



# COVID-19 Emergency Fund for Journalists

## Grants to USA, Canada, and International Journalists for Local Reporting on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak

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**Agency Type:** Foundation / Corporation

**Funding Source:** National Geographic Society

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Conf. Date:** 00/00/00

**Description:** Grants of up to \$8,000 to USA, Canada, and International journalists for local reporting on the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Funding is especially intended for reporting that covers social, emotional, economic, and equity issues. Funding is intended for writers, photographers, videographers, audio journalists, cartographers, filmmakers, and data visualization experts.

### Full Description:

As COVID-19 continues to evolve and impact communities around the globe, the National Geographic Society is launching an emergency fund for journalists all over the world who wish to cover COVID-19 within their own communities. This fund will place particular emphasis on delivering news to underserved populations, particularly where there is a dearth of evidence-based information getting to those who need it. The National Geographic Society is interested in local and even hyper-local distribution models. This fund is designed to quickly deliver support so that both individual stories and longer series of content may be created.

Reporting may cover any aspect of the virus and its fallout, including but not limited to:

- Social consequences of COVID-19 and measures to contain it, particularly related to equity—such as its impact on immigrant communities, domestic violence, and early childhood education.
- Stories of resilience and solutions that could be applied on a regional or global scale.
- Novel forms of data visualization or science communication to help communities better understand how to protect themselves.
- Lessons learned from local response(s) to COVID-19 that could be applied to other large-scale challenges, such as climate change or the refugee crisis.
- Best practices of how educators, students, and schools are reacting to this crisis, particularly as they illuminate under-resourced schools.

Priority communities include: Those at high risk or hit especially hard by the virus, indigenous communities, immigrant or refugee communities, underserved, urban, rural, elderly populations, and children.

Applicants may use up to 100 percent of their budget as personal reimbursement for their reporting time.

**Estimated Size of Grant:** The fund will distribute support ranging from \$1,000–8,000 USD.

### Eligibility:

- See RFP and/or Grant Guidelines for full eligibility

### Additional Eligibility Criteria:

All application materials must be in English, and journalists must be at least 18 years old at the time they submit an application.

**Pre-Application Information:** This call for proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Applications may be submitted

