

TOR for Civil Society Reporting Grant

1. Objective

Civil Society Reporting Grant aims to produce well-researched, in-depth stories on Civil Society of Bhutan. Under the Grant, the grantees will explore the stories on the significant roles of the CSOs and CBOs and their contributions to society, mostly focusing on women, youth, and vulnerable people.

2. Number of Grants

A total of seven grants will be awarded: five for print and radio and two for visual media.

3. Eligibility criteria

- Only the individuals who participated in one of or both the workshops held on 6-7 and 20-21 June 2022 may apply for the Grant.
- Both English and Dzongkha journalists are eligible for the Grant.
- An applicant must submit a duly filled Grant application form along with a copy of CV.
- 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 a topic related to civil society in Bhutan.

4. 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	
	Total	100	

5. Grant amount

- A grant recipient from print media and radio will be paid a lumpsum of **Nu. 40,000** and **Nu. 80,000** will be paid to the grantee from visual 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 civil society 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 30 June 2022**. Hard copy application or walk-in submission will not be accepted.

The Grant will be announced on **1 July 2022**.

A grant recipient will be given until **30 August 2022** 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.

11. Contact person for enquiries

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