NEWS Funding Programme

The NEWS Funding Programme supports innovative ideas and projects in the environmental and wildlife sectors. It assists applicants in getting small, but innovative, projects started with grants of up to N$7000. Projects supported are usually either educational or research orientated and non-commercial.

The Programme hopes to build trustful relationships between successful applicants and NEWS with mutual benefits. Apart from the grants, some NEWS members and committee members with relevant experience are willing to support and guide projects. Through our network and media activities, we are also able to help projects reach a broader audience where applicable.

Deadlines/application dates

- The NEWS Funding Programme operates within two six-month semesters. Closing dates for submission of proposals are 30 April and 31 October each calendar year. Applications can be submitted throughout the year, but will only be considered at the next closing date.
- Final decisions and awards will be announced before mid June or mid December within a six-week period following each closing date.

Criteria for eligible applicants

- NEWS Funding Programme is open to anyone; irrespective of his/her professional or educational background or age. Applicants should be NEWS members.
- Demonstration that the candidate has adequate experience to implement the project will strengthen his/her chance of successfully securing a grant.
- Preferences will be given to Namibian individuals and organizations.
- Products should be directly relevant to Namibian biodiversity and Namibia’s biophysical environment.

Application procedure/How to apply

- Required information:
  - Biographical information (curriculum vitae) with two references
  - Contact information
  - Project outline (aim, background, methods, time frame, expected outputs)
  - Detailed budget
- Applications must be submitted in English
- Electronic submission of proposal as email attachment preferred.
Required by NEWS

NEWS expects the successful applicant to;

- give a talk at one of our regular NEWS TALKS in Windhoek,
- submit an article to Roan News on their project,
- provide quarterly feedback to be used on any of the NEWS media platforms.

NEWS should be acknowledged in all reports; presentations; publications arising from the project.

NEWS should have access to all material resulting from the project.

A detailed ledger of expenses must be accounted for and submitted to NEWS on completion of the project.