Investigative Journalism
The press, news media, and investigative journalists whose courageous work exposes acts of tyranny and malfeasance and stands as a bulwark for freedom, justice, and democracy. 

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2020 Investigative Journalism Grantees

100Reporters
$50,000
Second outright installment of $200,000 two-year grant for Double Exposure Investigative Film Festival and Symposium
100Reporters exists to hold accountable those wielding power and controlling money. They believe that the only effective challenge to that corruption is through a similarly global effort, uniting the observations and experiences of citizens the world over with the most solid journalistic skills.
Washington, D.C.

ACOS Alliance (OPC Foundation)
$50,000
General Operating Support
The ACOS (A Culture Of Safety) Alliance is an unprecedented coalition of news organizations, freelance journalist associations and press freedom NGOs working together to champion safe and responsible journalistic practices.
New York, NY

Agência Pública (MDIF)
$25,000
First installment of $50,000 two-year grant for Stories From Brazil to the World
Agência Pública is the first nonprofit organization focusing on investigative journalism in Brazil, it was established in 2011 by women journalists and based in Sao Paulo. Agencia Publica’s reporting has led to positive decisions by public officials, public hearings in different legislative levels, and investigations by the public ministry.
São Paulo, BR
Airwars
$100,000
First installment of $200,000 two-year grant for Critical Investigations Into Civilian Harm
Airwars is a team of professional researchers and advocacy officers tracking civilian harm from the perspective of non-combatants on the modern battlefield. They have established themselves as a leading authority on conflict violence as it affects civilian communities. Its groundbreaking work has a powerful impact on the public understanding of civilian harm - and can lead to positive changes in both policies and practices among militaries.
London, UK

Arena for Journalism in Europe (NEO Philanthropy)
$35,000
Dataharvest - the European Investigative Journalism Conference
Arena for Journalism in Europe is an organization that aims to foster cross-border collaboration among journalists in Europe. The conference aims to create an environment where journalists are able to foster innovation, think about collaborations on possible investigations, and learn skills relating to data and security.
Amsterdam, NL

Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism
$95,000
Outright installment of a $130,000 grant for General Operating Support
The Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism was built to meet the growing need for deep feature reporting and to support existing media infrastructure in New England. The organization partners with regional, alternative, and ethnic news organizations, and they also fund and train freelance reporters, designers, photographers, and other media makers.
Boston, MA

The Bristol Cable (NEO Philanthropy)
$87,550
Final installment of a $262,650 three-year grant for General Operating Support
The Bristol Cable shakes up local journalism, reporting on the stories behind the headlines and puts Bristolians in charge of their media. Powered by over 2,000 members who all have a say and own an equal share in their media co-operative, they publish stories that matter to the public not big business, uncovering wrongdoing and injustice in the city.
Bristol, UK
The Bureau of Investigative Journalism (NEO Philanthropy)
$77,250
*Final outright installment of a $334,250 three-year grant for General Operating Support*
The Bureau of Investigative Journalism informs the public about the realities of power in today's world. Through fact-based, unbiased reporting, they expose systemic wrongs, counter misinformation and spark change.
London, UK

The Centre for Investigative Journalism (NEO Philanthropy)
$103,000
*Second installment of a $386,250 four-year grant for General Operating Support*
The Centre for Investigative Journalism is a think-tank, alternative university, and experimental laboratory set up to train a new generation of reporters in the tools of investigative, in-depth and long-form journalism across all media.
London, UK

Coda Media
$50,000
*Outright installment of a $75,000 grant for a Global Investigations Reporter*
CODA has a global approach and their mission is to investigate crises that are shaping the world, to empower their readers with a sense of true, contextual understanding of stories shaping their lives and to help journalism re-imagine how to cover complex crises in an accessible and engaging way that doesn’t strip the events of their inherent complexity.
New York, NY

Declassified Media (NEO Philanthropy)
$36,750
*General Operating Costs*
Declassified is a new online publication investigating and analyzing British foreign and security policies. Its centerpiece is the publishing of cutting-edge investigative journalism and commentary on British foreign and military policy, including intelligence, surveillance and corporations.
London, United Kingdom

Disclose
$95,000
*General Operating Support*
Disclose leads in-depth investigations into subjects of public interest, while defending the public’s right to know. Through thorough, quality journalism that is of a purpose for all, they seek to transform indignation into positive action.
Paris, FR
El Tímpano (Independent Arts & Media)
$16,800
Outright installment of a $20,000 grant for General Operating Support
El Tímpano is a way to inform, engage, and amplify the voices of Oakland’s Latinx and Mayan immigrants. Through innovative approaches to local journalism and civic engagement, El Tímpano surfaces residents’ stories, questions, and concerns on local and national issues, provides information relevant to their needs, and amplifies their stories to wider audiences.
Oakland, CA

FairWarning
$25,000
Challenge installment of a $75,000 grant for General Operating Support
FairWarning is a nonprofit investigative news organization with a reputation for strong accountability journalism and growing audience reach. Recently, they produced a path-breaking report on the immunity of small farms from OSHA investigations, even when workers are killed on the job. A former top Labor Department official called the story "a devastating piece" and, for the first time in decades, Congress is considering eliminating the small farm exemption.
Pasadena, CA

Freedom of the Press Foundation
$100,000
Protecting the Right to Publish
Freedom of the Press Foundation protects, defends, and empowers public-interest journalism in the 21st century. This grant supports engagement in a campaign of public and legal advocacy focusing on protecting the rights of all journalists to gather and publish secret information in the public’s interest.
San Francisco, CA

