

Economic Micro-Grant Template

Overview and Purpose

The Economic Micro-Grant Template provides communities and grassroots organizations with a structured pathway to access small-scale funding for implementing components of the Nested Sovereignty Framework. Designed specifically for resource-constrained contexts, this template enables local initiatives to secure modest but catalytic funding to launch currencies, cooperatives, commons governance, or other framework elements with minimal administrative burden.

This template embodies the principles of **sovereignty**, **interoperability**, **justice**, and **adaptability** by prioritizing local decision-making, ensuring compatibility with larger systems, embedding equity in all processes, and allowing flexible implementation based on context.

Version: 1.0 (2025)

Available formats: PDF, editable document, web form, paper printout

Languages: Available in 10 languages with visual guides for low-literacy contexts

2. Eligibility Criteria

Grants are available to:

- Community groups with demonstrated local membership
- Indigenous communities and traditional governance structures
- Cooperatives and mutual aid organizations
- Local non-profits and social enterprises
- Youth-led initiatives and councils
- Women and gender-diverse collectives
- Neighborhood associations and informal community networks

Priority is given to:

- Groups from historically marginalized communities
- Initiatives demonstrating 50% leadership from women, non-binary individuals, indigenous people, or youth
- Projects in low-resource areas with limited access to conventional funding
- First-time implementers of framework components

3. Application Process

Simplified Application Options

Choose one of the following application methods:

Digital Application:

- Online form at globalgovernanceframework.org/micro-grants
- Email submission to micro-grants@globalgovernanceframework.org
- Mobile app submission via the Framework App

Offline Application:

- Paper application submitted to regional hubs
- Voice recording (3-5 minutes) describing project
- Visual storyboard with basic project details

- In-person presentation to regional facilitators

Required Information

The following information must be included regardless of submission format:

Group Information:

- Group name and primary contact
- Brief description of group (100 words/1 minute)
- Number of members and community served
- Location and context

Project Information:

- Which framework component you plan to implement
- Brief implementation plan (250 words/2-3 minutes)
- Timeline (start date, key milestones, completion date)
- How the project embodies framework principles
- Expected community benefit and impact

Budget Information:

- Total amount requested
- Simple budget breakdown
- Any matching or in-kind contributions
- How funds will be managed

4. Simplified Budget Template

Expense Category	Description	Amount (USD)	Notes
Materials & Supplies			
Training & Workshops			
Technology & Tools			
Transportation			
Community Outreach			
Administrative Support			
Other Expenses			
TOTAL REQUESTED			

In-Kind Contributions (Optional):

- Volunteer hours: ___ hours @ estimated value of \$___ per hour
- Space contribution: estimated value \$___
- Materials contribution: estimated value \$___
- Other in-kind: _____: **estimated value \$**

5. Selection Criteria and Process

Selection Criteria

Applications are evaluated based on:

- **Need (25%):** Demonstrated necessity and limited alternatives
- **Alignment (25%):** Coherence with framework principles
- **Feasibility (20%):** Realistic implementation given context and resources
- **Impact (20%):** Potential benefit to community and catalytic effect
- **Inclusivity (10%):** Representation of marginalized groups in leadership

Selection Process

1. Regional review panel evaluates applications (50% from marginalized groups)
2. Top applications presented to community vote via DecideTogether platform
3. Final selection incorporates both panel review and community vote
4. Decisions communicated within 30 days of application deadline

6. Reporting Requirements

Simplified Reporting Options

Choose one of the following documentation methods:

Digital Reporting:

- Brief online form (15-20 minutes to complete)
- Photo/video documentation with captions
- Recorded audio update (5 minutes maximum)

Offline Reporting:

- Simple paper form with key questions
- Community gathering with facilitator documentation
- Visual storyboard showing project progress
- Oral report to regional representative

Reporting Timeline

- **Mid-Project Check-in:** Brief update at project mid-point
- **Final Report:** Within 30 days of project completion
- **One-Year Follow-up:** Brief update on sustained impacts (optional)

