



African Visionary Fund (AVFund) Fourth Grantmaking Cycle -2023
Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will AVFund be accepting new applications for this grantmaking cycle?
No. AVFund will only review applications that were submitted in 2022 through our open application system and fulfill our basic eligibility criteria.
2. What does AVFund's basic eligibility criteria entail?
The criteria necessitate organizations to have the following components:
 - African founded, African- based and African led
 - Serves communities in Sub-Saharan Africa only
 - Registered in its country of operations
 - A growing board (founding to more of a governance board)
 - Paid staff
 - Performs external audits every year for the past two years
 - Basic financial management systems and processes in place
 - Annual operating budget of \$150,000-\$1,500,000Detailed eligibility requirements can be accessed [here](#).
3. Will AVFund ask organizations that fulfilled their 2022 eligibility requirements to submit any extra information to support their 2022 applications?
Yes, eligible organizations will receive a brief follow-up survey form, seeking current information about any developments that have occurred between their application in 2022 and August 2023.
4. When is the deadline for submitting the refresher form?
The deadline for submission is 29th August 2023 at 11:59 pm EAT.
5. Is it possible to make alterations to my organization's refresher application form before the deadline?
Absolutely. You are allowed to modify your application, but it is crucial that you inform AVFund about the changes you've made through email. Kindly be aware that there's no requirement to submit a fresh application. We are actively working to minimize duplicate submissions. If you find yourself unable to edit the form, please inform us.
6. Which email address should I use to send a notification on the changes made on the refresher form and ask questions regarding the 2023 grantmaking process?
Please direct your inquiries or concerns to grants@africanvisionary.org while also copying aisha@africanvisionary.org.

7. Is it possible to send extra supporting documents for my organization's application?

No, you are solely required to provide the requested documents through the refresher form. These documents must be uploaded within the refresher Google form. If you overlooked uploading the required documents via the Google form or need to modify the documents you've already submitted, please contact AVFund's grants team for help and direction. Notably, any supplementary documents that AVFund hasn't explicitly asked for will not be evaluated, in order to maintain fairness among all applicants given the high volume of applications under review. Lastly, ensure that these requests are made before the refresher form submission deadline.

8. Do we qualify if our budget has been below \$150,000 over the last two years?

No. We believe that organizations within a \$150,000 to \$1,500,000 annual budget size are most likely at the right size and stage for our funding. However, we readily make exceptions and take into consideration the full context of an organization's budget, cost of impact, and stage of development. We also seek to support organizations with diverse revenue sources and therefore aim for our annual grants to be less than 30% of an organization's budget.

9. How many potential partners (grantees) will be chosen in this round?

We will be considering a minimum of 8 organizations and a maximum of 12 organizations.

10. What is the grant amount? \$60,000 per year unrestricted for 3 years and an additional \$15,000 for organizational development therefore a total of \$75,000 each year.

11. Beyond grant money does AVF offer capacity building support packages to partners?

We are trying to move away from "capacity building" but our funding does come with \$15,000 each year for organizational development.

12. How long is the funding period?

Partners will receive unrestricted funding for 3 years from the AVFund with possibility of renewal.

13. What's involved in the fourth grantmaking cycle review?

The AVFund Grants Team and Grantmaking Committee will assess the 2023 refresher form and the 2022 applications received through AVFund's open application system. Following this, virtual site visits will be arranged for the semi-finalists. You'll be informed about the results after each review step, providing clarity on your advancement and what to expect next. Please note that



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the final decision of partners to be funded will be made by the AVFund grantmaking committee.

14. What can we expect for the virtual site visits if we make it to the semi-finals?
AVFund will reach out to you to schedule a zoom call and share with you specific questions that your team will be required to respond to during the virtual site visit. The questions will be focused on understanding your organization in depth and will range from your financial systems, governance etc. You'll have the flexibility to select the appropriate team member to tackle each question. With sufficient advance notice, you can decide who from your team best represents the organization in specific areas.
15. What should our referees anticipate if contacted by the AVFund team?
We'll send a concise survey their way, containing targeted questions for them to address. Additionally, we're open to arranging quick discussions (via Zoom, WhatsApp, direct phone calls) with the referees to address these questions. If any referees aren't fluent in English, we'll make efforts to find interpreters to assist during the calls.
16. When is the grant expected to be awarded?
Grantees will know by the end of the year and we will share details about the formal announcement at that time.
17. When will AVFund open up the open application system for new applications?
We are currently working on a new system that will be more accessible to African visionaries and plan to launch it between 2024 -2025. Stay tuned for updates by subscribing to our newsletter [here](#)