

# Fundraising Tracker

| Name                                                                             | Type              | Priority | Status                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Owner         | Remarks                                                                                     |
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| Arinda Family                                                                    | Recoverable Grant | High     | <a href="#">1k Contributed</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |               |                                                                                             |
| Kimbowe Family                                                                   | Recoverable Grant | High     | Offered 1k USD, not yet contributed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |               |                                                                                             |
| Tushabe Family                                                                   | Recoverable Grant | High     | <a href="#">10k USD Contributed on Dec 1st 2024</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |               | Added an addition ~1800 USD in October 2025                                                 |
| <a href="#">Mercy Corp Ventures</a>                                              | Equity            | medium   | <p>Reviewed <a href="#">the deck</a> in May 2025.</p> <p>While the team liked the community angle, the key concerns were</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The scalability of the model and</li> <li>2. Tracti on (it's still early)</li> </ol> <p>Requested to be added to investor newsletter</p> | Aaron Tushabe | We are no longer pursuing equity funders because as a co-op, we don't have equity to offer. |
| <a href="#">Energy Sector Management Assistance Program - ESMAP (World bank)</a> | Grant             | medium   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |               | Co-organises the Global Off-Grid Solar Forum & Expo with GOGLA (see GOGLA row).             |

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| <a href="#">Echoing Green Fellowship</a>                 | Recoverable Grant | high | Submitted on October 7th 2025. <b>Not selected</b> for the 2026 Fellowship.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Aaron Tushabe | 2026 Fellows were announced Sept 1, 2026.                                                                                                            |
| <a href="#">EEP Africa (Nordic Development Fund)</a>     | Grant             | high | Closed for 2025, planning to apply for 2026. Not sure when it opens again<br>Oct 28th 2026: the 2026 call (grants up to €500k, Uganda eligible, applicant registered 6+ months, co-financing required) closed on March 16th 2026 and we missed it. Watch eepafrica.org for the 2027 call, likely early in the year. | Aaron Tushabe | Solarise Africa won a €1M EEP Africa grant for Zambia/Uganda on a similar "reliable power where the grid fails" case (USEA briefing, Oct 20th 2026). |
| <a href="#">Africa Climate Change Fund</a>               | Grant             |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">African Green Banks (AFBD)</a>               | Grant + Debt      |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">Alliance for Green Infrastructure (AFDB)</a> | Grants + Debt     | high | Send an email to <a href="mailto:info@africa50.com">info@africa50.com</a> on August 23rd.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Aaron Tushabe |                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">Beyond the Grid</a>                          |                   |      | No open applications yet<br><br><a href="https://beyondthegrid.africa/funding-rounds/">https://beyondthegrid.africa/funding-rounds/</a>                                                                                                                                                                             |               |                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">US Department of Energy</a>                  | Grants            |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">Nithio</a>                                   | Debt              |      | Needs at least 2 years of business to pass loan application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Aaron Tushabe |                                                                                                                                                      |

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| <a href="#">Mission 300</a><br><a href="#">(World bank)</a> |               | low    |                                                                                                 |               | Focusing on power for remote and off grid communities so no aligned with our early stage objectives |
| <a href="#">Factor E</a>                                    | Equity        |        |                                                                                                 |               | We are no longer pursuing equity funders because as a co-op, we don't have equity to offer.         |
| Kiva.org                                                    | Debt          |        |                                                                                                 |               | Check back on August 15th                                                                           |
| <a href="#">Digital Africa</a>                              | ?             |        | Applied on June 17th 2025.<br>Waiting for Feedback                                              | Aaron Tushabe |                                                                                                     |
| <a href="#">Aquarious Foundation</a>                        | Grant or Debt |        | Applied on June 17th 2025.<br>Waiting feedback                                                  | Aaron Tushabe |                                                                                                     |
| <a href="#">Start-coop</a>                                  | Grant         |        | Applied on June 18th.<br><br>We did not qualify because we are not (yet) based in North America | Aaron Tushabe | Expect \$5k to \$50k                                                                                |
| <a href="#">LabStart</a>                                    | Grant         |        | Submitted application on July 7th.<br>Not Accepted                                              | Aaron Tushabe |                                                                                                     |
| <a href="#">CataCap</a>                                     | Grant / DAF   | medium |                                                                                                 | Aaron Tushabe |                                                                                                     |
| <a href="#">Mission300</a>                                  | Grant?        |        |                                                                                                 | Aaron Tushabe |                                                                                                     |
| <a href="#">Energy IoT Open Source</a>                      | Grant         |        | Pledged 3k by Arila Barnes (founder and CEO)                                                    | Aaron Tushabe | Received 2.8k in April 2026                                                                         |

