

# Funding E-Bulletin

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## The Director's desk

### Dear Colleagues

As we are nearing the end of 2014 we thought it might be useful to use the last two editions of the Funding E Bulletin to focus on grants and fundraising with particular focus on where to access these from.

### Below are a few links to assist you:

- [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov)

Grants.gov lists all current discretionary funding opportunities from 26 agencies of the United States government, including the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, and many others -- in other words, all the most important public funders of research in the United States.

- [The National Institutes of Health \(NIH\) Office of Extramural Research](#)

NIH funds research in just about every area that's remotely related to human health and disease. This page includes extensive information about NIH grants, as well as a place to search NIH funding programs. NIH also has an [advanced search page](#), which offers a wide range of search options.

- [The National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#)

An independent federal agency, the U.S. National Science Foundation funds approximately 20 percent of all federally supported basic research conducted at America's colleges and universities. This is the place to search for NSF funding programs.

- [Grant Search](#)

Run by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), Grant Search includes 2,000 private and federal funding opportunities. A paid institutional membership is required for access.

- [GrantForward](#)

This subscription-based resource is hosted and managed by Cazoodle, Inc.

- [SPIN](#)

Run by InfoEd International, SPIN (the Sponsored Programs Information Network) claims to be the most widely used funding opportunity database in the world.

[http://oedb.org/ilibrarian/100\\_places\\_to\\_find\\_funding\\_your\\_research/](http://oedb.org/ilibrarian/100_places_to_find_funding_your_research/)

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# HIGHLIGHTED OPPORTUNITIES



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Human Sciences Research Council		
		Funder
<b>ANNOUNCEMENT OF CALL: Human and Social Dynamics Funding Instrument (2015 – 2017)</b>	<b>19/11/2014</b>	 
<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The Human and Social Dynamics funding instrument is a discipline-specific funding instrument which supports basic research in Social Science and the Humanities. The Human and Social Dynamics funding instrument is theme driven and will support new or existing research initiatives in the following thematic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science, technology and society</li> <li>• The dynamics of human and social behavior</li> <li>• Social cohesion and identity</li> <li>• Societal change and the evolution of modern society</li> </ul> <p>Applications should be submitted electronically on the NRF Online Submission System at <a href="https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za">https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za</a></p> <p>Applicants must ensure that their Curriculum Vitae are updated on the NRF Online Submission system at <a href="https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za">https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za</a></p> <p>For more information, click <a href="#">here</a></p>		

Human Sciences Research Council		
Title	Date Due	Funder
<b>The Chevening Scholarship Programme 2015</b>	<b>15/11/2014</b>	 
<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The Chevening Scholarship Programme offers fully funded scholarships to outstanding individuals with leadership potential from around the world to study for 1 year at Master's degree level in any subject, at virtually any higher education institution in the UK. This year's <u>priority</u> areas of study are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Education and Health Policy and Administration</li> <li>- International trade, Economics and Finance</li> <li>- Science, Innovation and Engineering</li> <li>- Governance and Human Rights</li> <li>- International Relations and Foreign Policy</li> </ul> <p>For more information, click <a href="#">here</a></p>		

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## Democracy, Governance and Service Delivery

Title	Date Due	Funder
Request For Proposals	14/11/2014	 <b>SALGA</b> South African Local Government Association

### Summary:

Salga seeks to appoint a service provider to analyse Local Governance and Development Data.

For more information, contact X2324

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## Economic Performance and Development

Title	Date Due	Funder
Grants to institutions in the South for joint research projects	01/12/2014	

### Summary:

With financial support for the OPEC Fund for International Development, the Third World Network of Scientific Organizations (TWNSO) has established a competitive joint research project scheme designed to encourage and support joint research projects involving 2-3 competent research and training institutions from different countries in the South. The aim of the scheme is to encourage and foster cooperation between the best research centres in the South.

For more information, click [here](#)

## Economic Performance and Development

Title	Date Due	Funder
Call for Sustainable Food Security (SFS)	15/02/2015	

### Summary:

The activities under Societal Challenge 'Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy aim at making the best of our biological resources in a sustainable way. The overarching principle is that applicants are invited to find solutions which will make positive changes to society, the economy and the environment, using resources more efficiently. In this respect, solutions should be found that cut across research and technological fields, with a strong innovation and market driven approach, in view of increasing growth and job

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### Human and Social Development

Title	Date due	Funder
United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women	07/02/2015	 <small>United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women</small>

#### Summary:

This fund supports initiatives that demonstrate that violence against women and girls can be systematically addressed, reduced and eliminated. Grants are worth between US\$50,000 and US\$1 million.

For more information, click [here](#)

### Human and Social Development

Title	Date due	Funder
"Original - Isn't It?" New Options for the Humanities and Cultural Studies	12/05/2015	 VolkswagenStiftung

#### Summary:

With this new funding offer the Foundation wishes to encourage scholars in the humanities and cultural studies to embark on projects of ground breaking originality. Funding will be made available for initial exploration of the research idea.

