
TOB FOR CLIMATE CHANGE REPORTING GRANT

1. Objective

Climate Change Reporting Grant aims to produce well-researched, in-depth stories on the impact of climate change on vulnerable rural communities of Bhutan and link them with the country's public policy on climate change through two reporting grants. Under the first Grant, the grantees will travel to rural areas to explore the stories of climate change. Under the second Grant, the grantees will report from Thimphu and link their first story to the government's climate change policies and programmes.

The Grant provides the journalists who attended BMF's Climate Change Reporting Training from 13 to 15 July 2020 an opportunity to put their newly acquired skills and knowledge into practice. The Grant will pay the interested journalists for the time they spend to do in-depth climate change stories.

2. Eligibility criteria

- Only the individuals who participated in the Climate Change Reporting Training from 13 to 15 July 2020 may apply for the Grant.
- Both English and Dzongkha journalists are eligible to apply.
- An applicant must submit a duly filled Grant application form along with a copy of CV.
- A freelancer applicant must get a letter (scanned copy) from a media house stating that his or her story supported by the Grant will be published or aired.
- An applicant must submit a work plan showing the number of days required for travels, interviews, meetings, and field and desk research to complete the story.
- An applicant may submit more than one story pitch but only one pitch will be selected for the Grant.
- A story pitch should be on climate change or an issue related to climate change.

3. Evaluation criteria

- A three-member independent jury comprising senior journalists will evaluate the applications.
- The selection of the proposals will be based on the following criteria:

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1	Story pitch/idea	25	
2	Newsworthiness & relevance	25	
3	Expected impact of the story	25	
4	Doability	25	

4. Mentorship

- Each grant recipient will be attached to a mentor who will guide him or her throughout the story writing process.
- The role of the mentor is to advise the grant recipient on information gathering, identifying the right sources of information, building the context of the story, and finding and retaining the focus of the story, among others.
- The grant recipient and mentor should communicate regularly.

5. Grant amount

- A grant recipient from print media will be paid a lumpsum of **Nu. 34,500** and **Nu. 39,500** will be paid to the grantee from broadcast media for one story.
- A grant recipient is entitled to an advance of 50 percent of the total grant amount upon signing the contract. BMF will pay the remaining 50 percent of the amount upon successful publication or airing of the proposed story and submission of the published or aired story to BMF.

6. Expected outputs

- A grant recipient is expected to complete and publish/broadcast a compelling climate change story.
- A grant recipient is expected to submit a copy of the story, along with pictures/recordings to BMF.

7. Timeframe

Applications must be submitted to bmf@bmf.bt before 5 pm on 27 July 2020. Hard copy application or walk-in submission will not be accepted.

The Grant will be announced on 30 July 2020.

A grant recipient will be given until October 2020 to complete and publish/broadcast his or her story.

8. Intellectual property

Content developers shall have the intellectual property ownership right.

9. Right to withhold the Grant

BMF retains the right to refuse the Grant to an applicant if the Jury deems the proposal is not up to the mark or not in line with the stated objectives of the Grant.

10. Contract

A grant recipient shall sign a contract agreement with BMF guaranteeing that he or she will produce the proposed work within the stipulated timeframe.

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