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Call for Applications

The Luang Prabang Film Festival is pleased to announce its fourth call for applications for the Lao Filmmakers Fund. The Fund is publicly generated, and allows Lao filmmakers to apply for small grants to help make their film projects possible. Grants are currently available once per year. Successful projects will be chosen by the Luang Prabang Film Festival's Board of Directors, based on the merits of the project, as well as an organized and feasible plan for execution.

For the 2016 year, the maximum grant request is \$10,000 USD (about 81,000,000 kip), though that does not guarantee that any one project will be given this amount. The number of grants will depend on amount of funding requested and awarded.

Support for this year's Lao Filmmakers Fund comes wholly from Oxfam International, which, as part of its mission, works to provide opportunities that allow for real participation of vulnerable communities in civil society.

Project Eligibility:

- Either the film's director must be a Lao national (and preference will be given to those who are), or the project must employ at least 75% Lao crew
- At least half of the film must be shot in Laos
- Film concept and script must be original and belong to the filmmakers
- Film must not be a project commissioned by a company or organization

To Apply:

Follow the guidelines carefully and email the following materials (in English or Lao) to **lff@lpfilmfest.org** no later than **1 October 2016**. All applications must include the following information, in the same order:

Cover Sheet

1. Project Name
2. Name, mailing address, email address, and phone number for the main contact person for the project (typically the film's director or producer)

Project Topic

1. Provide one to four keywords that generally characterize what the film is about. (For example: Climate, Education, Change, Race, Human Rights...)
2. Include a short description of the film using less than 50 words. You might want to start with "This film is about..."

Narrative (1000 words maximum)

1. Describe the film in greater detail, providing a clear sense of the film's theme, format, structure, style, and point of view.
2. Please include the current status of the project, and explain how LPFF funds will be used to advance the project.

Distribution

1. Who is the target audience for this project, and how will it reach them?
2. What do you plan to do with this film?

Requested Budget and Current Funding

1. The amount you are seeking from LPFF, and a breakdown of how these funds will be used.
2. The amount of the total production budget.
3. List any income (and its source) already secured or confirmed.

Project Personnel (100 words each)

1. Provide a short bio of each key member of the production team, which includes his or her filmmaking experience.

Reporting Requirements

All individuals applying for support from the Lao Filmmakers Fund must be prepared to keep detailed financial records of any expenditure of the grant funds, and report these to the LPFF on annual basis for the duration of time during which the grant funds are being spent.

Project Selection

All projects selected for funding by the Luang Prabang Film Festival's Board of Directors will be notified by 1 November 2016, at the latest.