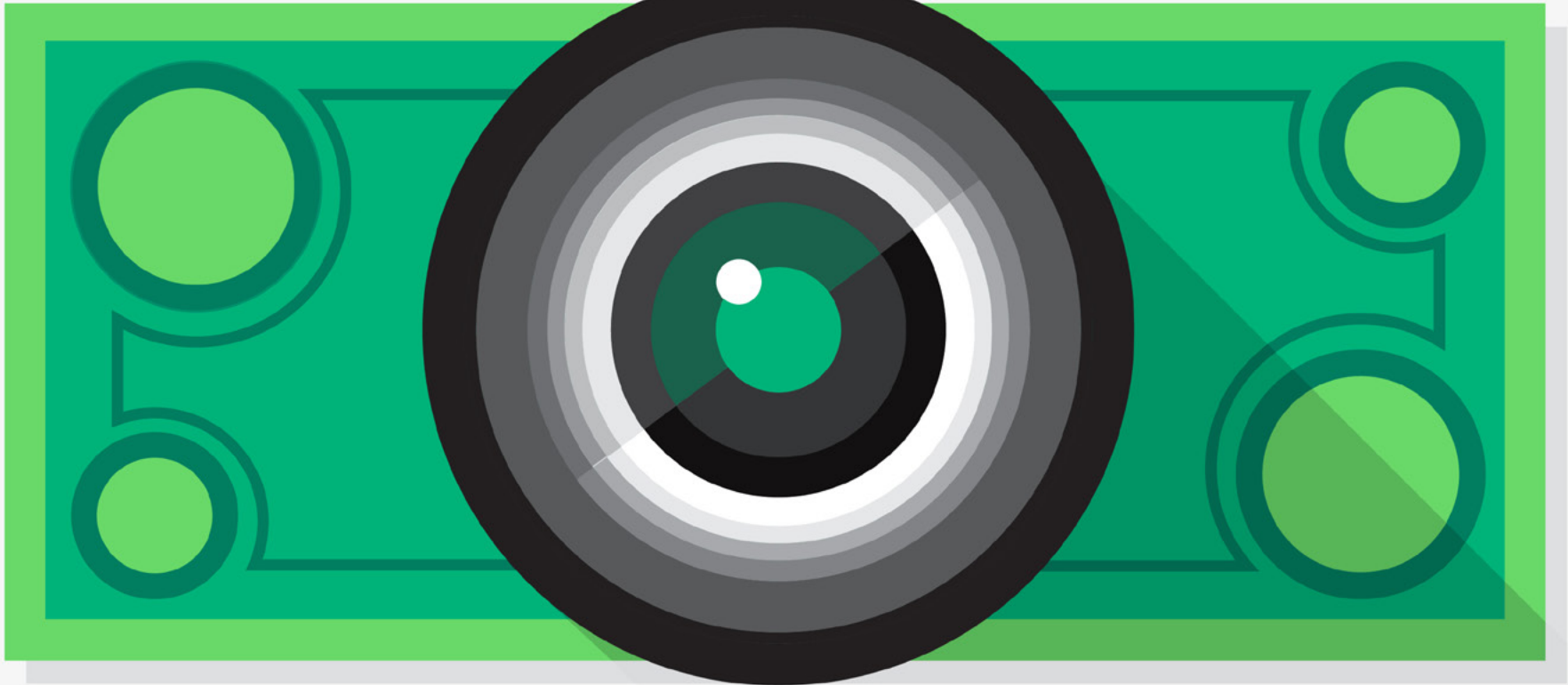


30 ORGANIZATIONS

that want to



FUND YOUR PHOTO PROJECT

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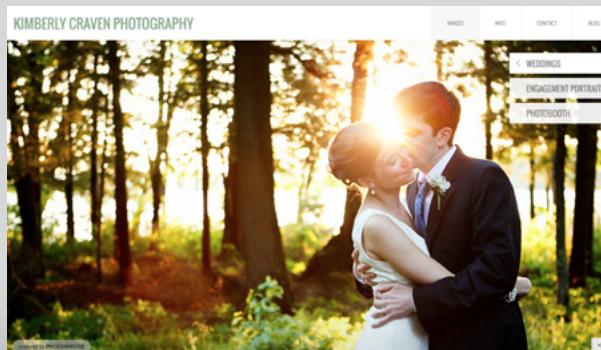
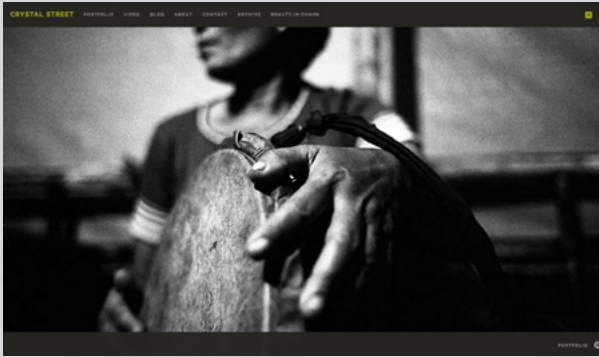
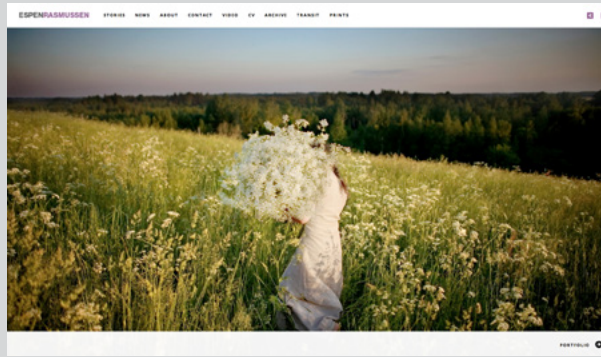
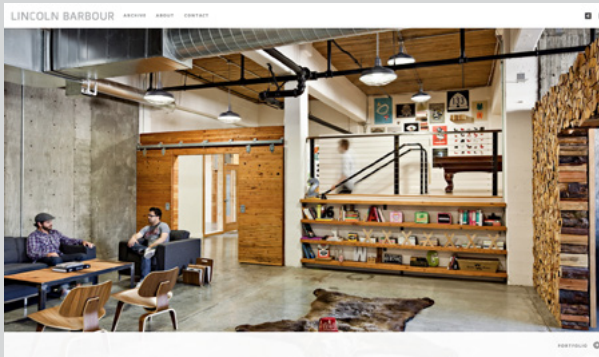
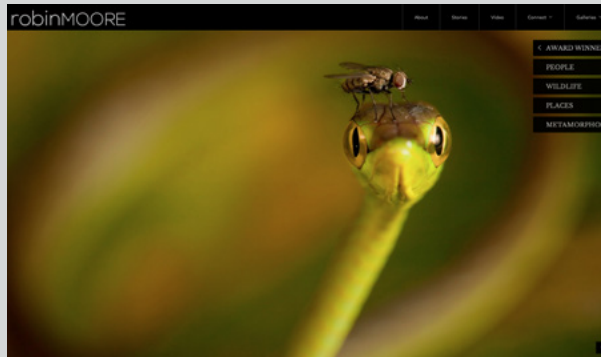
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Introduction

Uncovering issues of inequality through unique, aerial shots of a small town, depicting the lives of Russians living in the former Soviet states, or helping scientists understand sharks in the Arabian Sea—these are just some of the photography projects that have been funded by these 30 organizations.

Photographers know all too well that personal projects are rarely the paying ones, but if you've got a great idea and body of work, you've done your research, and you know what you need to make it happen, finding the funds may be easier than you think.

We've partnered with [DPReview](#) for this guide to help give you a head start. Let's dig in.

Aaron Siskind Foundation's Individual Photographer's Fellowship

DEADLINE

July

STUDENT GRANT

up to \$10,000

FEE

\$20

[APPLY HERE](#)

The [Aaron Siskind Foundation's Individual Photographer's Fellowship](#) grant is awarded to artists working with photography or photo-based art. With this specific grant you must be 21 years or older and a U.S. citizen. The [2016 winners](#) include Sam Contis, Holly Lynton, Raymond Meeks, RaMell Ross, Bryan Schutmaat and Danny Wilcox Frazier.

Carmignac Gestion Photojournalism Award

DEADLINE

October

AWARD

€50,000

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The [Carmignac Gestion Photojournalism Award](#) is presented to photojournalists from around the world who want to pursue a long-term reportage project. Themes can range from focusing on an internal conflict, advocating for peace or social justice, or highlighting a gradual change within a nation.

