

## **Grants for the Safeguarding of Endangered Languages**

Grants for the documentation and revitalization of endangered and indigenous languages are available from the following organizations (last updated in February 2011).

HRELP/Hans Rausing Endangered Languages Project (SOAS)

NSF/National Science Foundation

FEL/Foundation for Endangered Languages

ELF/The Endangered Languages Fund

GbS/Gesellschaft für bedrohte Sprachen

Volkswagen Stiftung

Australian Government, Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts,

Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records

Sacred Earth Network Endangered Languages Program

Please see below for more information and links.

## **HRELP/Hans Rausing Endangered Languages Project (SOAS)**

HRELP provides the following grants to individuals and researchers for the documentation of endangered languages. Please click on the relevant link below for more information.

Small Grants (SG)

Individual Graduate Scholarships (IGS)

Major Documentation Project (MDP)

Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (IPF)

### **Small Grants (SG)**

Small grants can be used for a range of purposes related to the documentation of endangered languages (e.g. to carry out fieldwork, develop a pilot project, or complete a project already begun). The maximum grant awarded is £10,000.

### **Individual Graduate Scholarships (IGS)**

IGS applications are invited from individuals seeking scholarship funding for up to 3 years. Individual Graduate Scholarship projects last for 12 to 36 months; field trips are normally involved.

### **Major Documentation Project (MDP)**

MDP funding can cover elements including fieldwork costs, equipment, researchers' salaries, and graduate students' stipends (stipends should be included only for activities contributing to the project while in the field or processing the documentation materials). Project duration is from 6 to 36 months. Funding for these projects typically ranges from less than £40,000 up to £130,000 (the maximum is £150,000).

### **Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (IPF)**

IPF grantees are typically researchers at an early stage in their academic career (e.g. who have held a PhD less than 5 years), with qualifications in linguistics and experience in linguistic fieldwork. IPFs are available for 12 to 24 months.

**Website:** <http://www.hrelp.org/grants/>

## **NSF/National Science Foundation**

This multi-year funding partnership between the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) supports projects to develop and advance knowledge concerning endangered human languages. Made urgent by the imminent death of an estimated half of the 6000-7000 currently used human languages, this effort aims also to exploit advances in information technology. Funding will support fieldwork and other activities relevant to recording, documenting, and archiving endangered languages, including the preparation of lexicons, grammars, text samples, and databases. Funding will be available in the form of one- to three-year project grants as well as fellowships for up to twelve months. At least half the available funding will be awarded to projects involving fieldwork.

Website: [http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=12816](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=12816)

## **FEL/Foundation for Endangered Languages**

The Foundation for Endangered Languages offers financial assistance to support the documentation of endangered languages. Proposals to the Foundation are in two parts: a Case for Support (the main statement of why the support is needed) and an Application Form (a summary of the applicant's details, what work will be done and what support is being asked for).

Website: [www.ogmios.org](http://www.ogmios.org)

## **ELF/The Endangered Languages Fund**

The Endangered Language Fund provides grants for language maintenance and linguistic field work. The work most likely to be funded is that which serves both the native community and the field of linguistics. Work which has immediate applicability to one group and more distant application to the other will also be considered. Publishing subventions are a low priority, although they will be considered. Proposals can originate in any country. The language involved must be in danger of disappearing within a generation or two. Endangerment is a continuum, and the location on the continuum is one factor in our funding decisions.

Eligible expenses include consultant fees, tapes, films, travel, etc. Overhead is not allowed. Grants are normally for a one year period, though extensions may be applied for. The ELF expects grants in this round to be less than \$4,000 in size, and to average about \$2,000.

Websites: <http://www.endangeredlanguagefund.org/>  
<http://www.endangeredlanguagefund.org/request.html>

## **GbS/Gesellschaft für bedrohte Sprachen**

The GBS is a non-profit organization that provides funding for the documentation and maintenance of endangered languages and dialects to either individuals or organizations. Funding is available, for instance, for field trips or publication projects. It is also possible to apply for additional funding for part of a larger project, if the use of the additional funding is specified in detail. Except in well-justified, exceptional cases, funding provided by the GBS will not exceed a total of 1.500 Euros.

Website: <http://www.uni-koeln.de/gbs/index.html>

## **Volkswagen Stiftung**

Two types of projects are funded by the Volkswagen Stiftung:

(a) Documentation projects which collect, process and archive linguistic and cultural data for (at least) one endangered language lacking sufficient documentation. Existing field material (audio, video, film, photo, texts) may be integrated into the planned documentation, but should be combined with new data collections.

(b) Documentation projects which use the DobeS archive for scientific purposes for example for comparative studies but also to detect new research questions connecting documentation linguistics with other branches of linguistics.

The project period may span up to three years, but shorter term applications can be submitted, too. A follow-up for a second project phase is possible, but the total project period should not exceed 5 years.

The budget applied for should not exceed the amount of 300,000 Euros.

Note that the Foundation can provide funds only to academic institutions, but not to individuals.

Applications from abroad are equivalent to German ones although, in order to be considered, they must demonstrate a defined and substantial cooperation with academic institutions and scholars in Germany in the working plan. German postdoctoral students are especially welcome to ask for funding if their project is hosted by an academic institution.

Website: <http://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/index.php?id=172&L=1>

## **Australian Government, Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records**

Applications may be made by individuals, groups or organizations working on the revival and maintenance of Australian Indigenous languages. The applicant must have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be registered for GST if required to meet Australian Tax Office obligations.

Please refer to the program guidelines at

[http://www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/indigenous\\_funding\\_2010-11](http://www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/indigenous_funding_2010-11) for up-to-date information for this year.

Website: <http://www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/MILR>

## **Sacred Earth Network Endangered Languages Program**

Grant requests range from roughly \$500 to a maximum of \$3000. SEN supports projects working towards preserving and teaching endangered Native languages. SEN accept proposals both from individuals and from non-profit organizations working directly on the program (not to “pass-through” organizations).

Websites: <http://sacredearthnetwork.org/>

<http://sacredearthnetwork.org/elp/elp-rfp.htm>