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Dear Friends,

We hope you enjoy this week's edition of the Newsflash!

Sincerely,

The Firelight Team

(Resource) Monitoring Children's Rights: A Toolkit for Community-Based Organizations

(Resource) Top tips for good non-profit financial management

(Accepting LOIs) The Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (VGIF)

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(Resource) Monitoring Children's Rights: A Toolkit for Community-Based Organizations

This resource from the Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children is a toolkit that has been designed for community leaders, local children's rights advocates and staff of local child-serving and child-led institutions and agencies to help mobilize and coordinate resources in communities to develop effective monitoring practices for the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. This toolkit may also be useful to children's rights advocates who are working regionally, nationally and internationally.

To access this recourse, visit: <http://bit.ly/1jX4IKX>

(Resource) Top tips for good non-profit financial management

This resource looks at the following five elements of financial management:

1. Realistic budgeting and forecasting
2. Internal control, policies and procedures (record keeping and filing)
3. Monitor performance and take action
4. Reporting and tools for analysis
5. Cashflow management and liquidity

To view this resource, visit: <http://bit.ly/Sd1dnp>

(Accepting LOIs) The Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (VGIF)

Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (VGIF) provides small grants to grassroots projects that empower women and girls in developing countries. It focuses its investments on projects that create local solutions to advance women's rights and social justice. VGIF often provides early support, funding innovative projects that help grow new organizations, test new community change strategies and foster women leaders. VGIF supports organizations that are governed and directed by women. Key areas of support include: Economic empowerment, Community development, Health and nutritional support, Literacy and leadership training, Educational seminars and workshops, Promoting education in the sciences for girls, Women's human rights. **Letters of intent are accepted by the Fund from 1 June 2014 to 1 July 2014.**

VGIF does not fund:

- Individual scholarships and tuition
- Political organizations
- Religious groups unless the proposed project contributes to the general good of the community
- The construction of permanent buildings or the purchase of land
- Salaries for board members and permanent staff. However, honoraria for external resource people/trainers may be considered by VGIF.

For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/Sd1xmh>

(Accepting Concept Notes) Elton John AIDS Foundation

Eligibility Criteria

1. YOU ARE AN ORGANIZATION: You are applying on behalf of an organisation that is a registered not-for-profit or charitable organisation. We are not able to provide grants to individuals.

2. IN A LISTED COUNTRY: The project you are applying for located in one of the countries listed below. (Note: only those underlined are eligible for Pioneer Grants) Africa: Botswana, Cameroon, Cote D'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe

3. YOU MATCH OUR PRIORITIES: See website for full list of funding priorities.

For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/1mXNSci>

As part of the Firelight Foundation's Capacity Building Program, Firelight provides "Newsflashes" to share relevant resources and information with our active grantee-partners via weekly emails and via post on a monthly basis. We hope that by facilitating access to information for grassroots, community-focused organizations, programming for children and families, as well as organizational development, is enhanced. Past editions of the Firelight Newsflash can be found on our website:

<http://www.firelightfoundation.org/resources/newsflash>

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