

Cultural Survival



Call 2027
Indigenous Community Media

Deadline to Apply: August 9, 2026

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Guidelines for the 2027 Call Indigenous Community Media

Who are we?

Cultural Survival has been defending the rights of Indigenous Peoples and supporting their self-determination and political and cultural resilience since 1972. We work toward a present and future that respects and honors the rights and cultural dynamics inherent to Indigenous Peoples, which are deeply interconnected with their territories, languages, spiritual traditions, and artistic expressions, rooted in self-determination and self-governance.

The **Indigenous Community Media Fund (ICMF)** is part of Cultural Survival's Community Media Program. This fund was created to support initiatives by Indigenous organizations, collectives, and media outlets that contribute to strengthening their right to freedom of expression and access to information. Through these initiatives, we promote community awareness and organization around their worldviews, the defense of their rights, and their relationship with their territories.

Project Guidelines 2027

The eleventh call for proposals for the Indigenous Community Media Fund will be open from July 21 to August 9, 2026. During this period, applicant organizations, collectives, and traditional authorities may request funding for projects lasting 6 to 8 months, for a maximum amount of \$8,000 USD.

Who is eligible?

- Indigenous community radio stations
- Indigenous community radio networks or media
- Networks or collectives of Indigenous communicators
- Networks or collectives of Indigenous women communicators
- Networks or collectives of young communicators and Indigenous 2SLGBTIQ+ community members
- Collectives of Indigenous muralists and photographers
- Other media outlets managed by Indigenous peoples: print media, community television, audiovisual and multimedia production, social media, intranet, and community internet.

Which regions and countries are priority?

- Africa: Botswana, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda
- Asia: Philippines, Indonesia, Nepal
- Central America and South America: Argentina, Bolivia, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Paraguay and Peru.
- North America: Canada, the United States of America, and Mexico

How to apply?

To submit your proposal, follow the instructions below and complete each of the steps indicated.

Create an account

- Go to this link: <https://culturalsurvival.grantplatform.com>
- The platform language and the language in which you will complete your application are selected separately. Choose both according to your preference: Spanish, English, French, or Portuguese.
- Enter your email address in the “Log in or sign up” box.
- You will receive a 6-digit verification code in your email, which you must enter on the platform.
- Next, you will complete a pre-registration form and create your password.
- If you already have an account, enter your password. If you don't remember it, select “Forgot my password.”

Locate the application form

- Select the application “2027 Call – Indigenous Community Media”.
- Start filling out your application.
- You can save your progress and return later to continue completing your application.
- To supplement your application, you may attach audiovisual materials, photographs, or other examples of your work (optional).

Verify the information provided

- Before submitting your application, we recommend that you carefully review the information you have provided.
- Once you have finished reviewing it, click “Submit”.

If you have questions or technical issues submitting your proposal, you can contact our team at the following email address: radio@culturalsurvival.org

What types of initiatives are eligible?

This year, Cultural Survival's Indigenous Community Media Fund will prioritize—though not exclusively—Indigenous communication initiatives that contribute to environmental justice and the response to climate change. Additionally, proposals led by women, youth, and members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community will be given special consideration.

The following eligible initiatives are presented as guidelines and examples of approaches that can strengthen proposals, without limiting other initiatives that address the needs, priorities, and contexts of Indigenous peoples.

Access to and advocacy for Indigenous media

- Legal processes to obtain radio frequencies and other community media to democratize communication.

Strengthening Indigenous media and technological infrastructure

- Establishment and strengthening of Indigenous media organizations that ensure financial sustainability, internal governance, protection of journalists and advocates, systems for monitoring and evaluating their activities, and gender policies.
- Procurement of electronic equipment for intranets, broadband internet, recording studios, broadcasting equipment, and digital archiving systems.

Capacity building in communication and digital technologies

- Production and dissemination of community content through radio, audiovisual, written, photographic, and artistic media, including community murals; community investigative journalism; emergency coverage; use of free software and digital platforms, among others.

Production and dissemination of content

Content may address: Indigenous peoples' rights, climate change and environmental justice, history and memory from a community perspective, traditional knowledge, food sovereignty, self-managed production systems, territorial rights, the rights of Indigenous women and youth, self-managed educational systems, cultural and linguistic heritage, justice systems, law, and public policy.

Exchange of experiences and strengthening of networks

Meetings among Indigenous communicators; exchanges of knowledge and communication practices; spaces for mutual learning; festivals and exhibitions of Indigenous productions; and partnerships among community media.

What are the criteria for selecting projects?

Projects will be evaluated based on the following criteria for both the media outlet or group:

- The project addresses the specific needs, priorities, and processes of the territory and Indigenous peoples.
- The proposal clearly explains what it aims to achieve, how it will be carried out, what resources will be used, and what the results will be for the community, taking into account an appropriate organizational structure for its implementation.
- The project is driven, coordinated, and carried out by Indigenous people, for the benefit of their communities.
- The proposal promotes the active participation and leadership of Indigenous women, youth, and 2SLGBTQ+ community, strengthening their role in communication processes and decision-making.
- The initiative contributes to the strengthening and continuity of Indigenous media, as well as to the transmission of knowledge, languages, and Indigenous forms of communication.

What initiatives do we not fund?

- Projects with religious purposes
- Proposals submitted by individuals, consultants or private entities
- Government projects or those linked to partisan activities and political purposes

Important Dates

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| • Call for proposals launch | July 21, 2026 |
| • Application period | July 21 to August 9, 2026 |
| • Call for applications closes | August 9, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. (EST) |
| • Interviews with shortlisted candidates | November 2026 |
| • Notification of selected candidates | December 15, 2026 |
| • Award phase | January and February 2027 |
| • Project implementation | March through October 2027 |

Recommendations

- Consider the local context of your town, community, or territory when developing your proposal. Describe in concrete terms the situation, needs, challenges, and opportunities of the territory where the project will be implemented.
- Describe activities that are realistic and achievable within the proposed timeframes. Ensure that the implementation schedule is consistent with the number of activities, the expected results, and the time available to execute the project.
- Clearly explain what you aim to achieve with your project, what the expected outcomes are, and how the community will support and monitor this progress. This will help us understand the expected impact from the community's own perspective.
- Review the budget and make sure to include amounts in U.S. dollars.
- Verify that all links to social media, websites, videos, or reference materials work properly.
- Make sure your email addresses and phone numbers are up to date and correct, as we will use them to contact you during the evaluation process.
- Before submitting the application, perform a final review of the proposal.

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