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| <a href="#">Project Spark EU</a> | Grant             | high   | Submitted on September 15th 2025 with EnAccess and The Gym Rwanda  | Aaron Tushabe            | Got feedback on Nov 21st 2025 that we did not meet the eligibility criteria but they didn't elaborate on which criteria |
| <a href="#">AMAP</a>             |                   | medium |                                                                    |                          |                                                                                                                         |
| Praxis                           |                   | High   | Submitted on September 20th 2025.                                  | Aaron Tushabe            | We did not get in. They thought we were among the top applicants and recommended we apply again next year.              |
| <a href="#">UGEFA</a>            |                   | medium |                                                                    | Aaron Tushabe / Dansturn | Requires 2+ years of operations so we would need to apply via green volta                                               |
| Green Volta                      | Recoverable Grant | high   | Waiting on Budget from NFE to confirm how much they can contribute | Dansturn                 |                                                                                                                         |
| Samuel Tondo                     | Recoverable Grant | high   | Waiting on Budget from NFE to confirm how much they can contribute |                          |                                                                                                                         |

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| <a href="#">Digital Energy Challenge</a>                  | Grant            | high   | Applied to the Tech Accelerator on June 17th 2026 (application 00298). Also started a Partnership application (00076) on June 12th. Followed up with contact@afddigit alenergychallenge.com on Aug 25th; no reply yet. Still no reply in NFE mail as of Oct 28th 2026. Chase again. | Aaron Tushabe | Asked for €150k (€112.5k grant + €37.5k expert support).                                  |
| <a href="#">D-Prize</a>                                   | Grant            | high   | Submitted on October 28th 2025. <b>Not selected.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Aaron Tushabe | The 2026 competition is open again (reminder email Oct 12, 2026), so consider reapplying. |
| <a href="#">MSISV</a>                                     | Grant and Equity | high   | Email sent on Oct 16th 2025 to find out when applications will be open again                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Aaron Tushabe |                                                                                           |
| Sunbird AI                                                | Fellowship       |        | They are offering a research program that could help us develop V1 of our autonomous microgrid                                                                                                                                                                                      | Aaron Tushabe |                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa (SEFA)</a> | Grant            | low    | No links to getting involved                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Aaron Tushabe |                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">Energy IoT Open Source</a>                    | Donations        | medium | EIoT can service as a fiscal sponsor to receive tax deductible US donations on our behalf.                                                                                                                                                                                          |               | Need to register a US entity for this                                                     |
| Funding Hope                                              | Crowd funding    | medium |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Aaron Tushabe |                                                                                           |

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| <a href="#">Develop Ventures</a>         | Grant matching              | medium | Uganda not eligible right now                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Aaron Tushabe | Closes Dec 31 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Carbon Credits                           |                             | low    | Initial meeting with Ashaba told us that this is going to be a long lead time option to explore.. at least 7 years before any credits are verified and bankable                                                                                                                           | Aaron Tushabe |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <a href="#">DRK Foundation</a>           |                             | high   | Focusses on post pilot, pre-scale. I think we are not yet post pilot                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Aaron Tushabe |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <a href="#">IEEE Smart Village (ISV)</a> | Grant (staged seed funding) | high   | Intro email sent on Oct 20th 2026 to Abdullateef Aliyu (abdullateef@ieee.org), Africa Regional Working Group, cc smartvillagestaff@ieee.org. Asked whether grid-connected urban microgrids are in scope and requested a call. Waiting for reply; follow up early November if no response. | Aaron Tushabe | First round is usually up to \$25k, with follow-on funding up to \$200k after results. Intake needs a 2-page concept note, lean canvas and 5-year cash flow forecast; the regional group mentors the proposal, then the Project Development Committee reviews it quarterly (6-8 weeks), then a contract is signed (2-4 weeks). Most spend should go to income-generating assets, and the project must cover electricity, education and enterprise. Paid in tranches against progress reports. Met ISV at PowerAfrica Nairobi, Sept 2026. |

