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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND FUNDRAISING RESOURCES  
FOR THE CONSERVATION OF CETACEANS IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION**

**Background**

The purpose of this document is to aid relevant stakeholders within PIC MOU signatory and range states in identifying and securing funding opportunities for the conservation of cetaceans and their habitats in the Pacific Islands region. To this end, the Secretariat has compiled a list of funding agencies and a selection of useful online resources. The most up-to-date information on upcoming funding opportunities can be found directly on the websites of the funding organizations, which are listed in the present document. Part I contains a list of donor organizations that offer grants for cetacean conservation, Part II contains resources for crowdfunding and Part III links to further online directories of donors and non-profit organizations.

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## I. Grant Opportunities Available for the Pacific Islands Region

### a. Governmental

Organization/fund name	Description	Eligible PIC MOU Signatories and Range States and Territories	Eligibility	Calls for proposals	Grant size	Application window	Link
<b>BEST</b> (Voluntary Scheme for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Territories of European Overseas)	BEST is a voluntary scheme of the EC aiming to support the conservation of biodiversity and sustainable use of ecosystem services in the EU Outermost Regions (ORs) and Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs). The funding scheme offers small (up to €100,000) and medium (up to €400,000) grants across a wide range of topics, such as establishment of protected areas, control of invasive species, climate change and others.	<b>French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Wallis &amp; Futuna</b>	European Overseas Regions, Countries and Territories located in five geographical regions: Pacific, Indian Ocean, Caribbean, Polar/Sub-polar and South Atlantic as well as other countries in those regions, if the project is led by an EU country	Variable	Variable	Not specified	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/biodiversity/best/funding/index_en.html">https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/biodiversity/best/funding/index_en.html</a>
<b>Japan Fund for Global Environment</b> (JFGE)	Small grants to NGOs engaged in environmental activities.	<b>Fiji, Micronesia, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis &amp; Futuna, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Palau, Tokelau</b>	1) Developing country 2) Agent (organisation/individual) with a bank account in Japan AND capacity to communicate in spoken and written Japanese with JFGE.	Annual	JPY 500,000 to 2,000,000 (depending on the project category)	November-December	<a href="https://www.erca.go.jp/jfge/english/www/grants.html">https://www.erca.go.jp/jfge/english/www/grants.html</a>
<b>Royal Geographical Society- Ralph Brown Expedition Award</b>	The Ralph Brown Expedition Award is a single annual award of £12,500, offered to the leader of a research expedition working in an aquatic environment. This includes the study of coral reefs, rivers, lakes and shallow seas. The project should be of value to the host country and, where possible, to the local community.	All	Applicants must be Fellows or members of the Society.	Annual	£12,500	November 23 deadline	<a href="https://www.rgs.org/ralphbrownexpeditionaward/">https://www.rgs.org/ralphbrownexpeditionaward/</a>

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<b>Royal Geographical Society- RGS- IBG Small Research Grants</b>	Awards of up to £3,000 to individuals for original desk or field-based research in any area of geography	All (but must be affiliated with a UK Higher Education Institution)	Individuals holding a PhD at the time of application. Must be affiliated with a UK Higher Education Institution and must be Fellows or members of the Society	Annual	Up to £3,000	February 3 deadline	<a href="https://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/in-the-field-grants/research-grants/rgs-ibg-small-research-grants/">https://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/in-the-field-grants/research-grants/rgs-ibg-small-research-grants/</a>
<b>Royal Geographical Society- Environment and Sustainability Research Grants</b>	The Environment and Sustainability Research Grants offer three awards of £15,000 to researchers within 10 years of completing their PhD, for projects that investigate some of the bigger issues of environmental sustainability.	All (but must be affiliated with a UK Higher Education Institution)	Researchers within 10 years of completing their PhD; Projects must demonstrate the ability to advance geographical knowledge and to have potential impact beyond the academy. Preference is given to projects with a substantial field component, although lab, desk or archive-based projects may also be considered.	Annual	£15,000	February 22 deadline	<a href="https://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/in-the-field-grants/research-grants/environment-and-sustainability-research-grants/">https://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/in-the-field-grants/research-grants/environment-and-sustainability-research-grants/</a>
<b>Royal Geographical Society- Gilchrist Fieldwork Award</b>	The Gilchrist Educational Trust offers an award of £15,000 to support original and challenging overseas fieldwork carried out by small teams of university academics and researchers.	All (but must be affiliated with a UK Higher Education Institution)	Carried out by a team of established academics and researchers based in UK Higher Education Institutions or equivalent research establishments. The research should include a single field session of at least six weeks. There should be strong links and collaborations with local agencies and communities and local benefits should be demonstrated in applications.	Biennial	£15,000	NA	<a href="https://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/in-the-field-grants/research-grants/gilchrist-fieldwork-award/">https://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/in-the-field-grants/research-grants/gilchrist-fieldwork-award/</a>

