

Call for Expression of Interest (EOI) PACJN Media Anti-Corruption Grant 2021

Key Dates

Application Opens	15 June 2021
Application Deadline	25 June 2021
Award Notification	1 July 2021
Story Published by	30 August 2021

The Pacific Anti-Corruption Journalists Network (PACJN) aims to boost the quantity and quality of anti-corruption and accountability reporting in the Pacific and empower at-risk communities by informing them about anti-corruption issues and amplifying their voices in the media. PACJN was launched at the 2019 Pacific Islands News Association (PINA) CEOs Summit, in partnership with the UN Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption (UN-PRAC) Project, to ensure Pacific journalists are more sustainably trained and prepared and have ownership of their engagement in integrity and anti-corruption reporting.

PACJN is offering four (4) media anti-corruption grants to individual Pacific journalists, including freelancers to investigate and publish high quality, unbiased and investigative stories that probe corruption issues, boost integrity, have public interest value and potential for societal impact.

For this media grant, we are seeking innovative ideas that would enhance the impact of anti-corruption and accountability reporting.

The stories must build on the integrity issues sign-posted in the commitments of Pacific Island Countries Teieniwa Vision adopted in Kiribati in February 2020. The Teieniwa Vision is the Pacific's pledge to address systemic corruption and is aligned to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) and Sustainable Development Goal 16 which calls for stronger action on anti-

corruption, transparency and accountability.

- The grants are designed to support investigation of under-reported anti-corruption and integrity issues relevant to the lives and livelihoods of Pacific citizens.
- Journalists and freelancers working in any medium are eligible to apply. Their investigations can be for print, online or broadcast stories, documentaries or podcasts.
- Only journalists working in the ¹14 Pacific Island Countries are eligible for the media grant.
- The value per grant is USD\$2500.

Objectives

- Provide quality in-depth anti-corruption and accountability stories and information to policy makers, at-risk communities, business communities and the general public;
- Improve the capacity of national or regional journalists and other content producers to report on anti-corruption and accountability issues in a compelling way;
- Help generate positive changes in government policies, businesses environmental standards or consumer habits for a more sustainable way of life.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the media grant, all applicants must provide the following;

- 1) *Area of Interest - we are looking for stories that a) break new ground and expose wrongdoing, such as corruption and misuse of power in the public and private sectors; b) promote the work of anti-corruption and integrity champions and/ or c) promote good governance principles and practices.*
- 2) *Letter of Commitment – you will need to obtain a “Letter of Commitment” from a news outlet agreeing to publish the specific story you propose as long as it meets the publication’s expectations and standards. The letter must be written on letterhead that includes contact information for the news outlet and the individual signing it.*

¹ The 14 Pacific Island Countries (PICs) are Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu

For the purpose of this call, we will not accept applications from outside of the 14 PICs.

Selection Process

Grants will be awarded competitively by a panel of judges, consisting of UN-PRAC (United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), PACJN and the Pacific Islands News Association (PINA). Potential grantees will be shortlisted before interviews are conducted and names of grantees finalised and announced.

How to Apply

- 1) Fill in the Application Form (attached)
- 2) Attach a one page (A4 size) on Areas of Interest that you will cover in your story grant
 - Provide a budget for your story grant project, which can cover the following - domestic travel, photographer or camera crew hire, research, editing, graphics or technical support and temporary salary cover
- 3) Deadline for the application is Friday 25 June 2021. Applications open on 15 June 2021.
- 4) If you have questions about the grants, please email PACJN Co-ordinator, Mr Samisoni Pareti; sgpareti@gmail.com.fj or Mr John Hyde, UN-PRAC Anti-Corruption consultant, john.hyde@undp.org;

This media grant is offered by PACJN with funding assistance from the United Nations Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption (UN-PRAC) Project, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

PACJN Media Anti-Corruption Grant 2021

INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM APPLICANTS

Please fill in the form below with your contact details and the information about the project you are submitting for the PACJN Media Anti-Corruption Grants 2021.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Full name of the person submitting this application:	
Address:	
Contact e-mail address:	
Phone number:	
Name of organisation: <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Type of organisation: <i>(if applicable)</i>	

Name of the story project:	
----------------------------	--

<p>Story Investigation Plan (<i>max 400 words</i>)</p> <p><i>Please include vulnerable groups & community voices at risk of corruption in the story</i></p>	
<p>Provide a budget summary (<i>not more than USD\$2,500</i>)</p>	
<p>Provide name & contact details of media organisation that will publish article/s (include details of other media outlets if more than one)</p>	
<p>Provide website address of media organisation/s to publish article/s</p>	

This media grant is offered by PACJN with funding assistance from the United Nations Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption (UN-PRAC) Project, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).