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| <a href="#">GOGLA: Global Off-Grid Solar Forum &amp; Expo (Kigali, Oct 27–29th 2026)</a> | Event / investor matchmaking    | high   | Dansturn is in Kigali for OSEAS (Oct 26–27th). A free-pass request to Laura Bonilla (l.bonilla@gogla.org, Events), cc Megan Taylor (m.taylor@gogla.org), was drafted on Oct 21st but there's no sign it was sent as of Oct 28th. Full pass is \$1,650 and the expo-only pass is \$50; no budget for either. The local-company investor roundtable is on Oct 29th. | Dansturn / Aaron | Even if we can't attend: sign up for the GOGLA Virtual Pitchbook (seen by investors before and after the forum), and get the 2026 Off-Grid Solar Market Trends Report launched there. GOGLA members get event discounts. |
| <a href="#">USEA Solar Innovation Challenge &amp; Business Pitch</a>                     | Pitch / event                   | medium | Applied on Aug 15th 2026 to pitch the RPM at the USEA National Solar Expo (Aug 26–28th). USEA acknowledged on Aug 20th, but we got no decision despite follow-ups on Aug 20th and 25th.                                                                                                                                                                           | Aaron Tushabe    | Next Expo is Aug 25–27th 2027; ask to be on the pitch list early. Check whether NFE is a USEA member; every weekly briefing pushes membership.                                                                           |
| <a href="#">GET.invest Finance Readiness Support</a>                                     | Advisory (technical assistance) | high   | Not applied. Runs year-round in rounds; the last round closed on Oct 20th 2026, and feedback comes 6–8 weeks after each round closes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Aaron Tushabe    | Free support for early-stage, locally owned companies: financial model, pitch deck, investor introductions. Apply at <a href="http://apply.get-invest.eu">apply.get-invest.eu</a> .                                      |

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| <a href="#">EU Delegation to Uganda (Uganda-EU Business Forum)</a>        | Investor pitch / EU programmes    | medium | The forum ran Oct 20-21st 2026 and we missed the pitch session, which needed a minimum raise of €0.5M. Ministers used it to court EU energy investors.                        | Aaron Tushabe | Send an intro to Cristina Banuta (Cristina.BANUTA@eeas.europa.eu) framing Garuga plus scale-up as €0.5M+, and ask about EU programmes for Ugandan energy SMEs. |
| <a href="#">Transforming Energy Access (UK Ayrton Fund)</a>               | Grant                             | medium | No open call found (Oct 2026). The UK extended the Ayrton Fund. Its Beyond-Zero project (locally repairable, expandable storage replacing generators) is led by Acele Africa. | Aaron Tushabe | Watch for calls; explore partnering with Acele Africa.                                                                                                         |
| <a href="#">ASCENT Project Preparation Facility (World Bank / COMESA)</a> | Grant (project preparation) + TA  | low    | Not eligible yet: needs 3+ years of operations, \$150k+ minigrid revenue, an active financing deal and 20% co-financing. The first cycle closed on Aug 31st 2026.             |               | Grants of \$50k-200k. Revisit in 2027-28.                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">UECCC Solar Loan Program</a>                                  | Debt (consumer finance via banks) | low    | Not explored. Household and business solar credit through participating banks.                                                                                                |               | Possible way to finance Garuga household connections later.                                                                                                    |

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