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<b>Royal Geographical Society-</b> Neville Shulman Challenge Award	The Neville Shulman Challenge Award aims to further the understanding and exploration of the planet - its cultures, peoples and environments - while promoting personal development through the intellectual or physical challenges involved in undertaking a research project or expedition.	Not specified	Applicants must demonstrate how the project is challenging; intellectually, physically and in terms of the issue being studied. Projects should have elements of both local and global interest, a clear purpose to advance geographical knowledge through well outlined methods of data collection, and with opportunities to share findings widely.	Annual	£5,000	November 30 deadline	<a href="https://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/in-the-field-grants/expedition-grants/neville-shulman-challenge-award/">https://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/in-the-field-grants/expedition-grants/neville-shulman-challenge-award/</a>
<b>Royal Geographical Society-</b> Student grants	Each year, the Society supports over 40 student fieldwork projects, from PhD students collecting data for their dissertation to groups of undergraduates looking to get out into the field for the first time.	All (but must be affiliated with a UK Higher Education Institution)	Applicants must be registered at a UK Higher Education Institution	Annual	Various	Various	<a href="https://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/in-the-field-grants/students/">https://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/in-the-field-grants/students/</a>
<b>The Darwin Initiative-</b> main project funding	A UK government grants scheme which helps to protect biodiversity and the natural environment through locally based projects worldwide.	<b>Fiji, Micronesia, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu,</b> Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Tokelau	Experience managing similar projects in developing countries Ability to demonstrate financial stability and provide audited accounts	Annual	Starting at £50,000 and no more than £500,000	Stage 1: July-Sept Stage 2: Nov/Dec-Feb	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/darwin-initiative-applying-for-main-project-funding">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/darwin-initiative-applying-for-main-project-funding</a>

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<b>The Darwin Initiative-fellowship awards</b>	Fellowship funding is aimed at building capacity in developing countries. The Fellowship programme is intended to support Fellows to draw on UK technical and scientific expertise in the fields of biodiversity and sustainable development to broaden their knowledge and experience.	<b>Fiji, Micronesia, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu,</b> Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Tokelau	Application must come from either a public or private organisation and not an individual (but must name an individual as Project Leader); the host organisation must be located in the UK - Expertise in natural resource management - Experts should have a proven track record (min. 10 years relevant experience) and at the forefront of their disciplines	Annual	Variable (expense s, travel costs, fees for academic qualifications, monthly subsistence costs)	July-January	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/darwin-initiative-darwin-fellowship-awards">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/darwin-initiative-darwin-fellowship-awards</a>
<b>The Darwin Initiative-partnership projects</b>	Partnership Projects are small grants intended to help organisations who are new to the Darwin Initiative to develop their application. A successful Partnership Project should lead to a Main Darwin Initiative project application	<b>Fiji, Micronesia, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu,</b> Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Tokelau	Global	Annual	Up to £10,000	July-January	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/darwin-initiative-partnership-projects">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/darwin-initiative-partnership-projects</a>
<b>The French Facility for Global Environment (FFEM)</b>	Grant seekers apply through any one of the six French institutional members of FFEM to discuss project ideas. The process begins with a pre-identification note (concept note) and continues through subsequent stages of project proposal and review. FFEM's Secretariat reviews the project's eligibility, and successful draft projects are further studied by a Scientific and Technical Committee.	Not specified	Global, developing and transition economies	Not specified	Starting from €50,000	Not specified	<a href="http://www.ffe.m.fr/">http://www.ffe.m.fr/</a>

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<b>Blue Action Fund</b>	Grants are open to national and international NGOs working on marine and/or coastal conservation projects in marine protected areas and their buffer zones. Information, focus area, and application procedures are published in conjunction with the specific announcement.	Variable	Developing countries, variable focus countries	Annual	€1 million to 3 million in up to 5 years	Variable	<a href="https://www.blueactionfund.org/">https://www.blueactionfund.org/</a>
<b>Ministry for the Environment-Community Environment Fund</b>	The Community Environment Fund empowers New Zealanders to make a positive difference to the environment. It supports projects that strengthen environmental partnerships, raise environmental awareness and encourage participation in environmental initiatives in the community.	<b>New Zealand</b>	1) Legal entity 2) Contributes to one or more of the following: strengthening partnership; raising environmental awareness; or encouraging participation in environmental initiatives in the community 3) A discrete timeframe of up to three years	Not specified	Between NZ\$10,000 and \$300,000	Not specified	<a href="https://environment.govt.nz/what-you-can-do/funding/community-environment-fund/">https://environment.govt.nz/what-you-can-do/funding/community-environment-fund/</a>
<b>New Zealand Department of Internal Affairs- Pacific Development and Conservation Trust</b>	The Trust provides grants for a range of conservation, cultural heritage, development and goodwill projects and activities in the Pacific. It supports development that is ongoing and affordable, where communities join in and work together with iwi (tribes), hapū (sub-tribe), aiga or whanau (family groups).	<b>Australia, Cook Islands, Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Tokelau</b>	Requests for funding must have: Detailed budget; Quotes and price lists have been provided as appropriate; Audited accounts or other financial information as appropriate has been provided; Project Lead CV; A4 sized map if project is outside of New Zealand.	Biennial	No minimum or maximum (typically ranges from NZ\$2,000-\$50,000)	Applications open February and August each year	<a href="https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/pacific-development-and-conservation-trust-2/">https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/pacific-development-and-conservation-trust-2/</a>

