



INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR TIBET

Rowell Fund for Tibet Application Guidelines

About the Rowell Fund for Tibet

The Rowell Fund for Tibet provides small grants to Tibetans undertaking projects that make a meaningful contribution to Tibetan communities and/or reach a broader international audience. The Fund was established in memory of lifelong Tibet supporters Galen and Barbara Rowell and supports projects that reflect their values and interests.

Project Themes

Your proposal should fit into one or more of the following themes:

- Environment / Conservation
- Photography
- Humanitarian Projects
- Journalism/Literature
- Women's Projects

The Rowell Fund does not support conference attendance or academic research undertaken as part of a degree program, including thesis or dissertation/PhD research.

Eligibility

Tibetans from any country are eligible to apply. Tibetans may apply as individuals or on behalf of an organization. If applying on behalf of an organization, the Tibetan applicant must play a central role in implementing the proposed project.

Non-Tibetans are not eligible for grants from the Rowell Fund for Tibet.

What We Look For:

The Rowell Fund Advisory Board looks for projects that have a clear purpose, are realistic in scope, demonstrate potential benefit or impact, and can be reasonably completed with the proposed resources. When reviewing applications, the Advisory Board may consider:

- **Relevance:** a clear connection to one or more of the Rowell Fund focus areas
- **Purpose and Impact:** A clearly identified need, opportunity, or community, and the potential benefit of the proposed project.
- **Feasibility:** A realistic project plan and timeline.
- **Budget:** Reasonable expenses that are directly connected to the proposed project.



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How to Apply

You must complete all three parts of the application to be considered for a grant by the Rowell Fund Advisory Board. Applications may be submitted in Tibetan, English, or Chinese.

You may submit only one application per project. Applicants will receive acknowledgement by email when applications have been received.

Part A: Application Form

Complete the 2027 Rowell Fund application form. The application form may be completed online or downloaded as a PDF.

Online: Complete the [Google Form](#) and submit the required application materials.

By Email: Download the [application form](#) and send all three parts of your application together in one email to rowellfund@savetibet.org.

Part B: Written Project Proposal

Submit a written proposal describing your project. Your written proposal should detail how the project relates to the themes above. If submitted via email, the written proposal should be submitted as a separate document from the application form.

The proposal should be no more than 1,000 words in English, or the equivalent, in Tibetan or Chinese.

Part C: Detailed Budget Proposal

Submit a detailed project budget of no more than one page explaining how you plan to use the requested grant funds. Applicants may request up to USD \$7,500.00.

The budget should provide a clear breakdown of anticipated project expenses and remain consistent with the activities described in your project proposal.

Application Checklist

- Completed application form
- Written project proposal
- Detailed project budget
- Submit 3 parts via Google Form or via email by 11:59pm on October 18, 2026.

Grant Selection, Notification and Reporting Timeline

Application Period: September 12 to October 18, 2026

Application deadline: October 18, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time (ET)



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October 18	2027 application cycle deadline
Early November	Applications sent to Advisory Board
Mid-November	Review and voting by Advisory Board
December	Notification of application status
Early January	First grant installment
Early July	Mid-year grant report due
July	Second grant installment
December	Final grant report due

Confidentiality and Security

For projects based inside Tibet, applicants may request that their identity and application details be kept confidential. If you require confidentiality, please indicate this on the application form and provide the contact information of a trusted contact through whom the Rowell Fund can communicate with you regarding the application.

Please be aware that ICT cannot guarantee the security of information transmitted electronically, including by email or through the online application form. Applicants with security concerns are encouraged to apply through a trusted intermediary.

Questions

For questions about the Rowell Fund for Tibet, contact rowellfund@savetibet.org.