Getty Images Grants for Editorial Photography

DEADLINE

May 15, 2018

GRANT

\$10,000

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The [Editorial Grant](#) is one of several Getty Images Grants, including the [Prestige Grant](#), which celebrates creativity in commercial photography, and the [Emerging Talent Award](#) for young photojournalists. [Take a look at the 2017 winners](#) including Barbara Peacock for her work entitled "American Bedroom."

Alexia Foundation

DEADLINE

January/February

STUDENT GRANT

\$1,000 + 1 semester of full tuition at Syracuse University, and \$500 awarded to the student's academic department

PROFESSIONAL GRANT

\$20,000

FEE

\$50

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The [Alexia Foundation](#) provides grants and scholarships to photojournalists whose missions focus on fostering cultural understanding and exposing social injustice. The organization awards multiple grants, including a professional and student grant and a Women's Initiative Grant. Previous winners include Sarah Blesener and Monica Jorge.



Photo by: Monica Jorge, The Alexia 2017 First Place Student Winner

John Gutmann Photography Fellowship Award

DEADLINE

Nomination only

AWARD

\$5,000-\$10,000

The [John Gutmann Photography Fellowship Award](#) is presented annually to emerging photographers that demonstrate commitment in artistic photography. The award is between \$5,000 and \$10,000 and sometimes presented to multiple photographers. To be eligible, you must be a U.S. citizen and nominated based on your professional accomplishments. Previous recipients include Suné Woods and Dru Donovan.

The Manuel Rivera- Ortiz Foundation for Documentary Photography and Film

DEADLINE

Opens November 1, 2017

GRANT

\$5,000

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This grant from [The Manuel Rivera-Ortiz Foundation for Documentary Photography and Film](#) enables documentary photographers and filmmakers to receive funding for their projects. The cash award is \$5,000 for non-fiction works based on social issues such as health, poverty, oppression, war, famine or religious/political persecution. The 2016 Photography Grant recipients were [Ismail Ferdous](#) for his work on human exploitation, working conditions and corporate responsibility in Bangladesh, and [Enri Canaj](#) for his work on human flight and refugee resettlement in Germany and Greece.

National Geographic Young Explorers Grant

DEADLINE

Ongoing on a quarterly basis

GRANT

< \$5,000

[APPLY HERE](#)

The [National Geographic Young Explorers Grant](#) is a unique program that provides up to \$5,000 to photographers interested in pursuing projects in the following areas: sustainable cities, long-distance animal migration, big cats conservation and changing polar systems. Application details can be found [here](#).

Burn Magazine Emerging Photographer Grant

DEADLINE

Late spring 2018

EMERGING PHOTOGRAPHER FUND GRANT

\$10,000

YOUNG TALENT EPF/FUJIFILM AWARD

\$5,000

FEE

\$25

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Photo by: Aleksander Raczynski, Young Talent EPF/FujiFilm Award 2016

W. Eugene Smith Grant

DEADLINE
June

GRANT
\$35,000

FEE
\$50

[APPLY HERE](#)

The [W. Eugene Smith Grant](#) is awarded in honor of the late prolific photo essayist Eugene Smith. The award is to recognize exemplary talent and vision in documentary photography that highlights the human condition. The 2016 recipient was Justyna Mielnikiewicz for her project “A Diverging Frontier,” a look at what life is like for Russians living in the former Soviet states.

VSCO Artist Initiative

DEADLINE
Ongoing

GRANT
Varies

The popular app and social network has created a \$1 million grant to provide photographers with funds and resources to pursue their creative vision. Since its inception, the [VSCO Artist Initiative](#) has awarded photographers with grants of varying sizes, which is determined at the discretion of VSCO. Applicants must be VSCO members.

The Imagely Fund

DEADLINE
June

GRANT
\$5,000

[APPLY HERE](#)

The [Imagely Fund](#), previously known as the Photocrati Fund, provides grants to pro and emerging photographers focusing on humanitarian or environmental projects all over the world. Unlike many grants that are awarded on the basis of photography alone, Imagely also considers how a photographer’s background and training has prepared him or her for the project. The 2016 judges were Art Wolfe, Jim Brandenburg and Steve Winter.

CENTER's Project Launch Grant & Project Development Grant

DEADLINE

2018 dates not announced yet

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AWARD

\$5,000

PROJECT LAUNCH AWARD

\$5,000

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CENTER's [Project Launch Grant](#) is awarded to talented photographers working with a fine art series or a documentary project. The \$5,000 cash award is intended to help photographers complete their respective projects and provide opportunities for professional development, press and the ability to disseminate their project. In addition to the cash award, the winner will be invited to participate in several exhibitions, receive a Lenscratch publication and more. Johnny Miller was the 2017 recipient with his project titled [Unequal Scenes](#).

