

THE REDFORD CENTER

Redford Center Grants Program 2026 Frequently Asked Questions

What stage projects are you accepting?

We welcome projects that are in any stage of production to apply. We do not accept applications from projects that are in development without sample footage or that are picture locked.

My project is fiction but has an environmental theme. Can I still apply?

No. Only projects that are primarily nonfiction or documentary, including hybrid projects, are eligible to apply.

My project is environmental but it does not have a solutions focus. Can I still apply?

If your project does not include a proposed solution or activation through stated impact goals, your project will not be eligible for funding.

If my project is a docuseries, can I apply for funding support for an episode in the series?

Yes, docuseries that already have completed episodes are eligible to apply.

What do you mean by “impact”?

Learn about our [Impact Model](#), and the details of our [impact objectives](#) to see if your project aligns with our criteria.

I’m a first time filmmaker. Is this the fellowship model for me?

This fellowship model is best designed to support filmmakers who have already played a principal role in a previous documentary production. Our cohort model requires some professional experience in order to ensure a more equitable mentorship and peer learning experience.

What do you mean by “fellowship model”?

The Redford Center has designed this grant program as more than a production grant; it comprises a collaborative learning community of environmental storytellers. We aim to foster a cohort model whereby grantees learn from one another and support each other's work, with facilitation and support from our staff and expert advisors.

I have applied to past Redford Center Grants open calls but did not receive funding. Can I apply with the same project again?

Yes, you are welcome to apply with the same project as long as this project did not already receive a Redford Center Grant through this program.

Are you accepting projects about international topics?

Yes, international stories are eligible to apply but at least one of the applicants must be a US resident.

When will awarded filmmakers be notified?

Applicants will be notified of their application status by October 2026. Funds disbursed upon signing the contract.

If selected, what is required of me?

Please refer to the [Terms and Conditions document](#).

What qualifies as an “environmental film”? What if my film is partially about an environmental issue but it’s not the main focus?

We have a broad interpretation of what an “environmental story” is and we welcome cross cutting intersectional stories that may bridge several themes and issues. We are also interested in innovation that pushes the boundaries of what we may commonly expect an environmental story to be about, so if your project is breaking expectations, we welcome your creative vision.

To get a sense of other projects that have been supported by our program see our past grantees here: <https://www.redfordcenter.org/work/redford-center-grants/>

Do we have to tell you exactly how we will spend the grant funds?

If awarded, we do not ask for a spending report. However, we do ask in the application to share with us how these funds may be most useful to your project.

Do we need an LLC to receive a grant?

You do not need an LLC to receive a grant, we can pay grants out to individuals or LLC's. We will need to see a w9 for the entity receiving payment and signing the contract.

Can we apply with more than one project?

You are welcome to submit applications for different projects, but each project should only have one application.

How and when do grantees receive consideration for the second grant?

Awarded grantees will have the opportunity to apply for Year 2 Funding in Summer 2027. Projects that strongly qualify for additional funding must demonstrate momentum towards completion and have made tangible progress on developing their impact goals and plans.

Do you fund impact campaigns?

Awarded funds can be used to support your impact campaign as long as your project is not picture locked when you apply.