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<b>Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade-</b> private sector partnerships	Under this policy, DFAT is pivoting existing private sector programs to support economic recovery. We are working with businesses to create livelihood opportunities, support inclusive business practices, enhance gender equality and support countries to build back better and strengthen resilient economic recovery.	<b>Cook Islands, Micronesia, Fiji, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu,</b> Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, Marshall Islands, Tokelau	Investment priorities include agriculture, fisheries and water	Not specified	Not specified	NA (contact DFAT's <a href="#">state and territory offices</a> within Australia, or the relevant <a href="#">Embassy or High Commission</a> if located outside of Australia)	<a href="https://www.dfat.gov.au/development/who-we-work-with/private-sector-partnerships">https://www.dfat.gov.au/development/who-we-work-with/private-sector-partnerships</a>
<b>Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade-</b> Direct Aid Program	The Direct Aid Program (DAP) is a small grants program funded from Australia's aid budget. It has the flexibility to work with local communities in developing countries on projects that reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development consistent with Australia's national interest. DAP projects engage a wide range of partners including community groups, non-government organisations, educational institutions and local governments. Through helping people in need we can show Australia is a supportive and trusted partner in addressing aid challenges in partner countries.	<b>Fiji, French Polynesia, Micronesia, Niue*, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis &amp; Futuna*,</b> Palau, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Tokelau*	Community groups, NGOs and other entities engaged in development activities in countries that are eligible for ODA	Not specified	Maximum AU\$60,000	Not specified (contact the Australian <a href="#">mission overseas</a> which administers DAP in that country)	<a href="https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/direct-aid-program/direct-aid-program">https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/direct-aid-program/direct-aid-program</a>



**b. Intergovernmental**

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<b>Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund</b> (CEPF)	CEPF grants support civil society organizations of all sizes—including farmers' cooperatives, community groups, universities and international nongovernmental organizations. The fund is a joint programme of l'Agence Française de Développement, Conservation International, the European Union, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan and the World Bank.	Variable	Depending on the call for proposals; Project must be located within a CEPF biodiversity hotspot and the project must correspond to least one of the strategic directions for the particular hotspot.	Variable	Small grants average at US\$ 15,000 and large grants at US\$ 150,000.	Variable	<a href="https://www.cepf.net/grants">https://www.cepf.net/grants</a>
<b>GEF Small Grants Programme</b> (SGP)	SGP grants are made directly to community-based organizations and NGOs in recognition of the key role they play as a resource and constituency for environment and development concerns. Biodiversity conservation is one of the areas of work. SGP complements the large and medium-sized GEF project funding by providing a window for the direct participation of NGOs, local communities, and other grassroots organizations.	<b>Cook Islands, Fiji, Micronesia, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau</b>	<a href="#">125 countries globally</a> 1) Links to GEF focal areas 2) Alignment with targets and objectives of the SGP Country Programme Strategy (CPS) of their country 3) Proposed by a national CBO or NGO	Year-round (project proponents should contact the SGP National Coordinator)	Maximum US\$ 50,000, averages around US\$ 25,000; usually paid in 3 installments	NA	<a href="https://sgp.undp.org/">https://sgp.undp.org/</a>
<b>IUCN SOS</b>	"Save our Species" fund supports science-based conservation action that saves animals and plants from extinction. Calls for proposals are announced as funding becomes available for a specific programme.	Variable	Global	Variable	Up to €100,000	NA	<a href="https://portals.iucn.org/sos/">https://portals.iucn.org/sos/</a>



