Open Technology Fund - Surge and Sustain Fund

Supports user costs for open-source VPN and circumvention solutions serving users in highly restrictive censorship environments.

The Open Technology Fund (OTF) welcomes all types of project ideas. OTF aims to support technologists and activists bring to life ideas that advance inclusive and safe access to global communications networks, counteract censorship and surveillance, and mitigate digital security threats to Internet freedom specifically for at-risk-users, journalists, human rights defenders, civil society activists and others living in repressive environments. OTF prioritizes projects coming from individuals or organizations who are applying for the first time, identify as under-represented within the field, and address areas that are underfunded.

Current funding streams include:
- Internet Freedom Fund
- Rapid Response Fund
- Surge and Sustain Fund (this listing).

Surge and Sustain Fund
- As internet censorship continues to escalate globally, more users than ever are relying on circumvention technologies to counter censorship and access the free and open internet. In response to this increasing demand, OTF established the Surge and Sustain Fund to provide leading circumvention tools with the resources they need to sustain their current users and respond to growing demand for their tools
- In many authoritarian countries, it is cost-prohibitive for citizens to access secure, trustworthy and effective circumvention tools. The Surge and Sustain Fund supports user-carrying costs for non-monetizable users of secure, open-source circumvention tools to ensure that people living in repressive environments have access to these critical anti-censorship technologies
- Individuals or organizations (for-profit or nonprofit) of all ages irrespective of nationality, creed, or sex are eligible to apply. Individuals must be age 18 or older to be eligible to receive funding.

Link
https://www.opentech.fund/

Status
Open

Provider
Open Technology Fund

Amount
Unspecified

Rounds
None - Always Open

Location
   - International
   - National

Who Can Apply
   - Non-Government
   - Education
   - Community Groups
   - Businesses
   - Individual

Co-contribution Required?
Unspecified by Provider