

## General & Narrative Film Grants

- **Screen Craft Film Grant:** Offers two production grants per year for narrative features, short films, TV pilots, and documentaries that show originality and potential.
- **SFFILM Rainin Grant:** The largest granting body for independent narrative feature films in the U.S., supporting films that address social justice issues in a positive and meaningful way.
- **The Film Fund:** Provides an alternative to traditional funding by offering grants for short films, often requiring a simple application process focusing on the script/concept.
- **Filmmakers Without Borders (FWB):** Supports independent filmmakers globally with grants for narrative films, documentaries, and new media projects aligning with themes of social justice, empowerment, and cultural exchange.
- **Austin Film Society (AFS) Grant:** Awards funds annually to Texas-based filmmakers working in any style or genre.
- **Roy W. Dean Grant:** Funds independent films (documentaries, narrative features, shorts, web series, etc.) that are unique and make a positive contribution to society.
- **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH):** Provides grants for media projects (film and radio) that use humanities scholarship to engage a broad public audience.
- **Sloan Distribution Grant:** A \$50,000 grant awarded by Film Independent to a film entering the distribution phase that depicts themes grounded in real science, technology, or economics.
- **Women in Film Finishing Fund:** Offers finishing funds and in-kind services to complete films by, for, or about women.

## Documentary Film Grants

- **Catapult Film Fund:** Provides development funding to documentary filmmakers who have a compelling story, secured access to it, and are ready to shoot for production fundraising purposes.
- **SFFILM Documentary Film Fund (DFF):** Supports feature-length documentaries in post-production with compelling stories and an innovative visual approach, open to international filmmakers.
- **IDA Enterprise Documentary Fund:** The International Documentary Association (IDA) provides grants to documentary projects, including the Pare Lorentz Documentary Fund.
- **Sundance Documentary Fund:** Offers grants for U.S. and international contemporary independent documentary films, supporting various stages of production.
- **Miller/Packan Documentary Film Fund:** Supports documentaries that educate, inspire, and enrich, with open calls every season for grants up to \$25K.
- **AXS Film Fund:** Specifically supports documentary filmmakers and non-fiction new media creators of color with disabilities.
- **AlterCiné Documentary Grants:** Primarily focused on supporting feature films in early development by young filmmakers from the Global South (Africa, Asia, and Latin America) making work on the theme of rights and freedoms.

## Key Resources for Finding Grants

- **Film Independent:** Offers various labs, grants (e.g., the SHIFT Creative Fund), and fiscal sponsorship programs with rolling application cycles.
- **No Film School:** Publishes regular, updated lists of grants, labs, and fellowships with upcoming deadlines.
- **Women Make Movies:** Offers a list of funders and resources for women filmmakers.

## Where to look for affordable grant writers

- **Freelance platforms:** Websites like Upwork and Thumbtack have a wide range of grant writers with different experience levels and pricing structures.
- **Job boards:** Websites like Indeed and [ZipRecruiter](#) often list positions for grant writers, which may include roles for organizations focused on affordable housing.
- **Grant writing services:** Some companies offer project-based or subscription-based models that can be more budget-friendly, such as Just Write Grants and CEDA.
- **Professional networks:** Online groups on platforms like [Facebook](#) can be a resource for finding writers who specialize in affordable housing or similar areas.