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<b>Rapid Response Facility-</b> emergency fund	The Rapid Response Facility (RRF) is jointly sponsored by Fauna & Flora International, the UNESCO World Heritage Center, and the United Nations Foundation. The RRF delivers rapid conservation funding in times of crisis, with a focus on UNESCO's natural World Heritage sites.	<b>Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Micronesia, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Niue, Tonga, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Wallisand Futuna, Palau, Nauru, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Tokelau</b>	The site must be a listed UNESCO natural World Heritage site (or an internationally recognised site of high biodiversity value); Project must address a sudden emergency situation; must be undertaken by an eligible organisation (incl. government bodies responsible for site management, registered NGOs, and private sector organisations)	Year-round	Up to USD\$40,000	NA	<a href="https://www.rapid-response.org/apply-2/">https://www.rapid-response.org/apply-2/</a>
<b>IWC Small Cetaceans Fund</b>	The IWC Small Cetaceans Conservation Research Fund supports high priority research that improves conservation outcomes for populations of small cetaceans, particularly those that are threatened or especially vulnerable to human activities.	Variable	Preference will be given to projects in-line with the previously established priority topics and recommendations of the IWC sub-committee on small cetaceans.	Variable	Maximum £20,000	Variable	<a href="https://iwc.int/small_fund">https://iwc.int/small_fund</a>

**c. Private**

(\* Countries and territories not classified in World Bank income groups. Included in the tables below in accordance with the OECD's estimated placements on its Development Assistance Committee's list of eligible countries and territories for Official Development Assistance)

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<b>Chicago Zoological Society</b>	Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) Endangered Species Fund provides small grants to researchers of up to US\$ 5,000. Projects should focus on conservation of IUCN Red List species. This includes projects that will quantitatively assess population and environmental status with indications of best conservation strategy and projects that will help achieve sustainable relations between local people and the species of concern.	All (subject to eligibility conditions)	Global, only for researchers, particularly IUCN Species Survival Commission Chairs, AZA/WAZA Chairs and Officers	Annual	USD\$5,000	August deadline	<a href="https://www.czs.org/Chicago-Zoological-Society/Conservation-Leadership/CBOT-Endangered-Species-Fund">https://www.czs.org/Chicago-Zoological-Society/Conservation-Leadership/CBOT-Endangered-Species-Fund</a>
<b>Earthwatch</b>	Earthwatch supports research projects that produce rigorous science, address global change, and actively involve citizen-scientist participants. The principal investigator of the proposed project or a collaborator is required to have a PhD and an affiliation with a university, government agency, or a science-focused NGO.	All (with some no-go areas in Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu)	1) 3 years or longer in duration 2) Run in English 3) Quantifiable goals and measurable impact (see website for full list of requirements)	Annual	USD\$ 20,000 to 80,000 per year	apply one year in advance of the planned project start	<a href="https://earthwatch.org/research/apply-for-research-funding">https://earthwatch.org/research/apply-for-research-funding</a>

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<b>Idea Wild</b>	Idea Wild is a US based NGO, which can provide small equipment grants to conservation professionals (of all age groups and career stages) around the world. These equipment grants advance biological research, conservation education, community outreach, conservation management, field training, and professional development in areas where it is needed most. Biodiversity hotspots (defined by CEPF) are given priority. Equipment has to be picked up by an associated person in the USA.	All	Developing countries; Priority given to applicants with a US contact/address	Year-round	USD\$1,500	NA, applications reviewed monthly	<a href="https://ideawild.org/apply.html">https://ideawild.org/apply.html</a>
<b>Mohamed Bin Zayed Species Fund</b>	The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund provides small grants to in-the-field species conservation projects for the world's most threatened species. Conservation projects for the benefit of any threatened species are eligible and can be run by organizations anywhere in the world. In 2019 the Fund supported 170 projects selected from 1,647 grant applications.	All	Applications must relate to species conservation, and applications will be judged primarily based on the IUCN Red List	Thrice a year	Maximum US\$ 25,000	June and October	<a href="https://www.speciesconservation.org/">https://www.speciesconservation.org/</a>
<b>National Geographic Grants Program</b>	The National Geographic Society is investing in bold people and transformative ideas to support conservation action and research. It does not consider applications that support strictly laboratory or collections work. The grant programme is very competitive, applicants must use <a href="#">the online application system</a> .	All	Global (local collaborators needed if you work outside of your home country)	On pause (due to COVID-19)	Variable, depending on the funding opportunity, explorer grant maximum US\$ 5,000	Year-round	<a href="https://grants.nationalgeographic.org/">https://grants.nationalgeographic.org/</a>

