Microgrants Committee

- was found by the board in spring 2020
- committee members were chosen by board
  - Christopher Beddow (Head of the committee, elected by members)
  - Janet Chapman
  - Clifford Snow
  - Hanna Krüger
  - Geoffrey Kateregga
- Joost Schouppe served as an advisor
- Craig Allan was the observer of the committee
Microgrants Policy Framework¹

- defined by board in advance
- maximum grant budget in total 50,000 €, max. 10 project
- criteria for the projects
  - max budget: 5,000 €
  - max duration: 12 month
  - individual or group projects, OSMF members and OSM volunteers only
  - proposals should be discussed with the community

¹https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/wiki/Microgrants/Policy_Framework
Budget Spending Criteria

- paid work for open-source outcome
  - software development, design work, teaching & coaching, documentation & translation
  - no traditional paid mapping or prizes for mapping
- mapping equipment (with small personal benefit)
- merchandise
- (events)
- unlikely to be accepted: travel costs, scholarships, hosting & server hardware, (single large events)
Work of the Committee

• development of an application form
• call for application (April 19th - May 10th 2020)
• supervision and support of the application process and the community discussion
• pre-evaluation of the applications under the following criteria
  • general criteria: submitted on time, only OSM volunteers
  • meets minimum requirements defined in framework
  • impact and feasibility (score 1-3)
• selection of the funded projects
• supervision and support of the grant projects
  • mainly organizing bank transfer, reminding and helping with reports
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Suggestions for the framework revision

• explicit definition of terms like „traditional paid mapping“, „beneficiaries“, „merchandise and giveaways“, „small personal benefit“, etc.
• chose only one or two caps: 10 projects, 50,000 € total budget, 5,000 € per project
• define a process for dealing with conflicts of interests
• consider a further definition of „involving the community“
  • aim/reason for involving community, community voting, public and private parts of the process
• two separate types of grants: software and community project
• stricter rules for buying equipment from grant money (e.g. equipment catalog, function after project end)
• consider way to reclaim unused funds
Advises for the next microgrants committee

- don’t use the OSM Wiki for submitting applications, community feedback and reports
- consider having project presentation of promising projects
- announce new founding round 2+ month before the application
- keep a short application window (2 weeks)
- create a template for the community feedback
- consider involving the local chapters for nomination or endorsements of projects