

Apply For Grants To Fund Open Source Work

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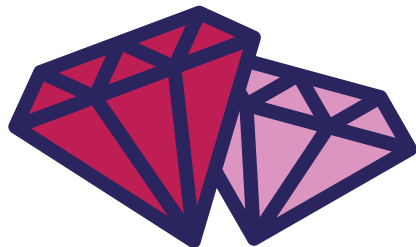
They exist

 COMCAST | INNOVATION FUND

 OPEN HUMANS

 **nlnet**
FOUNDATION

 | America's
SEED FUND
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 better
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UNICEF INNOVATION FUND

Sample funder: NLNet



Eligibility

Networking/Internet,
privacy, and search projects
that are open source

Amount

up to 50,000 euros (about
\$57,000 USD)

Deadline

Rolling (every 2 months); next
deadline August 1st

Sample funder: Chan Zuckerberg Initiative



Eligibility

Open source projects that are essential to biomedical research (domain-specific, or foundational)

Amount

Between \$50,000 USD and \$250,000 USD for one year

Deadline

August 4th

Sample funder: Comcast



Eligibility

Open source development, research, or “useful and interesting things” that benefit the Internet and broadband

Amount

Up to \$150,000 USD for one year

Deadline

Rolling (apply anytime)

Sample funder: Mozilla Open Source Support

The Mozilla logo, consisting of the word "moz://a" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, set against a solid black rectangular background.

Eligibility

Open source projects that further Mozilla's mission, that Mozilla relies on, or that are widely used and need security audits

Amount

Historically \$5,000 USD to \$150,000 USD, with a maximum of \$250,000

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Rolling (apply anytime)

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Funding to date

2019

\$80,000

5 months

[Core Infrastructure Fund](#)

Total Funding: \$80,000

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Yeah. Let's try to guesstimate it

so I am sure someone will screenshot this and it'll end up being a laughingstock at some point in the future, but I think that 6-8 fulltime weeks for a single dev, plus 2 fulltime weeks for an outreach/project manager person, for all the localisation work, would be appropriate

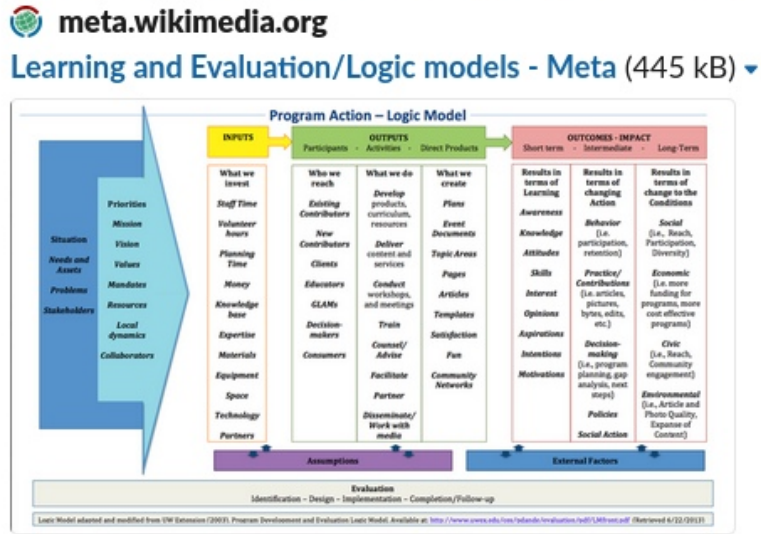
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something ("We want to know how yo **March 1st, 2018** uld be, what larger purpose this project is a part of, and/or the bigger target you aiming for.)



what they're going for here is Theory of Change https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Learning_and_Evaluation/Logic_models#Steps_to_creating_a_logic_model



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Aug 29

Approved

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PyPI Quarter 1 2019 Request for Information

The [Python Software Foundation Packaging Working Group](#) has applied for and received a commitment from the [Open Technology Fund](#) to fulfill a contract for their [Core Infrastructure Fund](#).

[PyPI](#) is a foundational component of the [Python](#) ecosystem and broader computer software and technology landscape. This project aims to improve the security and accessibility of PyPI for all users worldwide, whether they are direct users like project maintainers and [pip install](#) ers or indirect users. The impact of this work will be highly visible and improve crucial features of the service.

We plan to begin the project in January 2019. Because of the size of the project, funding has been allocated to secure one or more contractors to complete the development, testing, verification, and assist in the rollout of necessary features.

Timeline

Date	Milestone
2018-10-30	Request for Information period opens.
2018-11-13	Request for Information period closes.
2018-11	Request for Proposal period opens. (1-2 weeks after RFI close)
2018-11	Request for Proposal period closes. (10 days after RFP open)
2018-12	Date proposals will have received a decision. (1-2 weeks after RFP close)
2019-12-31	Contracts for accepted proposals should be finalized.
2019-01	Contract work commences.

Some key steps

- **Creating ideas**
- **Budgeting**
- **(Planning for) hiring**
- **Submitting**

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- **has a theory of change**

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Consider:

- **Your goals**
- **Funder maximum**

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- **Publicity**

Key step: hiring

You can hire someone new to help!

What skills will they need?

Key step: submitting

Details count.

Do it early.

Project Funding Working Group

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Formed: June 2020

Notes: <https://wiki.python.org/psf/ProjectFundingWG>

This Working Group researches, and advises Python community volunteers on applying for external grants and similar funding to advance the mission of the PSF, which includes, but is not limited to, things such as advancing the Python core, Python-related infrastructure, key Python projects, and Python education and awareness.

Establishing resolution:

***RESOLVED**, that the Python Software Foundation approve the creation of the PSF Project Funding Working Group to research and advise the Python community on applying for external grants and similar funding to advance the mission of the PSF under the charter at <https://wiki.python.org/psf/PackagingWG/Charter>. Approved June 11th, 2020.*

Project Funding Working Group

psf / project-funding-wg

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brainwane Add logic model/theory of change to resources 0d578a3 12 hours ago 16 commits

README.md	Initial list of funders	last month
funders.md	Add FOSSJobs and Linux Au to funders list	2 days ago
projects.md	Update projects.md	4 days ago
resources.md	Add logic model/theory of change to resources	12 hours ago

README.md

PSF Project Funding Working Group

Welcome to our working group!

For more about us, see [our page on the PSF wiki](#).

Resources

This repository holds public resources for you to use:

Changeset Consulting (me)

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**Project management,
grant research & writing**

Roadside assistance

**for open source
maintainers.**

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