7. Application Form Template

MICRO-GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Date: _____

A. GROUP INFORMATION

Group Name: _____ Primary Contact Person: _____

Role in Group: _____ Contact Information (choose at least one):

- Phone: _____
- Email: _____
- Other contact method: _____

Number of group members: ____ Community served: _____ Location: _____

B. GROUP DESCRIPTION

Tell us about your group, when it formed, its purpose, and who is involved (100 words maximum)

[Space for response]

C. PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Which framework component are you implementing? (Check all that apply) ☐ Community Currency ☐ Cooperative ☐ Commons Governance ☐ Participatory Budgeting ☐ Other: _____

2. Project Title: _____

3. Brief Description: *Explain what you want to do, how you'll do it, and why it matters to your community (250 words maximum)*

[Space for response]

4. How does your project reflect these principles?

- Sovereignty: _____
- Interoperability: _____
- Justice: _____
- Adaptability: _____

5. Timeline:

- Start date: _____
- Key milestone 1: _____ Date: _____
- Key milestone 2: _____ Date: _____
- Completion date: _____

6. Expected results: *What will change in your community because of this project? (100 words maximum)*

[Space for response]

7. Who will be involved in implementing this project? Total number of people: ____ Number of women and non-binary individuals: ____ Number of indigenous participants: ____ Number of youth (15-30): ____

D. GRANT REQUEST

1. Total amount requested: \$_____

2. Grant tier (check one): ☐ Tier 1 (\$500-\$1,500) ☐ Tier 2 (\$1,500-\$5,000)

3. Will you provide any matching or in-kind contributions? ☐ Yes (please complete in-kind section in budget) ☐ No

4. How will grant funds be managed? (check one) ☐ Group bank account ☐ Fiscal sponsor: _____ ☐ Community trust method: _____ ☐ Other: _____

E. BUDGET

(Complete attached budget template or attach your own simple budget)

F. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Is there anything else you would like us to know about your group or project?

[Space for response]

G. CERTIFICATION

By submitting this application, we certify that:

- The information provided is accurate to the best of our knowledge
- We commit to using funds for the stated purpose
- We will provide the required reports on our activities
- We agree to share our learning with other communities
- Our initiative aligns with the principles of the Nested Sovereignty Framework

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Name: _____ Position: _____

8. Implementation Guidance

Getting Started

1. Begin implementation within 30 days of receiving funds
2. Host a community meeting to finalize implementation plan
3. Establish simple record-keeping system for project activities
4. Review Minimum Viable Implementation guides for selected components

Implementation Support

Recipients can access:

- Regional mentors for implementation guidance
- Technical assistance via the collaboration platform
- Monthly peer learning sessions with other grantees
- Downloadable templates from the Economic Integration Seed Kit

Continuing Support Pathway

Upon successful completion, groups become eligible for:

- Scaled funding opportunities (\$5,000-\$15,000)
- Technical infrastructure support
- Regional networking opportunities
- Advanced training and capacity building

9. Offline-Accessible Summary

[Note: This section uses simple language and visual icons for low-literacy contexts]

What is this grant?

- Small money to start community projects
- \$500-\$5,000 available
- For community currencies, cooperatives, shared resources
- Priority for women, indigenous people, and youth leaders

Who can apply?

- Community groups
- Indigenous communities
- Cooperatives
- Youth groups
- Women's collectives
- Neighborhood associations

How to apply?

- Online form
- Paper form
- Voice recording
- Pictures/drawings
- In-person meeting

What to include?

- Who you are
- What you want to do
- How money will help
- Who will benefit
- When you will do it

Help is available!

- Call: [Regional number]
- Visit: [Regional hub location]
- Community helpers can assist with application
- Available in 10 languages
- Pictures and spoken instructions available

By using this template, communities can access catalytic funding to implement minimum viable versions of framework components, building local capacity while remaining aligned with the framework's principles of sovereignty, interoperability, justice, and adaptability.