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<b>PADI Foundation</b>	The Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) provides grants to support underwater science, environmental projects, and education. The Foundation posts an annual calendar period during which it accepts applications.	All	Global	Annual	up to US\$ 20,000	November- January (may vary)	<a href="http://www.padifoundation.org/guides-deadlines.html">http://www.padifoundation.org/guides-deadlines.html</a>
<b>Paul M. Angell Family Foundation</b> — Conservation Grant	The Foundation is interested in marine protected areas; sustainable fisheries; conserving sharks and rays; conservation of coral reefs; and limiting plastics pollution.	All	Global	Twice per year	US\$ 5,000 to US\$ 1,000,000	Spring and autumn	<a href="http://pmangellfamfound.org/f-or-applicants/how-to-apply/">http://pmangellfamfound.org/f-or-applicants/how-to-apply/</a>
<b>People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES)</b>	British charity, which awards grants to projects in the UK and worldwide focusing on endangered species for up to two years.	<b>Fiji, French Polynesia, Micronesia, Niue*, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis &amp; Futuna*</b> , Palau, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Tokelau*	Applicants already working and established in either the UK, UK overseas territories or any country NOT classified by the World Bank as high-income. Priority is given to native project leaders working in their own country.	Variable	£3,000- £10,000 per annum; up to £20,000 total	Winter	<a href="https://ptes.org/grants/apply-grant/worldwide-grant-criteria/">https://ptes.org/grants/apply-grant/worldwide-grant-criteria/</a>
<b>The Disney Conservation Fund</b>	The Disney Conservation Fund awards grants to non-profit organizations leading comprehensive community conservation efforts and initiatives that protect species and habitats and inspire children and families to take action for wildlife and the planet.	All (some areas designated as priorities)	Global with some restrictions depending on the species; organizations outside the US must be considered a non-profit/charity organization in their own country	Annual	Maximum US\$ 50,000 for 2 years	September- October	<a href="https://thewaltdisneycompany.com/disney-conservation/">https://thewaltdisneycompany.com/disney-conservation/</a>

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<b>Total Foundation</b>	The foundation of the company Total supports research, education and training, and awareness raising, as well as ecosystem restoration projects. Mangrove restoration is a possibility within their Forest and Climate stream. Grant recipients are a wide range of international organizations, government agencies, conservation NGOs, and research institutes and universities in France and internationally.	All	Global	No formal procedure	NA	Contact the foundation by email	<a href="https://www.foundation.total.fr/contactez-nous">https://www.foundation.total.fr/contactez-nous</a>
<b>WCS Conservation Leadership Programme- Future Conservation ist Award</b>	The Conservation Leadership Programme (CLP) is a globally renowned capacity building partnership that is building the next generation of conservation leaders in developing countries. CLP partners include WCS, BirdLife International, and Fauna & Flora International. The Programme works collectively to identify and engage exceptional young conservationists, invest in their professional development through grants, internships, training and mentoring, and help them to enhance their impact across the conservation sector.	<b>Fiji, French Polynesia, Micronesia, Niue*, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis &amp; Futuna*, New Caledonia, Palau, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Tokelau*</b>	Low and middle-income countries; Must focus on a globally-important species for biodiversity conservation; Team-based, with at least 3 members; the team leader must be a national in the country where the project is taking place; project duration no less than 3 months and no more than 1 year; All members must be early-career conservationists (no more than 5 years work experience in conservation sector).	Annual	Up to USD\$15,000	October deadline	<a href="https://www.conservationleadershipprogramme.org/grants/grant-overview/future-conservationist-award/">https://www.conservationleadershipprogramme.org/grants/grant-overview/future-conservationist-award/</a>

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<b>WCS -</b> Research Fellowship Programme	Preference is given to applicants enrolled in Masters and PhD level programs; however, applications will be accepted from all conservationists in the early stages of their career	<b>Fiji, French Polynesia, Micronesia, Niue*, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis &amp; Futuna*, Palau, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Tokelau*</b>	Applicants must be citizens of a developing country (any country NOT classified by the World Bank as high-income).	Annual	Maximum USD\$ 15,000	April-June	<a href="https://programs.wcs.org/ffp/?_ga=2.72707475.1480548153.1606137618-1380153085.1592940151">https://programs.wcs.org/ffp/?_ga=2.72707475.1480548153.1606137618-1380153085.1592940151</a>
<b>Auckland Zoo- Small Grants Programme</b>	The Auckland Zoo Conservation Fund Small Grants Programme exists to help provide relatively small levels of funding for ongoing projects or pilot programmes with clear conservation value.	All (projects to be based in New Zealand or a developing country)	Amount of funding requested should represent 25% of the project's overall budget; Projects based in NZ or a developing country	Biennial	Maximum NZD\$500 0	NA	<a href="https://www.aucklandzoo.co.nz/get-involved/conservation-fund">https://www.aucklandzoo.co.nz/get-involved/conservation-fund</a>
<b>PADI AWARE- Community Grant</b>	Funding for community-based organisations or PADI Dive Centers to provide resources to participate, educate and advocate for ocean protection	TBD (Sept 2021)	TBD (Sept 2021)	Annual	TBD	Opens in September 2021	<a href="https://www.padi.com/aware/community-grants">https://www.padi.com/aware/community-grants</a>
<b>SeaWorld Parks &amp; Entertainment-SeaWorld Conservation Fund</b>	The fund aims to with purpose and passion on behalf of wildlife and habitats worldwide, encouraging sustainable solutions through support of species research, animal rescue and rehabilitation and conservation education.	All	Non-profit organisations, governmental entities, schools and universities; organisations can be both US-based and international	Twice a year (resuming in 2023)	No limit, but ranges between USD\$10,000 - \$25,000	October-November, December-April	<a href="https://swbg-conservationfund.org/grant-seekers/">https://swbg-conservationfund.org/grant-seekers/</a>