The Fund for Investigative Journalism
$75,000
General Operating Support
Since 1969, Fund for Investigative Journalism has helped critically needed investigative work flourish – important, groundbreaking stories that have lasting impact. FIJ has awarded 136 grants over three years, many of which enabled grantees to work on award-winning investigations.
Washington, D.C.
Global Investigative Journalism Network
$100,000
Second installment of a 300,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support
The Global Investigative Journalism Network provides journalists worldwide with the state-of-the-art tools, training, and connectivity to link together colleagues around the globe, enabling them to do their jobs more effectively than ever before.
Silver Spring, MD

IDL – Reporteros (MDIF)
$225,000
First installment of a $475,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support
IDL-Reporteros is a program of the Instituto de Defensa Legal (IDL), based in Lima, Peru. They are investigative journalists that publish stories that are meant to keep the government accountable while promoting human rights and democracy.
Lima, Peru

inewsource
$32,500
On-Air with inewsource
inewsource is an organization in the San Diego region whose focus is satisfying a need for investigative and data-based journalism. It is an independent nonprofit dedicated to reporting on government actions, accounting for public spending and prompting intelligent discussions that lead to informed decisions.
San Diego, CA

Investigative Reporting Program (Regents of the University of California)
$50,000
First installment of $150,000 three-year grant for the annual Reva and David Logan Symposium on Investigative Reporting

$125,000
2019-2020 Fellowship

$50,000
First installment of $150,000 three-year grant for the Rapid Response Fund
The Investigative Reporting Program at UC Berkeley’s Graduate School of Journalism is dedicated to promoting and protecting the practice of investigative reporting. The Reva and David Logan Symposium routinely brings together a veritable “who’s who” of top journalists, law enforcement and government officials to address the critical issues confronting this specialized field.
Berkeley, CA
Iowa Center for Public Journalism / IowaWatch
$20,000
*Challenge installment of $40,000 grant for General Operating Support*
Iowa Center for Public Affairs Journalism aims to be the preeminent Iowa organization that trains current and future investigative journalists. The organization produces multimedia investigative and community affairs journalism online, for radio program/podcast and via media partners, while coaching student journalists to do this work at a highly ethical level.
Iowa City, IA

The Lens
$5,000
*Healthcare Reporter*

$25,000
*Final challenge installment of $150,000 two-year grant for General Operating Support*
The Lens is the New Orleans area’s first nonprofit, nonpartisan public-interest newsroom dedicated to unique investigative and explanatory journalism. Their mission is to educate, engage, and empower readers with information and analysis necessary for them to advocate for a more transparent and just governance that is accountable to the public.
New Orleans, LA

Stefania Maurizi (Transparency Toolkit)
$15,000
*FOIA Work*
Support for an encrypted system that assists the Italian investigative journalist Stefania Maurizi’s work on journalistic source protection that allows sources to share sensitive documents in anonymous form.
Fabro, Italy

Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting
$100,000
*Outright installment of $150,000 grant for General Operating Support*
The Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting is an independent, nonprofit newsroom devoted to educating the public about crucial issues in the Midwest with a special focus on agribusiness and related topics such as government programs, environment and energy.
Champaign, IL
P24 (NEO Philanthropy)
$78,750
Outright installment of $105,000 grant for KIRAATHANE Project
P24’s KIRAATHANE brings together readers, writers, publishers through a lively mix of subjects, speakers and attendees. The goal of KIRAATHANE is to end the isolation in which many in Turkey think outside the lines of official discourse often find themselves. KIRAATHANE is a public space for the free exchange of ideas and serves a community defined by an interest and respect for others’ opinions.
Istanbul, Turkey

San Francisco Public Press
$10,000
Challenge installment of $85,000 grant for General Operating Support
The San Francisco Public Press is an independent local, in-depth news organization dedicated to investigating social, economic and environmental problems. Founded in 2009, the Public Press produces a website and a quarterly print newspaper.
San Francisco, CA

San Quentin News (Social Good Fund)
$54,000
Second challenge installment of $486,000 three-year grant for General Operating and Expansion Support
San Quentin News' mission is to report on rehabilitative efforts in order to increase public safety and achieve social justice. As one of the world's only full-fledged inmate produced newspaper, San Quentin News is a standard bearer for enlightening prisoners, policy makers, and the public at large.
Richmond, CA

WHISPeR (Institute for Public Accuracy)
$106,820
Outright installment of a $109,000 grant for Whistleblower and Source Protection Program (WHISPeR) at ExposeFacts
The WHISPeR program provides whistleblowers and journalist sources in the national security & human rights arena with critical support using three strategies: impact litigation, media outreach, and informing policy. WHISPeR focuses on issues of government surveillance, accountability for torture and unlawful targeted killing, curbing excessive government secrecy, and fighting discrimination in the counterterrorism context.
Washington, D.C.
Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism
$150,000
First installment of $450,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support
Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism is a nonpartisan nonprofit that increases the quality and quantity of investigative reporting in Wisconsin, while training current and future generations of investigative journalists. Its work fosters an informed citizenry and strengthens democracy.
Madison, WI

YR Media
$100,000
Final installment of $300,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support and Chicago Expansion
Youth Radio is a Peabody Award-winning media production company and learning institution that prepares diverse young people for the 21st-century digital workplace. They offer hands-on education and employment in journalism, arts, and technology, as well as access to support services like academic advising and mental health care.
Oakland, CA