Frequently Asked Questions

Small-Scale Action Grants for Libyan CSOs and Media Actors

An RNTC open call under the Libya Media Development Programme (LMDP), with technical support from Annir Initiative

This FAQ answers common questions about the call. If anything here differs from the Call for Applications and Applicant Guidelines, the call document applies.

About the call

1. Who is running this call?

RNTC, under the Libya Media Development Programme (LMDP). Annir Initiative provides technical support throughout the call, selection and implementation.

2. How many grants, and for how much?

Three grants of up to EUR 10,000 each, for projects lasting 3 to 6 months. You may request less if your project needs less.

3. What will be funded?

Media and communication projects that address at least one of the call's seven thematic areas and combine content production (videos, podcasts, articles, campaigns, documentaries, etc.) with a clear plan to reach and engage an audience.

Eligibility

4. Who can apply as lead applicant?

Libyan independent media outlets, Libyan CSOs working on media, communication or digital rights, and Libyan media networks, collectives and youth-led media initiatives. Individual journalists and content creators cannot lead, but can join a project team.

5. We are not registered. Can we take part?

Yes, through a registered, eligible lead partner. If your registration or renewal is in progress, you can apply as lead with proof that it has been filed. Accepted registration: the Civil Society Commission or the Libyan commercial registry (media company).

6. Can we apply with partners?

Yes. One registered lead applicant signs the grant agreement and manages the funds. Grant funds cannot be transferred to other organizations, so plan partner roles with this in mind.

7. Part of our team is outside Libya. Are we eligible?

Yes, if the organization is Libyan-led or Libya-focused, the content mainly serves Libyan audiences, and some team members are based in Libya. You may leave out specific locations for security reasons.

8. What experience do we need?

Management of at least one grant, contract or budget of EUR 10,000 (or LYD equivalent) in the past three years, shown through a reference letter or reference email contact; a bank account in the organization's name (or the ability to open one before signing); and audience access, through an active channel posting at least monthly for six months or a letter of intent from an established Libyan platform.

9. Who cannot apply?

Government bodies, political parties, state-controlled media, groups affiliated with armed groups, and organizations with recent hate speech or disinformation, sanctions, or misuse of funds. Any conflict of interest with RNTC, RNW Media, Annir Initiative or the evaluation panel must be disclosed.

Budget

10. What costs are eligible?

Project personnel, content production, travel, project-linked training, venue rental for content-related activities, and communications and visibility. Administrative and overhead costs are capped at 15% of the total.

11. What is not funded?

Political or commercial content, activities already funded by another donor, stand-alone trainings or events without a content output, large equipment, vehicles or construction, and costs incurred before the grant agreement is signed.

Applying

12. What are the key dates?

- Call opens: 3 November 2026
- Last day questions are answered: 12 November 2026
- Application deadline: 17 November 2026
- Assessment period: until 23 November 2026
- Selected applicants contacted: 29 November 2026
- Expected grant start date: 3 December 2026

13. How and by when do we apply?

Through the online platform, [link to be confirmed by RNTC], by 15 November 2026. Late or incomplete applications may be excluded. Arabic or English are both accepted.

14. What do we need to submit?

The online form, a concept note or proposal, a detailed budget, an organizational profile, work samples, evidence of audience access, evidence of financial or project management experience, proof of registration, and a signed Declaration on Honour.

15. How are applications scored?

Relevance to LMDP objectives (30%), quality and feasibility (25%), impact and audience reach (20%), innovation and engagement (15%), and organizational capacity (10%). Selected applicants will be contacted by 29 November 2026.

16. What happens if we are selected?

Grantees receive support such as grant management orientation, mentoring, editorial feedback and digital safety guidance. They must use funds as approved, keep financial records, report on progress, and follow the call's safeguarding and Do No Harm commitments.

17. Who do we contact with questions?

info@rntc.com . Questions will be answered until 12 November 2026, so please send them before then.