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Short comment

The grants process has become a waste of time in recent years, with the exception of the Covid19 emergency grants that were issued during lockdown. We used to receive close to \$50,000 for ethnic broadcasting and that's become \$0 since changes in 2016. Of the submissions we have sent in, I can't remember any being successful other than the covid lockdown amounts. There's too much emphasis on things that shouldn't be factored in to grant giving such as how many female members we have on the Board and how green our station is. While both are important matters, they shouldn't be dictating who gets funds and who doesn't.