



CALL FOR PROPOSALS: LEARNING & SHARING GRANTS

Support MAVA's partners to share their learning, experience and knowledge

Overview

The MAVA Foundation and its partners have gathered 25 years of experience and know-how – a richness which it is essential to capitalize on and share, especially as MAVA will cease its grant-making by 2022. MAVA wishes to capture the legacy of the foundation and its partners and to do so, is launching this call for proposals with the objective to share key lessons learnt.

Purpose

With this call for proposals, MAVA will provide funding to selected partners in order to:

- 1) encourage a learning culture by helping partners share their learnings on what works well or less well,
- 2) build capacities to capture and share their learnings; and
- 3) increase knowledge on the conservation and sustainable economy sectors to amplify positive impacts.

These grants represent an opportunity for MAVA's partners to capture, study and disseminate the practical/technical lessons learnt from their work. Additionally, the grants aim to encourage collective knowledge and to share lessons learnt among stakeholders working in partnership, as well as to support the fundraising strategy of the partner(s).

Eligibility

These grants are intended for all MAVA direct and sub-contracted partners, meaning an organisation that receives funds directly from MAVA or via a sub-contract. Priority will be given to partners working in our three regional programmes (West Africa, Mediterranean Basin and Switzerland) and sustainable economy programme.

Eligible partners must have been recipients of MAVA grants for at least five years for conservation or sustainable economy related activities. In case of a collective application, at least the lead partner will have to fulfil this criterion.

Eligible activities

The learning products that will be funded by this call must fall within the two categories below:

- Transferring and sharing knowledge from a partner to the wider conservation and/or sustainable economy community;
- Developing knowledge and/or guidelines through partnerships.



To the extent possible, guiding principles are:

- **Evidence based:** Activities planned reflect the knowledge gaps identified by the partner(s), addressing issues with strong potential for evidence-based learning.
- **Informed:** Proposed learning activities built on established best practices for conservation/sustainable economy activities.
- **Replicable:** Learnings shared should aim to facilitate replication of conservation actions in other contexts / regions / countries.
- **Collaborative:** partnerships should be pursued to facilitate relevant collective learning using shared resources and knowledge.
- **Innovative:** Learning activities should emphasize innovative, effective solutions and practices that have demonstrated viability on the ground.
- **Supports local or traditional knowledge:** Learning activities include expertise and knowledge of local stakeholders, whenever possible.

The result of the grant must be a learning product ready to be communicated and shared. Learning products can be a video, film, article, book, report, guidelines, technical guidance brief, study, publication, infographic, map, website, storymap, mobile app, conference/knowledge sharing event, exhibition etc.

A dissemination plan of the learning product(s) (together with an indication of any potential dissemination costs and a clear definition of the targeted audience) must be submitted.

How it works

“Learning and Sharing Grants” are available for MAVA partners meeting the following conditions:

- up to a maximum of **CHF 50,000 for applications submitted by several partners together to share collective knowledge** and
- up to a maximum of **CHF 30,000 for applications submitted by one individual organisation.**

The overall budget available for this first call is CHF 300 000.

After the submission deadline (17 May 2019), MAVA will review the applications and decide on the selected proposal(s) by 14 June 2019. After having signed a grant agreement, the funds will be transferred to the selected partners to implement the activities as outlined in the proposal. The work must be completed within a maximum 12 month-period from the date of the contract signature.

Several proposals per organisation may be submitted as long as they concern different conservation or sustainable economy related topics.

The budget may also include:

- A maximum of 12.5 % management fees of the overall budget (within the limit of the total CHF 30'000 / 50'000).
- Staff time of the person(s) developing the learning product or consultant fees.



Successful partners will be responsible for managing:

- the grant and implementing the related activities leading to the final learning product(s) and its dissemination,
- all aspects of procurement, and
- all financial and technical reporting requirements.

Application for a Grant

This call for proposals is managed by the Impact & Sustainability Unit and you can contact Nathalie Cadot at nathalie.cadot@mavafoundation.org if you have questions or need further information.

To apply for a “Learning and Sharing Grant”, [please complete the application form here](#). The application form must be submitted with a dissemination/communication plan for the learning product(s).

Deadline for Submission of Application

Interested applicants should submit their proposals no later than **17 May 2019**. Applications are to be sent to nathalie.cadot@mavafoundation.org.