

2018 Call for Proposals

The Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) is a grant making and advocacy foundation that is part of the global Open Society Foundations Network. OSIWA works to support the creation of open societies in West Africa marked by functioning democracy, good governance, the rule of law, basic freedoms, and widespread civic participation. Its headquarters is in Dakar and it has offices in Abuja, Monrovia, Freetown and Conakry.

OSIWA **only** supports innovative interventions with effective strategies that respond to the broader deep-seated political, justice and socio-economic roadblocks to open society in West Africa. We seek to seize new opportunities and deploy novel methods, including technology and the arts, to address open society challenges.

OSIWA seeks proposals aimed at achieving the following specific themes:

- **Economic Governance and Advancement**
- **Justice Reform and Rule of Law**
- **Journalism**
- **Equality and Anti-Discrimination**
- **Democratic Practice**

The detailed OSIWA strategy is available at [here](#).

ELIGIBILITY

OSIWA primarily awards grants to local organizations based in West Africa. In rare and limited circumstances, it provides support to West Africa-based international organizations with a strong commitment to transfer knowledge to local groups they partner with. It provides grants to government institutions as well as regional and sub-regional organizations working in its core priority areas. OSIWA requires all organizations seeking funding to submit a **completed application proposal, budget, and other relevant documents including leadership information (list of Board members, trustees and management staff who will be involved in the project, and proof of registration)**. Applications that are not submitted with all the relevant documentation may be delayed.

SUBMISSION AND DEADLINES

Proposals should be sent **preferably online** via the [OSIWA website](#) or to: proposals@osiwa.org. **Proposals will be accepted until April 30th 2018**. OSIWA encourages early submission of proposals. Submitted proposals will be reviewed on a **first-come, first-served** basis.

The time required to review a proposal varies according to the complexity of the proposal, the problem being addressed, and the number of proposals being reviewed. Generally, it can take up to three to six months from the time a proposal is received to the date a final decision is made. OSIWA strives to be as expeditious as possible in its review of inquiries and proposals. Please keep this in mind when planning.

The application documents are available [here](#).