CENTER's [Project Development Grant](#) provides financial support to fine art, documentary or photojournalist works-in-progress. David Denil was the 2017 recipient with his project titled [Let Us Not Fall Asleep While Walking](#).



Photo by: Jonny Miller, CENTER's Project Launch Grant 2017

Dorothea Lange-Paul Taylor Prize

DEADLINE

April

AWARD

\$10,000

FEE

\$65

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Duke University administers the [Dorothea Lange-Paul Taylor Prize](#), which seeks to encourage “the interplay of words and images in the creation and presentation of [a photographer’s work.]” The rules no longer require a separate photographer and writer collaboration, although teams are still allowed. The progressive prize now accepts audio, video and graphic novels for consideration. To be considered, applicants must show that they have already begun fieldwork.

Lucie Foundation Emerging Scholarship

DEADLINE

June

STUDENT AWARD

\$2,500

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The [Lucie Foundation](#) supports emerging photographers with a grant to work on a “specific, dynamic project.” The foundation doesn’t restrict applicants to any specific sub-genre of photography, preferring to support work that is “gripping and original.”

Ian Parry Scholarship

DEADLINE

September

PRIZE

\$3,500

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Photojournalist Ian Parry was killed at age 24 covering the downfall of Nicolae Ceausescu during the Romanian revolution. [His namesake scholarship](#) is divided into two categories: The Award for Achievement and The Award for Potential. Each recipient receives £3,500 toward a chosen assignment plus Canon camera gear, and their work will be part of the The Incite Project’s collection, among other rewards.

The Documentary Project Fund

DEADLINE

November 13, 2017

ESTABLISHED ARTIST AWARD

\$5,000

EMERGING VISION AWARD

\$3,500

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The Documentary Project Fund is awarded twice a year to documentary photographers who use photography as a medium for community-focused storytelling and provide a voice to impoverished and oppressed communities. There were three recipients of the winter 2017 award—Brendan Hoffman, Faiham Sharif and Fabiola Ferrero.



Photo by: Fabiola Ferrero, The Documentary Project Fund's, 2017 Emerging Vision Award

Tim Hetherington Fellowship

DEADLINE

Nomination only

GRANT

£20,000

APPLY HERE

The [Tim Hetherington Trust](#) joined with [World Press Photo](#) to offer [this fellowship](#) in 2016 (previously The Tim Hetherington Grant). It provides funds to a visual journalist to finalize a project with a human rights theme. The fellowship is open to filmmakers and photographers alike, honoring the award-winning work of Tim Hetherington, a journalist who was killed in Libya in 2011.

Gomma Photography Grant

DEADLINE

October

GRANT

**1st Prize: €1000
2nd Prize: €500
3rd Prize: €100**

FEE

€25

APPLY HERE

Gomma has been working to promote photographers since its Gomma Magazine launch in 2004. The [Gomma Photography Grant](#) has several prize categories and is open to all genres. Past winners include [Esa Ylijaasko](#) and [Harit Srikhao](#).

The Pulitzer Center

DEADLINE

Rolling

GRANT

\$5,000 - \$15,000+

APPLY HERE

The [Pulitzer Center](#) has multiple grants: Student Travel Grants, Persephone Miel Fellowship, The Catalyst Fund and the main travel grants fund. The focus of the program is on international issues that are underreported in American media. Applicants must show a distribution plan and have editors or producers interested in publishing their work. Multimedia projects and collaborations are highly encouraged.

Inge Morath Award

DEADLINE

April 30, 2018

AWARD

\$5,000

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Established by the members of [Magnum Photos](#), the annual [Inge Morath Award](#) is presented to a female photographer under 30 who shows exemplary prowess in the documentary photography field. The award is a means to fund a long-term documentary project and is awarded each July/August. Check out the work of the 2017 winners, Johanna-Maria Fritz from Germany and Isadora Romero from Ecuador, and other past recipients [here](#).