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<b>Whitley Fund for Nature (WNF)- Whitley Awards</b>	WNF offers awards to leaders of nature conservation projects in the developing world. WNF gives priority to grassroots initiatives, and to projects that take an ecosystems approach. Most successful proposals have a significant human element (i.e., community education and involvement).	<b>Fiji, French Polynesia, Micronesia, Niue*, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis &amp; Futuna*, Palau, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Tokelau*</b>	Criteria include: Nationals with local support; grassroots conservationists from locally incorporated NGOs; work involving (and benefitting) the local community; Preference for ecosystem/landscape level projects; Must be able to demonstrate past success and an evidence-based approach	Annual	£40,000	Open in autumn	<a href="https://whitleyaward.org/what-we-do/whitley-awards/">https://whitleyaward.org/what-we-do/whitley-awards/</a>
<b>Waitt Foundation- Rapid Ocean Conservation (ROC) Grants Program</b>	The Rapid Ocean Conservation (ROC) Grants Program is a project of the Waitt Foundation. ROC Grants provide small grants with a quick turnaround time for solutions to emerging conservation issues and ocean protection. This complements the Waitt Foundation's existing major grants program and is responsive to conservation opportunities, supports higher-risk ideas at a low financial cost, and engages with small, local NGOs on a global scale.	All	Applicant must maintain affiliation with an academic institution or NGO for the duration of the grant project; Project must support sustainable fishing and/or Marine Protected Areas; Applicant must possess commensurate level of experience and expertise with respect to the proposed project; Project duration: 6 months	Year-round	Up to USD\$20,000	Rolling, reviewed monthly	<a href="https://www.waittfoundation.org/roc-grants">https://www.waittfoundation.org/roc-grants</a>



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<b>The Marisla Foundation</b>	Established in 1986 as a private, non-operating charitable institution, the Marisla Foundation awards grants quarterly in two program areas- Environment and Human Services.	<b>Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Micronesia, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu,</b> Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Tokelau	Geographical focus includes the Western Pacific; Focus on marine and coastal biodiversity conservation	Year-round	NA	November-January, February-April, May-July, August-October	<a href="https://online.foundationsource.com/ws/index.jsp?site=marisla#">https://online.foundationsource.com/ws/index.jsp?site=marisla#</a>
<b>Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation</b>	The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation funds projects for the environment in three program areas: biodiversity, climate change, and water. The Foundation is particularly interested in the Mediterranean Basin, the polar regions, and the least-developed countries vulnerable to the negative impacts of climate change.	<b>Solomon Islands, Tuvalu,</b> Kiribati	Must relate to at least one of the following environmental areas: climate change, biodiversity, water; Priority geographic areas: Mediterranean, Polar Zones, LDCs	Year-round	Variable	Variable	<a href="https://www.fpa2.org/en/submit-a-project">https://www.fpa2.org/en/submit-a-project</a>
<b>The Prince Bernhard Nature Fund</b>	The Prince Bernhard Fund for Nature aims to help save critically endangered flora and fauna in tropical and subtropical regions of Africa, Asia and Latin America. Organizations from other regions can qualify for support if there is a substantial element of partnership with, and strengthening of local partner organizations. The Fund's mission is to support small, preferably local initiatives.	All (some areas prioritised)	Registered non-profits with an organisational bank account; Priority given to IUCN Red List species and developing countries, with a focus on subtropical regions of Africa, Asia and Latin America	Biennial	Maximum USD\$20,000 / EUR20,000	November-February	<a href="https://www.pbfn.nl/grantseekers/">https://www.pbfn.nl/grantseekers/</a>

