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## Interledger Local Impact Mini-Grant Program

### *Community-Led Grants for Open Payments & Financial Access*

The Interledger Local Impact Mini Grants is a program by the Interledger Foundation that supports community groups and individual leaders running local initiatives around open payments, financial inclusion, and digital financial access. Organizations and individuals can access \$500–\$3,000 in funding to explore open payments, digital public infrastructure, and financial inclusion through on-the-ground, community-driven activities.

The program backs the people who understand their community's barriers firsthand, putting resources directly into the hands of those doing the work from the inside.

The Interledger Local Impact initiatives empower local communities to design and lead grassroots engagement and innovation, enabling exposure to open, interoperable payment systems.

## Program Highlights

### Who Can Apply

- Community organizations, nonprofits, and cooperatives
- Civil society and advocacy groups
- Local fintech startups and social enterprises
- Individual practitioners with a concrete project plan
- Groups hosting activities in collaboration with existing local networks (coworking spaces, open-source communities, hacker spaces, universities, incubators, or civil society networks)

### Funding

USD \$5,00 to \$3000 per selected applicant

### Focus Areas

- Open Payments and Digital Financial Access
- Interoperability
- Open Source and Open Innovation
- Financial Inclusion and Fintech Ecosystems
- Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI/DPG) and related themes.

### Activities Supported

- Meetups and community conversations on open payments and digital financial access.
- Workshops, demos, and training sessions
- Hackdays, sprints, or participatory learning sessions
- Local ecosystem gatherings
- Research, storytelling, and awareness campaigns
- Content and materials on open payments and digital financial infrastructure
- Hands-on experimentation with open payments technologies, including the [Interledger Test Wallet](#), and [Web Monetization](#).

### Timeline

- Applications open: July 6, 2026
- Application Close: November 11, 2026
- Rolling review; early submission encouraged.
- Projects must be completed within 6 months of acceptance.



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## Application Requirements

- Short application form via [Submittable](#).
- Upload a 2-page concept note outlining project, activities, and expected outcomes.
- Budget and timeline with milestones

Applicants are encouraged to review the **Interledger Local Impact Mini Grants Resource Folder and FAQ** before submitting a proposal.

The folder includes key resources to support your application, including the Application Guide, Concept Note Template, and Budget and Timeline Templates.

## Apply Here

<https://submit.interledger.org/submit/356649/2026-interledger-local-impact-mini-grant>

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