**Call for Applications**

As part of activities of the **World Hearing Forum**, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Coalition for Global Hearing Health (CGHH) invite proposals for [**WHF-CGHH Small Grants for World Hearing Day 2020.**](https://cghh.usu.edu/smallgrants/2020)

The World Hearing Day 2020 will be observed on 3 March with the theme **"Hearing for life: Don't let hearing loss limit you"**. Key messages for World Hearing Day 2020 include:

* At all life stages, communication and good hearing health connect us to each other, our communities, and the world.
* For those who have hearing loss, appropriate and timely interventions can facilitate access to education, employment and communication.
* Globally, there is lack of access to interventions to address hearing loss, such as hearing aids.
* Early intervention should be made available through the health systems.

To promote and support such actions, WHO and CGHH have launched a small grants scheme. As part of this scheme, partners can apply for a grant of up to USD 800 to cover expenses related to World Hearing Day Activities. A maximum of 20 grants will be provided., based on the decision made by a selection panel.

**Eligibility criteria:** Events/activities will be eligible for the small grants scheme if they:

* Take place on or close to the World Hearing Day (3 March 2020)
* Focus on the theme 'Hearing for life: Don't let hearing loss limit you.'
* Target the general population or policymakers, to raise awareness about hearing loss
* Use WHO awareness materials for the day
* Have a measurable outcome
* Are registered on the WHO website

**Requirements / Timeline**

* Make an application by 21 February 2020 at <https://cghh.usu.edu/smallgrants/2020>
* Provide details of the host organization/institution or the organizer
* Notification of selected grantees will be made by February 28, 2020
* Following the event, a brief report with photos must be submitted to WHO by 20 March 2020. Photos must include a signed declaration of consent from recognizable persons in the photographs
* Selected grantees will receive up to USD 750 by 30 March 2020

**Selection Process:**

* Applications will be reviewed by a panel of experts selected from the World Hearing Forum
* Each grant application will be scored on a scale of 0-80 points using the following criteria:
	+ Are the activities relevant to the theme? (0-10 points)
	+ Is the organization aligned to the principles of the World Hearing Forum? (0-10 points)
	+ Will the activity help to raise awareness on hearing loss? (0-10 points)
	+ Does the activity have a measurable outcome? (0-10 points)
	+ Is this an innovative activity? (0-10 points)
	+ Could this activity inspire others to act, by being showcased? (0-10 points)
	+ Is there a convincing argument for selecting this application? (0-10 points)
	+ Is the organization/activity likely to benefit from the small grant? (0-10 points)
* Applications with the most points will be selected for funding. Once the activity reports and photos have been received by the WHO, the grant amount will be transferred to the relevant organizations. A certificate will also be given by the World Hearing Forum.