

## Call for funding opportunities

### **1. ECA-ECAPEC-17-028, FY 2017 Community Solutions Program Department of State Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs**

The Community Solutions Program seeks to enhance the skills of approximately 100 civic and community leaders to more effectively address current economic, environmental, political, and social challenges in their communities. Through a four-to six-month fellowship, complemented by leadership coaching and development, Community Solutions will provide opportunities for eligible individuals to experience U.S. best practices and learn effective models of public and community engagement, while developing concrete strategies to better address complex issues in their home communities. As a global tool to address community-based challenges, the Community Solutions Program seeks to:- facilitate and strengthen participants' ability to address complex economic, environmental, political, and social challenges through a U.S.-based fellowship;- provide new skills and resources to enable participants to assume greater leadership roles in their institutions and communities;- provide concrete tools to facilitate leadership development, community engagement, public discourse, collaboration, effective communication, and project implementation and management;- cultivate professional ties with U.S. citizens and American economic, environmental, political, and social institutions through collaborative efforts and follow-on projects;- expand and strengthen the relationship between the people of the United States and other countries to work in partnership to identify solutions to common issues facing both local and global communities; and- create a global network of diverse, multi-disciplinary professionals and civic leaders committed to problem solving and community engagement.

Amount – USD 2,300,000

Deadline – May 15<sup>th</sup> 2017

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=292465>

### **2. Africa Food Prize — Calling for Nominations 2017**

Co-sponsored by the Alliance for a Green Revolution and Yara International, the Africa Food Prize honors outstanding contributions to agriculture and food production in the challenge to combat hunger and reduce poverty in Africa. The Prize can be awarded for a specific contribution or achievement, or for a series of efforts and results within the last few years. Nominations are open to qualified candidates irrespective of their nationalities, professions, or locations. The Prize is US\$100 thousand (*to be shared if there is more than one winner*), a diploma, and a trophy.

Deadline: 05 Jun 2017

<http://www.africafoodprize.org/nominate>

### **3. Fiat Panis Foundation — Prizes for Research in Agriculture and Natural Resources 2017**

The Fiat Panis Foundation makes awards for university thesis and dissertation research in themes of agriculture and natural resources, with a focus on food security in developing countries. The Justus von Liebig Award for World Food is €25 thousand; the Hans Hartwig Ruthenberg Graduate Award is €7.5 thousand.

Deadline: 30 Apr 2017

<http://www.stiftung-fiat-panis.de/de/>

### **4. Australian Center for International Agricultural Research — John Allwright Fellowship 2017**

ACIAR awards the John Allwright Fellowship for university post-graduate studies in Australia. Applicants are citizens of ACIAR's priority partner countries who are engaged in an ACIAR collaborative project at the time of application. Each awardee pursues research at an Australian tertiary institution relevant to the project in which the awardee is engaged.

Deadline: 15 May 2017

<http://aciar.gov.au/content/australia-awards-john-allwright-eligibility-and-online-user-guide>

### **5. Common Fund for Commodities — Open Call for Proposals**

The CFC calls for proposals that advance commodity development in its member countries. Financial support takes the form of grants, loans, and equity investments. Funding is targeted mainly to for-profit organizations and social enterprises for production, value chains, and marketing across a wide group of commodities (*e.g., agricultural crops, tree crops, timber, bamboo and rattan, minerals, and others*). CFC will consider proposals where its share of financing does not exceed 50% of the total.

Deadline: 30 Apr 2017

<http://common-fund.org/call-for-proposals/>

## **6. Global Biodiversity Information Facility — Biodiversity Information for Development in Sub-Saharan Africa**

GBIF invites proposals for project funding from Sub-Saharan Africa under the “Biodiversity Information for Development” programme. Funding up to €40 thousand per grant will establish or strengthen national biodiversity information facilities, and increase biodiversity data to respond to national priorities. Additionally, small grants up to €20 thousand will mobilize biodiversity data relevant for biodiversity conservation priorities.

Deadline: 09 Apr 2017

<http://www.gbif.org/newsroom/news/bid-africa-call-for-proposals-2017>

## **7. CS Fund and Warsh-Mott Legacy — Agriculture and Food Sovereignty**

The CS Fund and Warsh-Mott Legacy take an activist approach in making grants to defend traditional management of agriculture and natural resources in the Global South. Specific interests include protecting local seeds and reducing chemicals in agriculture; regulating the introduction of genetically modified organisms; and supporting communities in their self-governance of natural resources. Recent grants include several for Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa. Most grants are under US\$20 thousand. Letters of inquiry can be sent at any time.