Organization/ fund name	Description	Eligible PIC MOU Signatories and Range States	Eligibility	Calls for proposals	Grant size	Application window	Link
<b>Animal Behavior Society-</b> Developing Nations Research Grants	The funds are intended to provide financial support for scientific studies of animal behavior conducted by current Animal Behavior Society student members, as well as more established researchers.	<b>Fiji, Micronesia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu,</b> Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau	Applicants must both be a resident of and conducting research in a developing country to be eligible for this award; project to be conducted within a 1-year period from the date of receipt of this grant.	Annual	Variable	NA	<a href="https://www.animalbehaviorsociety.org/web/awards-student-grants.php">https://www.animalbehaviorsociety.org/web/awards-student-grants.php</a>
<b>Foundation North-</b> Community Grants	Community Grants help community organisations with larger funding needs, and can be multi-year grants.	<b>New Zealand</b> (Auckland and Northland)	Focus area alignment ('Regenerative Environment' category): Ecosystems and communities being renewed and regenerated; Mātauranga Māori (indigenous knowledge, practices and approaches) being recognised, valued and implemented; Tino rangatiratanga – community-led action for Te Taiao; Connection and access to Te Taiao.	Year-round	More than NZ\$25,000	Year-round	<a href="https://www.foundationnorth.org.nz/funding/fund/community-grant?guide=test-when-can-you-apply-">https://www.foundationnorth.org.nz/funding/fund/community-grant?guide=test-when-can-you-apply-</a>

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<b>Foundation North-</b> Quick Response Grants	Quick Response Grants (QRG) have streamlined processes that see grants working in communities as quickly as possible.	<b>New Zealand</b> (Auckland and Northland)	Focus area alignment ('Regenerative Environment' category): Ecosystems and communities being renewed and regenerated; Mātauranga Māori (indigenous knowledge, practices and approaches) being recognised, valued and implemented; Tino rangatiratanga – community-led action for Te Taiao; Connection and access to Te Taiao.	Year-round	Up to NZ\$25,000	Year-round	<a href="https://www.foundationnorth.org.nz/funding/fund/quick-response-grants">https://www.foundationnorth.org.nz/funding/fund/quick-response-grants</a>
<b>Guardians of the Sea Charitable Trust</b>	The Guardians of the Sea Charitable Trust Ngā Kaitiaki mo Tangaroa is led by a board of six trustees. Aiming to reduce harmful impact on our ocean and ensuring more fish in the water, all received funds and grants go towards initiatives that support the reduction of juvenile mortality, bycatch, fuel consumption and sea floor damage.	<b>New Zealand</b>	Planned outcome must meet one of more of the Trust's <a href="#">objectives</a>	Year-round (online application form)	Not specified	Year-round (proposals considered quarterly)	<a href="https://guardians.org.nz/grants/">https://guardians.org.nz/grants/</a>
<b>The Ian Potter Foundation</b>	The Foundation recognises that a thriving environmental sector, underpinned by a well-resourced scientific research community, is essential for a healthy natural environment. Through the Sustainable pillar, the Foundation is committed to investing in Australia's research and innovation capacity and in community-driven environmental initiatives.	<b>Australia</b>	Organisations with BOTH Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Item 1 and Tax Concession Charity (TCC) status	Not specified (speak to a Program Manager)	Minimum AUD\$100,000	14 March- 31 March 2022	<a href="https://www.iانpotter.org.au/what-we-support/environment-and-conservation/">https://www.iانpotter.org.au/what-we-support/environment-and-conservation/</a>

## II. Resources for Crowdfunding and Online Marketing

### a. Donation Platforms

Donation platforms help you raise funds online, by providing more visibility, a structured approach, tips and information as well as various online tools for managing your donations.

#### Kindest

- Eligible region: global, US-based platform
- Requirements: only non-profits
- Cost: free, tips are encouraged
- Link: <https://www.kindest.com/>

#### Give Forms

- Eligible region: global, US-based, but not all countries supported (enquire individually)
- Requirements: Stripe Account
- Cost: Stripe fees will be charged per transaction, which will depend on the origin of the credit card used (e.g. Europe and US-based transactions are cheaper, transactions in other currencies are more expensive).  
Give Forms account is free, but platform fees are charged at the time of donation (1.9 - 2.9 per cent of the donated sum) plus credit card fees (discounts for non-profits can be requested from Paypal and Stripe, but if you are not US-based, enquire individually about conditions relevant for your location)
- Link: <https://www.giveforms.com/>

Additional information: possible to receive donations from all over the world in 30 different currencies (converted according to current rates). Donation form embedded in your website, does not redirect the donor to a different website when paying.

