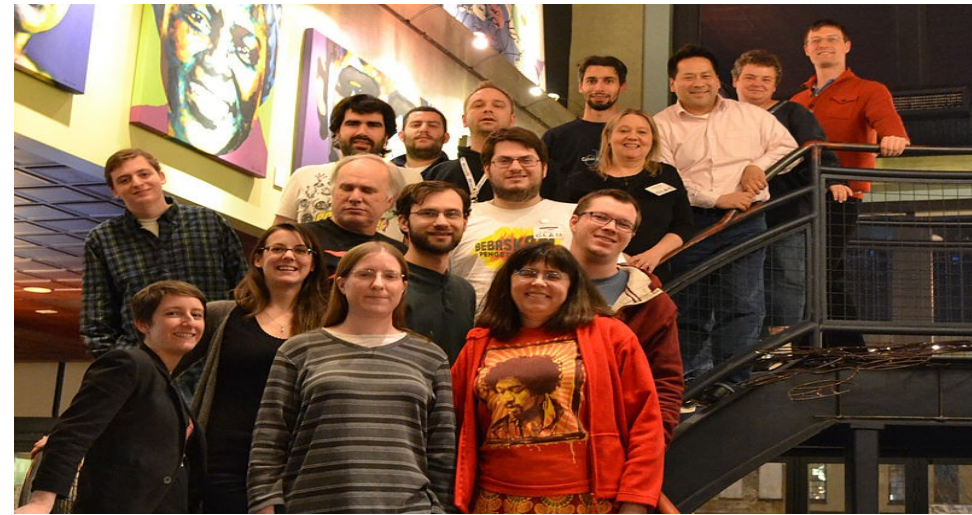
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