<http://csfund.org/food-sovereignty/>

## **8. Smart Villages — Photo Competition on Sustainable Rural Energy**

Smart Villages announces a photo competition on the theme of how energy access changes the life of rural communities around the world. The contest will emphasize the concept of energy “smartness” i.e., how energy is being used in productive, innovative, and even entrepreneurial ways. The competition is open to everyone regardless of nationality, background, age, and experience. The competition offers several cash prizes up to US\$2 thousand for the overall winner.

Deadline: 30 Apr 2017

<http://e4sv.org/competition/photography/>

## **9. Swiss Forum for International Agricultural Research — SFIAR Award 2017**

SFIAR annually awards a prize to scientists working at or in association with a Swiss institution in agricultural research for development. For 2017, the best team project will be awarded CHF 10 thousand, and the best masters project CHF 1 thousand. To be eligible, research must have been carried out at or in close collaboration with a Swiss institution.

Deadline: 13 Jul 2017

<https://www.sfiar.ch/award.htm>

## **10. International Center for Climate Governance — Best Climate Practices**

The Best Climate Practices contest for 2017 focuses on actionable ideas and concrete projects to support urban and/or rural communities in preparing and responding to climate disasters, improving local resilience through enhanced preparedness (*ex-ante*), and/or capacity to recover (*ex-post*). The contest is open to individuals, teams, or organizations regardless of nationality, age, or qualifications. The contest winner will be awarded €3 thousand.

Deadline: 31 May 2017

<http://www.bestclimatepractices.org/contest/>

## **11. Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust — Grants for Research and Training 2017**

The Trust makes grants for education and research in ornamental horticulture in North America, South America, Central America, the Caribbean, and Australia. Applicants include botanical gardens, arboreta, universities, and other nonprofit charitable organizations. Grants are up to US\$25 thousand.

Deadline: 15 Aug 2017

<http://www.adminitrustllc.com/stanley-smith-horticultural-trust/>

## **12. Collaborative Awards in Humanities and Social Science**

Collaborative Awards promote the development of new ideas and bring disciplines together to speed the pace of discovery. This scheme funds teams who are tackling major health-related questions in the humanities and social sciences that require a collaborative approach.

Level of funding: Up to £1.5 million

Duration of funding: Up to 5 years

- Preliminary applications deadline 4 July 2017
- Full applications deadline 19 September 2017

<https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/collaborative-awards-humanities-and-social-science>

### **13. Collaborative Awards in Science**

Collaborative Awards promote the development of new ideas and speed the pace of discovery. We fund teams of researchers, consisting of independent research groups, to work together on the most important scientific problems that can only be solved through collaborative efforts.

Level of funding: Up to £4 million

Duration of funding: Up to 5 years

- Preliminary application deadline- 20 April 2017
- Full application deadline- 13 July 2017

<https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/collaborative-awards-science>

### **14. CODESRIA's 2017 Economic Justice Institute: Economic Justice in Africa: Climate Change, Inequalities and Development**

The Council for the Development of Social Science Research in [Africa](#) (CODESRIA) invites applications for participation in an institute on 'Economic Justice and [Climate Change](#) in Africa' to be convened in Accra, [Ghana](#) from 29 May to 7 June 2017, on the broad theme of 'Economic Justice in Africa: Climate change, Inequalities and Development'.

This call targets scholars and researchers working in African universities and research centres; practitioners and [civil society](#) activists working in the areas of climate change, social and economic justice, resource [governance](#), property rights, commodification and extension of markets, climate justice, [agriculture](#) and other issues in the broad area of sustainable development. The institute is a follow-up to the 2015 Economic Justice institute that was held in Durban, [South Africa](#) in partnership with OSISA Economic Justice programme from 7–18 September 2015 on the theme 'Economic Justice in Africa: Globalization, the State and Civil Society'.

<http://www.codesria.org/spip.php?article2705&lang=en>

### **15. AGE OF WONDERLAND'S 100 DAYS OF LEARNING**

What about taking a journey from knowledge to wisdom? In order to rediscover knowledge, challenge beliefs, and exchange life experiences with others, Age of Wonderland invites you to engage in this journey and apply! We ask you to send us your proposal on how we can make learning more interesting, fun, rewarding, entertaining, inclusive and a part of everyday life!

DEADLINE: 20 April, 2017

<http://ageofwonderland.nl/articles/open-call-100-days-of-learning>