#### Donor Box

- Eligible region: in the Pacific Islands Region, only Australia, France, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States are eligible
- Requirements: Paypal or Stripe account
- Cost: charges 1.5 per cent from each donation received, for recurring donations 1.5 per cent monthly (plus credit card fees through Stripe or Paypal)
- Link: <https://donorbox.org/>

Additional information: do not need to have an own website, open to any organization or individual with a charitable cause

#### Global Giving

- Eligible region: 170 countries globally
- Requirements: selection process for applicants. First, online application is completed, if successful, the applicant needs to participate in a free training program (for one week), after which the final selection will be made.
- Cost: free for non-profits to join, 5-12 per cent deducted from donations, depending on the country where your organization is based and on the amount of money raised; another 3 per cent is deducted for third party credit card processing.
- Link: <https://www.globalgiving.org/>

- Additional information: works via crowd funding, the platform offers campaigns with matching funds and prizes to motivate donors

## **b. Social Marketing Resources**

### **Social Marketing University (SMU)**

SMU offers a free online crash course on fundamentals of social marketing to help non-profit professionals streamline their efforts. The flexibly designed online course incorporates insights from behavioural science and the business world to help non-profits streamline their efforts and design an effective social marketing strategy for their own use.

- Cost: free
- Link: <https://socialmarketingu.com/changeforgood/>

### **Facebook Help Centre**

Facebook Help Centre offers information and instructions for non-profits on how to raise money for their cause using Facebook.

- Cost: free
- Link: <https://www.facebook.com/help/1640008462980459>

### **Google Ad Grants**

This programme provides free advertising valued at up to US\$10,000 per month for non-profits. It's a great resource to advertise your activities and campaigns. Non-profits have to meet selection criteria. One of them is being registered in one of 50 selected countries. For more information please see the link below.

- Geographical area: 50 countries (see link below)
- Cost: free for non-profits
- Link: <https://www.google.com/grants/>

## **c. Technology**

### **Nonprofit Tech for Good**

Founded in 2005 as a Myspace Page by Heather Mansfield, Non-profit Tech for Good focuses on providing useful, easy-to-understand news and resources related to non-profit technology, online communication, and mobile and social fundraising.

Today, with 50,000+ monthly visitors and more than one million followers on social networks, Non-profit Tech for Good is a leading technology resource for non-profit professionals.

- Cost: free content and paid possibilities
- Link: <https://www.nptechforgood.com/>

### **Credit Card Processors**

You can simply integrate donate buttons from Paypal or Stripe in your own website. Paypal provides tips on fundraising strategies, specifically for non-profits. Both Paypal and Stripe can provide discounts for credit card processing fees for non-profits, but this does not apply to all

countries. Depending on the location of your organization, fees may vary. Please check on the websites of the providers.

- Paypal: <https://www.paypal.com/us/webapps/mpp/non-profits/fundraising/donate-button?CampaignName=VanityURL-DonateButton>
- Stripe: <https://support.stripe.com/questions/fee-discount-for-nonprofit-organizations>

#### d. Other resources

**[The Chronicle of Philanthropy](#)**: an online magazine about non-profit finance. It provides news about fundraising including a section on the virus situation and finances.

- Geographical area: global, but mostly US-focused
- Cost: approximately 110 US Dollars per year for digital access from outside the US

#### Online Courses

- [NonprofitReady](#) offers a series of free courses on fundraising
- UCDavis offers courses on fundraising and development on [Coursera](#), aiming to provide participants with a foundational understanding of basic fundraising concepts. Additional courses allow for specialised knowledge in annual campaigns, major and principal gifts, and planned giving programmes.

#### Online Resources

- [The Fundraising Authority](#) provides succinct articles containing guidance on the basics of fundraising
- Directed at non-profit organisations, [Network For Good](#) offers various guides and templates for fundraising and events documents
  - Cost: variable (see [pricing](#) page)

### III. Online Directories

**[Terra Viva Grants Directory](#)**: The Terra Viva Grants Directory is an information service about international grant funding for agriculture, energy, environment, including wildlife conservation and natural resources in the developing world.

- Geographical area: global
- Cost: free and paid options for subscription to receive funding alerts

**[The Society for Marine Mammology](#)**: The Society for Marine Mammology provides an open-access directory of external funding opportunities for marine mammal science.

- Geographical area: global

**[Guidestar non-profit organization database](#)**: GuideStar is a database of non-profit organizations, that are based in the US. The website collects and assesses information on non-profits, pre-selecting eligible organizations through their due diligence procedures. Non-profit organizations can create their profile on this website and get a transparency seal. The collected information guides US donors in their funding decisions.

- Geographical area: US, includes non-profits, which fund projects in developing countries
- Cost: free profile for non-profits

**Foundation Directory Online**: This page offers the possibility to search US-based grant opportunities.

- Geographical area: US, includes funders for developing countries
- Cost: free and paid versions available

**Generosity New Zealand**: Generosity New Zealand has online search tools that can connect people to funding opportunities

- Geographical area: Aotearoa
- Cost: free (registration needed)

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The Society for Marine Mammalogy Directory <https://marinemammalscience.org/awards-funding/marine-mammal-science-funding-opportunities/>

Whalefish <https://www.whalefish.org/sources-of-funding>

New Zealand Department of Conservation <https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/funding/other-funding-organisations/>