2025 Regional Media Support Fund Proposal Submission ✄

Organisations wishing to apply for funding through the Regional Media Support Fund must complete and submit this below.

The Regional Media Support Fund aims to support more viable, resilient, inclusive, and independent media in the Pacific, Southeast Asia and South Asia. The fund has potential to respond to a range of needs given the various challenges that regional media face in delivering quality media services and information that serve the public interest. Requests for support may include business and organisational management, small-scale equipment, technology or facility upgrades, professional development and/or upskilling to support more resilient and inclusive media organisations.

The fund is an Australian Government initiative, designed and managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). It is supported by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's International Development Unit (ABCID) as the managing contractor. All funding decisions are made by a senior DFAT Governance Committee.

We welcome requests from organisations that are focused on enhancing the capacity and capability of local media in countries eligible to receive Official Development Assistance in the Pacific, Southeast Asia, and South Asia. We are also interested in partnerships with related organisations who can help us in further supporting media in the region

If you have questions about the information required for your application, contact us at RMSFadmin@abc.net.au.

How to Apply: Complete and submit the application below before 26 September. Urgent or time-sensitive proposals may also be considered on a rolling basis. Please contact us by email if you have a time-sensitive request.

What Happens After a Proposal is Submitted? We will notify all applicants of review outcomes via email.

For more information, contact us at RMSFadmin@abc.net.au.

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Privacy Collection Statement

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) is committed to protecting your privacy. We are bound by the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)* and comply with our obligations under the Australian Privacy Principles.

We are collecting your organisation's information for the purposes of assessing your eligibility and suitability for the Regional Media Support Fund; reviewing and evaluating your project proposal; monitoring and reporting on the use and impact of funded projects; communicating important updates related to your application and activity, and to fulfil our reporting obligations.

In this form, there will be questions that ask for your sensitive information. By providing this information, you are giving us permission to collect and use it for the purposes mentioned.

By consenting to the ABC's collection and use of this information, you also authorise us to disclose the information you provide to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) in Australia. This disclosure will only occur for the specific purpose of assessing your eligibility and suitability for support under the Regional Media Support Fund. Your information will be handled in accordance with applicable privacy laws and protections.

You have the right to access and correct the personal information we hold about you. For more information, please refer to the ABC Privacy Policy (https://about.abc.net.au/abc-privacy-policy) or email privacy.abc@abc.net.au

1. **Consent to Collect and Use Information**

   I confirm that I have read and understood why my organisation's information is being collected and agree to its use for the purposes of this funding application. *

   ◯ Yes, I consent

Applicant Information

2. Name of Organisation *

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3. Legal Registration Status/Number (if available) *

ABN, tax number or government registration number depending on your country requirements, if applicable (if not, please write "N/A")

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4. Contact Person Full Name *

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5. Contact Person Email Address *

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6. Contact Person Telephone *

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7. Region *

◯ Pacific

◯ Southeast Asia

◯ South Asia

◯ Regional/Multi-regional

8. Please indicate below any Pacific country(s) where the project will be implemented. *

◯ Fiji

◯ Kiribati

◯ Marshall Islands

◯ Micronesia (Federated States of)

◯ Nauru

◯ Niue

◯ Palau

◯ Papua New Guinea

◯ Samoa

◯ Solomon Islands

◯ Tonga

◯ Tuvalu

◯ Vanuatu

9. Please indicate below any Southeast Asia country(s) where the project will be implemented. *

○ Cambodia

○ Indonesia

○ Lao People's Democratic Republic (Laos)

○ Malaysia

○ Myanmar

○ Nepal

○ Philippines

○ Thailand

○ Timor-Leste

○ Vietnam

10. Please indicate below any South Asia country(s) where the project will be implemented. *

○ Afghanistan

○ Bangladesh

○ Bhutan

○ India

○ Maldives

○ Nepal

○ Pakistan

○ Sri Lanka

○ Other

11. Regional/Multi-regional

Please specify which region(s) and countries involved

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Please enter at most 150 characters

12. Project Title *

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13. Project Type *

○ Equipment

○ Facility Repair/Upgrades

○ Professional Development/Upskilling

○ Travel Support

○ Other

14. Project Objectives *

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Enter your answer

15. Project Start Date *

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16. Project End Date *

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17. Project Duration (months) *

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Please enter at most 50 characters