The funding initiative comprises two funding lines:

1. Funding Line 1 "Komm! ins Offene." (Hölderlin): The funding line addresses individual researchers, offering them the opportunity to initially explore their idea and subsequently describe it in an essay.
2. Funding Line 2 "Constellations: funding line addresses those who wish to work together on a new research idea and test its feasibility in an initial exploratory phase, and subsequently co-author a publication on the results.

For more information, click [here](#)

### Human and Social Development

Title	Date due	Funder
Grand Challenges: Putting Women and Girls at the Center of Development	13/01/2015	 <small>Solving global health and development problems for those most in need</small>

#### Summary:

This new Grand Challenge, launched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, focuses on how to effectively reach and empower the most vulnerable women and girls to improve health and development – including economic – outcomes as well as gender equality.

For more information, click [here](#)

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## HIV/AIDS, STI's & TB

Title	Date due	Funder
New Interventions for Global Health	13/01/2015	Grand Challenges

Solving global health and development problems for those most in need

### Summary

This new Grand Challenge, launched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, focuses on innovative concepts for vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics with the potential to be translated into safe, effective, affordable, and widely utilized interventions to protect against the acquisition, progression, or transmission of infectious diseases, or to provide a cure for infectious diseases, in resource-limited settings.

For More Information click [here](#)

## HIV/AIDS, STI's & TB

Title	Date due	Funder
Creating and Measuring Integrated Solutions for Healthy Birth, Growth, and Development	13/01/2015	Grand Challenges

Solving global health and development problems for those most in need

### Summary:

This new Grand Challenge, launched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, focuses on new measurement tools and new combinations of approaches to ensure all children thrive – that they not only survive, but also have the chance to live healthy productive lives.

For More Information click [here](#)

## HIV/AIDS, STI's & TB

Title	Date due	Funder
Request for Expressions of Interest Replication Window 3: HIV Prevention	31/05/2015	

### Summary:

The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), with funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), is issuing a request for expressions of interest (REOI) for researchers interested in conducting replication studies under 3ie's Replication Window 3: HIV Prevention (RW3).

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## Population Health, Health Systems and Innovation

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For More Information click [here](#)

# SUBMISSIONS MADE

**October 2014**

Unit	Submission	Date
ESD	• Department of Basic Education	3 October 2014
HSD	• KZN Department of Social Development	3 October 2014
EPD	• KZN Department of Social Development	3 October 2014
ESD, EPD, HSD, HAST, DGSD, PHHSI	• Department of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation	10 October 2014
HSD	• KZN Department of Social Development	10 October 2014
HAST	• Regional Research and Innovations Fund	16 October 2014
HAST	• UNICEF	23 October 2014
EPD, HSD, DGSD	• Department of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation	27 October 2014
HAST	• Wellcome Trust	31 October 2014



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October 2014

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HSD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KZN Department of Social Development</li></ul>	6 August 2014
ESD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Department of Basic Education</li></ul>	3 October 2014



# HELPFUL TIPS

## How to write Letter of Inquiry for Seeking Grants

'Letter of Inquiry' or LOI can be your first contact with a donor agency for raising funds for your NPO. It can be more relevant than a full proposal because if the Letter of Inquiry is found to be poorly written, no grantmaking organization will be interested to know anything about your NPO or your project. So as a first contact point, it is very important to develop a brief, well-researched and compelling letter seeking funding partnership from the prospective donor.

Most funding agencies prefer to receive an initial LOI or Letter of Inquiry from NPOs. They are never interested in accepting and reading full proposals. If you are straightaway sending a full proposal to a donor agency, it is referred to as an 'unsolicited proposal.' An 'unsolicited proposal' is a proposal that has not been solicited or requested by the donor agency, yet fund seekers end up sending it. An unsolicited proposal is never read and immediately rejected.

But this does not mean that donor agencies will not take interest in reading your proposals. They will but if there is a proper approach for it. The proper approach is to send the Letter of Inquiry first and then if the donor shows interest in it and requests for the proposal, you can submit a 'solicited proposal.'

So, how can one write a Letter of Inquiry? In general, a Letter of Inquiry should be brief and to-the-point with some basic information about the project and an indication of the budget, but along with that different donor agencies have different guidelines on the format, look and feel of the letter. It is best to read these guidelines carefully. Here, we will go through the guidelines of some major grantmaking foundations on how to submit the Letter of Inquiry for seeking grants from them.

- [Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation](#)
- [Charles Stewart Mott Foundation](#)
- [Ford Foundation](#)
- [KIOS – The Finnish NGO Foundation for Human Rights](#)
- [MacArthur Foundation](#)
- [Mama Cash](#)
- [Open Society Foundations](#)
- [Rockefeller Brothers Fund](#)
- [Rockefeller Foundation](#)

In some cases, the Letter of Inquiry can also be referred to as a concept note.

# SHOWCASING



## ABOUT THE MTN FOUNDATION

The over-arching social investment mandate of the foundation is to connect communities for self-reliance

### WHAT WE DO

#### Education

Education is one of the MTN SA Foundation's four main portfolios. We focus on improving information and communication technology (ICT), connectivity in rural schools, building educator capacity in maths, science and languages, supporting existing science centres, building tele-teaching aids and skills amongst educators and learners and making infrastructure improvements in schools.