Photos by: Johanna-Maria Fritz, 2017 Inge Morath Award

PhotogrVphy Grant

DEADLINE

August

GRANT

\$1,000

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[PhotogrVphy Grant's](#) tagline is “searching and exposing new talents in photography.” Their main focus is supporting upcoming photographers in finding their voice and bringing a “fresh approach” to the photography field. Drew Nikonowicz, the 2016 grant recipient, previously won the 2015 Lenscratch Student Prize and the 2015 Aperture Portfolio Prize, and exhibited his work at the Museum of Contemporary Art of Rome.

Save Our Seas Foundation

DEADLINE

Varies by grant category

GRANT

\$2,000 - \$100,000
(Varies by grant category)

FEE

€25

[APPLY HERE](#)

The [Save Our Seas Foundation](#) has been working to protect our oceans by supporting projects that have research, conservation or education as key components, and focus on the ocean or the health of marine life. There are three grant categories with different submission deadlines and projects ranging from a timeline of three weeks and \$2,000 in funding to a three-year timeline with up to \$100,000 in funding.

Howard Chapnick Grant

DEADLINE

May

GRANT

\$5,000

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Part of the Eugene Smith Memorial Fund, the [Howard Chapnick Grant](#) was started in 1996 to honor the contributions by Howard Chapnick to the photography community. Funds may be used for research, education, internships, etc., but may not be used “for the creation or production of photographs.” Past recipients include Liza Faktor, Tom Garber and Muriel Hasbun.

Firecracker Photographic Grant

DEADLINE

August

GRANT

£2,000

FEE

£10

APPLY HERE

The [Firecracker Photographic Grant](#), founded by Fiona Rogers, supports the work of European women in the documentary photography genre. In addition to the £2,000 grant, Firecracker will also pay for professional printing, mounting and framing services from Genesis Imaging.

The PHM Women Photographers Grant

DEADLINE

October

GRANT

1st Prize: £5,000

2nd Prize: £2,000

3rd Prize: £1,000

FEE

\$25

APPLY HERE

The [Women Photographers Grant](#) is presented by The Photographic Museum of Humanity. As a curated photography platform, the museum also selects members to contribute to online gallery spaces monthly and produces a [mobile exhibition](#) that travels around South America every year. Jurors for the grant include Martin Parr from Magnum and Kathy Ryan from *The New York Times*.

Invisible Photographer Asia (IPA) Scholarship Grant Program

DEADLINE

Varies

GRANT

Varies

APPLY HERE

Founded by Kevin WY Lee in 2010, Invisible Photographer Asia is an organization providing educational workshops, programs and events. [The Scholarship Grant Program](#) doesn't cover travel costs, only the workshop fee, but it has chosen 40+ winners since 2010.

HCB Award

DEADLINE

April 2019

GRANT

€35,000

APPLY HERE

Presented by the [Henri Cartier-Bresson Foundation](#), this award is open to photographers with “an approach close to that of documentary” and is awarded every other year. Former award winners include Larry Towell, Josef Koudelka and Chris Killip, and most recently Guy Tillim — in other words, competition is stiff, but the prize is large.



Kenyatta Avenue, Nairobi, Kenya, May 8, 2017

© Guy Tillim, Courtesy of Stevenson, Cape Town and Johannesburg

Women Photograph + ONA

DEADLINE

May

GRANT

\$2,500

[APPLY HERE](#)

[Women Photograph](#) teamed up with [ONA](#), maker of fine leather bags and accessories for creatives, to offer three \$2,500 grants to female, female-identifying and non-binary documentary photographers from all over the world. Women Photograph also keeps an organized database of photographers, their specialties and the regions where they're based to offer to creative industry professionals interested in hiring female photographers. It's part of their overall initiative to diversify the photojournalistic voices we hear from.

Magenta Foundation's Flash Forward Emerging Photographer Project Grant

DEADLINE

January

GRANT

\$10,000

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The [Magenta Foundation's Flash Forward Emerging Photographer Project Grant](#) is part of the foundation's annual competition—submissions to the competition are eligible for the grant. The grant money can be used for any project not yet completed for any type of photography. Past recipients include Jake Naughton and Maya Fuhr.