18. Who are the main groups or communities that will benefit from your project? *

☐ Local communities

☐ Women

☐ People with disabilities

☐ Indigenous Groups

☐ Government Agencies

☐ Private Sector

☐ Other

19. Who would benefit most from this project? *

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Please enter at most 200 characters

20. What activities are you planning to carry out as part of your project? *

(Select all that apply)

☐ Training Workshops *(e.g. sessions aimed at developing skills or knowledge)*

☐ Capacity Building *(e.g. initiatives to strengthen systems, processes or long-term capabilities)*

☐ Conferences/Events *(e.g. sharing of knowledge, networking and collaboration)*

☐ Research/Advisory Services *(e.g. studies, assessments or expert guidance to inform decisions and strategies)*

☐ Equipment Procurement *(e.g. purchasing tools or technology)*

☐ Other

21. If the activity includes equipment procurement, please explain how the equipment will be used to achieve your project goals:

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22. When do you expect your activities to take place? Please include key dates or timeframes (e.g. start and end dates, major milestones).
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23. Will you be working with any partner organisations on this project? *

◯ Yes

◯ No

24. If yes, please list partner organisations and their role in the project *

25. Budget estimate: Please provide a total budget estimate along with a list of all cost categories (training materials, venue costs, equipment costs, travel expenses, personnel, etc) and their expected cost. Please note any in-kind costs. *

26. How much experience does your organisation have in delivering similar projects? *

    ○ Extensive experience with similar projects

    ○ Some experience with similar projects

    ○ Limited experience, but with relevant capabilities

    ○ No previous experience with similar projects

27. What kind of support would help your organisation successfully deliver this project? *

    ☐ Procurement support

    ☐ Logistics assistance

    ☐ Monitoring and evaluation support

    ☐ Technical expertise

    ☐ Minimal support or none

    ☐ Other

28. Does your organisation have policies in place around governance and compliance (for example, child protection, finance, recordkeeping, privacy)? *

    ○ Yes

    ○ No

29. Are you able to provide copies of these policies if requested? *

    ○ Yes

    ○ No

30. Risk Management: What are the key risks that could affect your project, and where might you need support? *

    ☐ Financial management challenges

    ☐ Procurement delays

    ☐ Staff capacity limitations

    ☐ Political/security concerns

    ☐ Environmental factors

    ☐ Stakeholder engagement issues

    ☐ Other

31. Risk Management: How will your organisation manage or reduce the risks you have identified? *

32. Monitoring and Evaluation: Please describe how you will evaluate if your project is successful? *

For example, number of people reached or served; improvements in skills or knowledge; achievement of specific project milestones; feedback from participants or stakeholders; impact on the community or target; other.

33. Monitoring and Evaluation: How will your organisation track progress and learn from the project as it unfolds? *

Enter your answer

34. Does your project specifically address any of the following Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) areas?

GEDSI focuses on ensuring fair access to opportunities and resources for all individuals, especially those who face barriers due to gender, disability, or social marginalisation. When answering, consider whether your project actively promotes equal participation, removes barriers, or empowers these groups in any way.
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(Select all that apply)

- [ ] Gender equality and women's empowerment
- [ ] Disability inclusion
- [ ] Social inclusion of marginalised or vulnerable groups
- [ ] None of the above
- [ ] Other

35. GEDSI Details: Please describe how your project will support gender equality, disability inclusion, or other forms of social inclusion. *

36. Does your project include any activities or measures that address climate change or environmental sustainability?

If so, please describe.

Enter your answer

37. How does your project contribute to mitigating or adapting to climate risks?

38. How will your project ensure lasting impact beyond the funding period? *

(Select all that apply)

- [ ] Work with local groups to support the project
- [ ] Train local people to continue the work
- [ ] Secure other funding to keep it going
- [ ] Include the project in government or community programs
- [ ] Other

39. Sustainability Details: Please explain how the outcomes or assets from your project will be maintained after RMSF funding ends. *

40. Probity Declaration *

☐ This form has been prepared by and is being submitted by an eligible applicant

☐ All information provided is accurate

☐ The project is intended to deliver benefits in the Pacific, Southeast Asia, or South Asia (list eligible countries)

☐ The project can be completed within 12 months of an agreement being signed

41. Prepared by (full name): *

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Please enter at most 100 characters

42. Position in Organisation: *

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Please enter at most 100 characters

43. Date: *

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44. How did you hear about the Fund?

○ ABCID

○ DFAT (Website, Post)

○ Community organisation or local group

○ Current or previous Fund recipient

○ Word of mouth

○ Other