#### Health

MTN SA Foundation recognises that the wellbeing of a community is inextricably linked to the health of its people. Without good health, people are unable to actively contribute to the socio-economic growth of their society. Through its health portfolio the foundation promotes sustainable healthy lifestyles in communities. This is achieved through school and community-based initiatives targeting TB, lifestyle diseases and HIV and AIDS. The Foundation undertakes these interventions in partnership with different organisations, promoting programmes that support disease prevention, early detection, as well as treatment, care and support for needy communities.

#### Arts and culture

The arts and culture portfolio of the MTN SA Foundation oversees programmes that provide schools with access to teaching skills and curriculum-aligned educational resources. We also manage community arts programmes that build the capacity and skills necessary for people to access employment-creating opportunities in the cultural industries. Our work includes the management of the extensive exhibition programme of the MTN Art Collection, ensuring that MTN's pledge in 2001 to use its many artworks for educational purposes is fulfilled through travelling exhibitions, seminars, classroom mini-exhibitions and loans to high-profile galleries.

#### Entrepreneurship

The promotion of entrepreneurship and small business development remains an important priority in addressing socio-economic challenges facing our country. The foundation contributes towards the creation of enabling environments that encourage an entrepreneurial culture and the development of small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs). We support a number of programmes that encourage self-reliance in individuals and communities. This idea is promoted through programmes that inculcate entrepreneurship among school-going youth, through the establishment of business support centres, by business mentoring and by developing capacity amongst MTN SA Foundation's suppliers.

For more information on this funder, click [here](#)

## DID YOU KNOW

### Ten Corporate Donors

'Corporate Giving,' 'Corporate Citizenship' and 'Corporate Social Responsibility' (CSR) are popular concepts which have become integral to the businesses of several large and small companies around the world. These concepts intend to provide donations, long-term financial grants, non-financial support and even mutually beneficial partnerships to address social problems around the world. In such a context, NPOs have a strong potential look upon them as a one of the important sources of funding.

Not all major corporations have social responsibility programs and not all of them provide funding for NPOs to address various issues and problems of our society. The few corporations which have grant programs are too cautious to openly come out with strong commitments for rendering any kind of funding support. Such corporations do declare that they have community welfare programs but they do not seem to exist beyond their websites and publicity brochures.

This means that there are really fewer corporate groups that have clear policies on issuing grants to nonprofits. Such companies have dedicated budgets, separate CSR departments and regular call for proposals to offer funding to NPOs. Their policies are also very clear in supporting issues and NPOs around the world or in specific countries. Here we have selected ten corporate donor agencies which have full support programs for addressing social problems. But before going through each of them, it is important to know why corporate donors are interested in CSR.

CSR has become a popular concept only in the recent times and more and more companies are fast adopting it as a policy even in developing countries. This is happening mostly because of the increased pressure observed on the environment because of the uncontrolled profit-driven actions of the corporate agencies. How much of this policy is really implemented in the field is yet to be examined. Another reason for CSR is apparently tax benefits these corporate get when they invest their money in social welfare projects. One last reason could be that the corporations really feel for the society and believe in giving away a portion of the profit they make – but this kind of genuine philanthropy is found in very companies.

Below is a list of corporations and their international grant support programs:

**Cisco's Cash Grants, Social Investments and Support for Nonprofits:** It has Social Investment program that is implemented in partnerships with NPOs to encourage socioeconomic gains in communities around the world.

**[IBM's Grants and Initiatives, Smarter Cities Challenge:](#)** The IBM grant program is where the company provides direct grants to NGOs and communities worldwide.

**[Intel Foundation's International Grants:](#)** Intel's International Grants offer support in education, environment and community. The community site grants support additional programs that improve the quality of life of communities.

**[Microsoft Grants, Donations and Training to NGOs:](#)** The Microsoft Grants for Nonprofits includes support such as software donations, training and monetary grants and these are available both for small and large NGOs around the world.

**[Nestlé's Creating Shared Value to address Social and Environmental Issues:](#)** Nestlé Healthy Kids Global Programme that works in partnership with NGOs is to raise nutrition, health and wellness awareness of school-age children around the world.

**[Nike, Inc.'s Foundation focuses on improving the lives of Adolescent Girls:](#)** The Nike Foundation was set up in 2004 by Nike, Inc. with a special focus on improving the lives of adolescent girls.

[Swiss Re's Corporate Responsibility and ReSource Award](#): Swiss Re's International ReSource Award for Sustainable Watershed Management is one of the best examples to demonstrate its corporate responsibility and also its dedication towards meeting out the challenges of climate change.

[Starbucks Coffee Company's Starbucks Foundation](#): The Starbucks Foundation has a focus on youths. It works to support the next generation of change makers. It has set the community goals of engaging 50,000 young people.

[Toyota Motor Corporation's Grants](#): Toyota's most prominent grantmaking is through the Toyota Environmental Activities Grant Program which is announced annually.

[ViiV Healthcare's Positive Action Grants](#): ViiV Healthcare's Positive Action for Children Fund aims to provide support and deliver prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) services, which empower mothers and children across the globe.