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Research Funding Opportunities with Deadlines in the Second - Third Quarters of 2026

Group 31 11th April 2026

1. European Commission - Researching the Technical, Social and Economic Factors Impacting the Energy Performance of Smart Buildings (Built4People Partnership)

Deadline: 15 September 2026 (opens on 5 May 2026)
Focus: Smart building solutions to impact the energy performance of buildings and users' comfort in practice
Indicative Grant Size: Up to €5.25m per project
Eligibility: Any legal entity globally
Prep: Review the Built4People Partnership work programme and full topic text before preparing the application

URL: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2026-09-d4-01>

2. Internet Society Foundation - Research Grant Program

Deadline: 22 May 2026 (opens on 7 April 2026)
Focus: Applied and open research advancing understanding of the Internet and its value for all
Indicative Grant Size: up to \$200k (independent researchers; up to \$500k (organisations and institutions)
Eligibility: LMICs eligible; applicants from underrepresented groups highly encouraged
Prep: Ensure the research is openly publishable and made available to the scientific community at no cost. Obtain ethics certification before submission if research involves human or animal subjects.

URL: <https://www.isocfoundation.org/grant-programme/research-grant-programme/>

3. DPI Inclusivity Measurement Call

Funder: Global Development Network
Deadline: 15 May 2026
Focus: Evaluating inclusion and exclusion in existing Digital Public Infrastructure systems
Indicative Grant Size: Up to \$50k
Eligibility: Research teams from LMIC institutions; consortia allowed; one African team expected
Prep: Select DPI system, form team, design 6–8 month study with policy relevance

URL: <https://gdn.int/call-national-research-teams-digital-public-infrastructure-dpi-inclusivity-measurement>

4. European Commission Research Management Facility

Deadline: 24 September 2026 (opens on 23 April 2026)
Focus: Creation of a research management facility providing support services and training to research institutions in Widening countries seeking to establish or upgrade research management capacities and competencies

Indicative Grant Size: Up to €7m per project
Eligibility: Any legal entity globally

Prep: Proposals must demonstrate full geographical coverage of activities across all Widening countries including Farthest Regions and relevant Associated Countries, and provide an estimate of the number of institutions and individuals to be targeted

URL: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-widera-2026-04-widening-01>

5. The Water Research Foundation (WRF)

Alternative Approaches to Water Shutoffs for Non-payment of Bills

Deadline: 20 May 2026
Focus: Identify and evaluate alternatives to water shutoffs for non-payment of bills, assessing their effectiveness and impact on utility financial sustainability and water service continuity, etc

Indicative Grant Size: Up to \$200,000
Eligibility: Both US-based and non-US-based entities, including educational institutions

Prep: Proposals must address all five research objectives stated in the call. Describe methodology, team qualifications, timeline, and budget.

URL: <https://portal.waterrf.org/outbound-grant-details/74>

UDSM researchers are highly encouraged to apply