# **Apply For Grants To Fund Open Source Work**

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### Yes

### They exist













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 April 1st

## Sample funder: Chan Zuckerberg Initiative



## **Eligibility**

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

#### **Amount**

Between \$100,000 USD and \$400,000 USD for two years

### **Deadline**

March 30th

# 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: OpenHumans



## **Eligibility**

Projects that grow the OpenHumans ecosystem: help people explore and analyze their personal data

#### **Amount**

Up to \$5,000 USD

#### **Deadline**

Rolling (apply anytime)

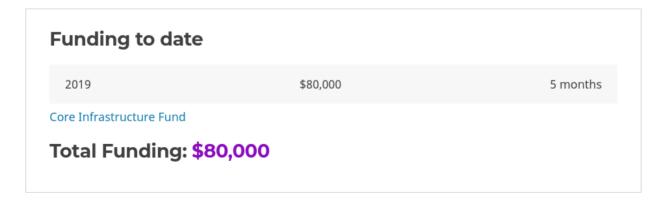
# Personal connection: optional

Helps with informal idea-checking and credibility.....

but strangers are still welcome to apply







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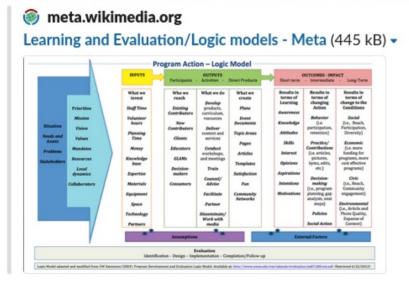
Yeah. Let's try to guesstimate it

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

something ("We want to know how ye uld be, what larger purpose this project is a March 1st, 2018 Y 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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**June 12** 

**Further questions to answer** 

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Aug 29 Approved

#### 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 recieved 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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### **Consider:**

- Your goals
- Funder maximum

\$150K USD could be 7 months of working fulltime

### Plan to include:

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## **Key step: hiring**

You can hire someone new to help!

What skills will they need?

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- Request amount & use

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## **Key step: submitting**

**Details count.** 

Do it early.

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Formed:

June 2020

Notes:

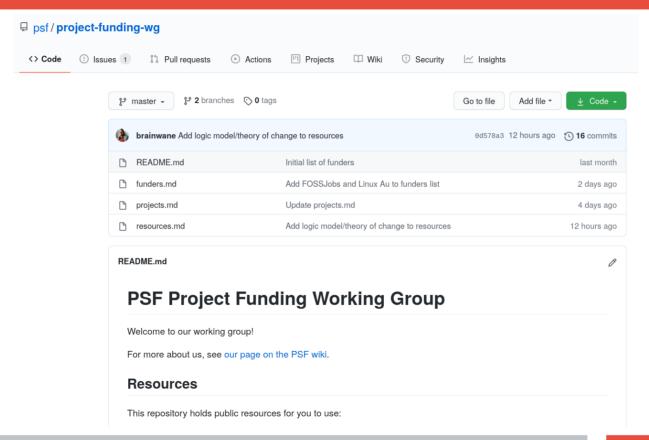
https://wiki.python.org/psf/ProjectFundingWG

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 <a href="https://wiki.python.org/psf/PackagingWG/Charter">https://wiki.python.org/psf/PackagingWG/Charter</a>. Approved June 11th, 2020.

# **Project Funding Working Group**



# **Changeset Consulting** (me)

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Project management, grant research & writing

Roadside assistance for open source maintainers.

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