Photoville's The FENCE Grant

DEADLINE

March/April

GRANT

\$5,000

Solo exhibition at Photoville
Leica camera package

FEE

\$45 (scholarships available)

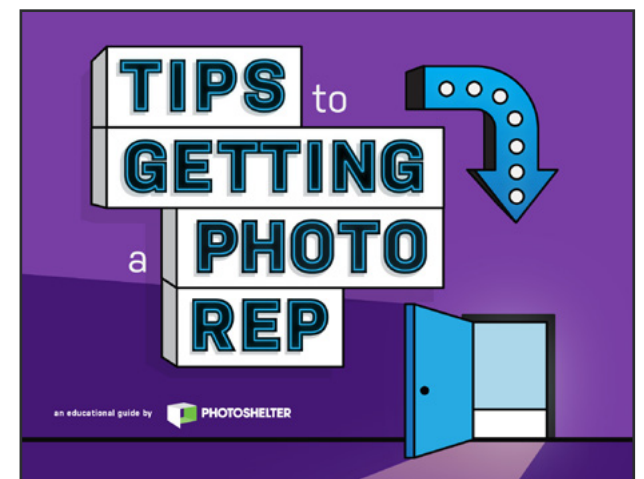
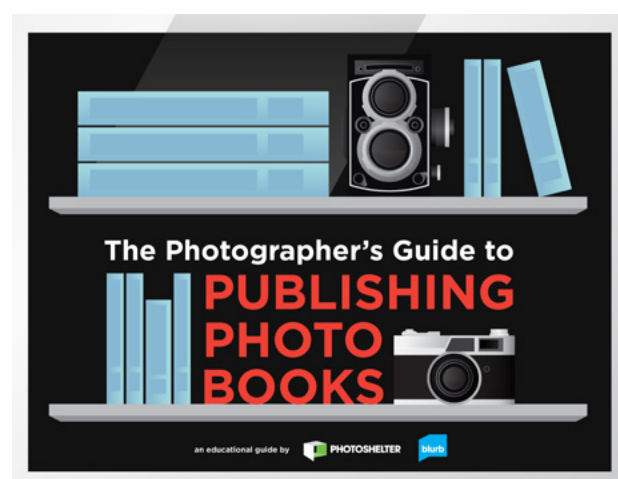
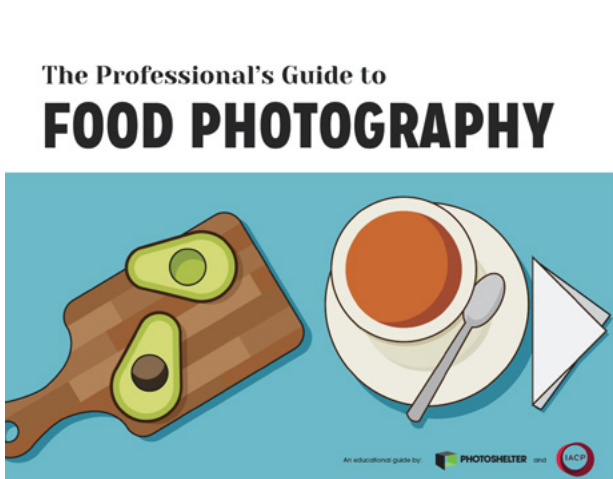
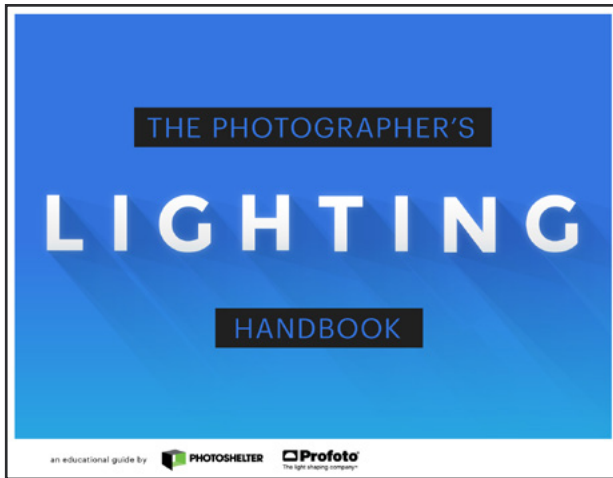
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The [FENCE](#) is a large-scale photography exhibition traveling to 9+ U.S. cities and reaching over 4 million visitors. The grant is intended to fund the production or development of the recipient's project which will be featured with a solo exhibition. Recipients will also receive a Leica camera package and other support and promotions—totaling over \$20,000 in value.

Conclusion

A wide range of grants that encompass different disciplines and topics are available for photographers. Not only do these organizations grant the funding you need, many also offer mentorship and support along the way. There's no reason not to put in an application.

If you do receive funding from one of these organizations, we'd love to hear about it. Email us at gotfunded@photoshelter.com. Good luck!



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