



CALL FOR GRANT PROPOSALS UNDER THE

NAMIBIA INTEGRATED LANDSCAPE APPROACH FOR ENHANCING LIVELIHOODS AND ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE TO ERADICATE POVERTY (NILALEG) PROJECT

Call duration:
18 January – 18 February
2021

APPLICATION GUIDELINES



Dear Applicant

We are glad that you are interested in accessing grant funding through the *Namibia Integrated Approach for Enhancing Livelihoods and Environmental Governance to Eradicate Poverty (NILALEG)* project.

The following are key guidelines that will assist you during the grants application process:

1. Eligibility

Please be informed that **only gazetted/registered communal conservancies, community forests, community-based organizations, farmer's associations, women's groups and youth groups** are eligible to access funding for integrated landscape management proposals under the NILALEG Project grant facility. No individuals or other entities apart from those prescribed above may apply for such funding.

2. Application Form

The grant application form is accessible:

2.1 on the EIF website (www.eif.org.na);

2.2 or can be obtained at the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia Head Office in Windhoek; or

2.3 at the NILALEG regional implementing partner offices, namely:

- Okongo landscape (Ohangwena region): Namibia Development Trust (NDT)
- Ruacana landscape (Omusati region): Namibia Development Trust (NDT)
- Nkulivere landscape (Kavango West region): Namibia Nature Foundation (NNF)
- Zambezi landscape (Zambezi region):
- Omaopanga landscape (Kunene region):

2.4 Or by emailing nilaleg@eif.org.na or by calling 061 – 4317705.

Kindly ensure that all the sections are completed! Incomplete applications/proposals and those not on the EIF template will not be considered.

3. Key criteria for funding under the NILALEG Project grant facility

3.1 Investment windows

Funding under the grant facility will only be made for the following investment windows or areas:

- **Agroforestry;**
- **Sustainable rangeland/crop management;**
- **Nature-based enterprises.**

Grant funding will be prioritized for proposals aimed at reversing environmental degradation and enhance livelihoods through nature-based enterprises and integrated management of Namibia’s rural landscapes.

Individual gazzetted/registered communal conservancies, community forests, community-based organizations, farmer’s organizations, women’s groups and youth groups may apply for funding under the three investment areas. Joined proposals, for funding, may also be submitted as a group that shares the same landscape.

3.2 Grant sizes and duration

Individual grant sizes will range between **USD40 000 – USD 46 000** or approximately **N\$640 000 to N\$736 000** depending on the exchange rate at the time of award.

3.3 Integrated Landscape Management

The project proposals should respond to the need for integrated management of Namibia’s rural landscapes, to reverse environmental degradation and maximize sustainable livelihoods based on nature, e.g.

- Direct and indirect beneficiaries whose vulnerability is reduced, or resilience is increased
- Reduce poverty through sustainable nature-based livelihoods
- Protect and restore forests as carbon sinks, and Promote land degradation neutrality
- Increase in generation and use of integrated landscape management information in local decision-making

3.4 Transformational/paradigm shift character of the project

- Degree to which the proposed project addresses prevailing unsustainable practices/situations towards a sustainable (resilient) development pathway
- Degree to which the project is innovative/business unusual
- Potential for cost-effective scaling up and replication elsewhere if the project proves successful
- Potential for knowledge and learning
- Sustainability of outcomes and results beyond completion of the intervention

3.5 Sustainable Community-Level Development Impact

- **Environmental Co-Benefits:** Potential for positive environmental externalities (i.e. not directly climate-related), such as conservation, biodiversity, soil quality, air quality etc.
- **Social Co-Benefits:** Potential for positive externalities in areas such as health and safety, access to education, cultural preservation etc.
- **Economic Co-Benefits:** Potential for positive economic externalities in areas such as expanded and enhanced job markets, job creation and poverty alleviation, improved sector income-generating capacity, increase in agricultural productivity, increase in energy and water supply security, etc.
- **Gender-Sensitive Development:** Degree to which the project addresses prevailing gender inequalities in general and with regards to climate change vulnerability and risks.

3.6 Environmental and Social Safeguards

Completion of the environmental and social safeguard checklist (ESS) is compulsory. Please ensure to complete Environmental and Social Safeguard checklist and rating which is an Annexure under **Section 12** of the application form. This will assist us in determining if your grant proposal falls within risk Category C. This category caters for projects that do not cause irreversible negative impacts on the environment and communities. **They hence do not require an environmental and social assessment!**

Also note, EIF does not finance projects that displace communities in any manner.

4. Submission of applications

Grant proposals should be submitted as below stated:

- **Option 1: Submission by hand (in hard copy):**
Hard copy submissions to the NILALEG Project should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to:

Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia
NILALEG Project Grants Facility
Heinitzburg Heights
C/o Heinitzburg and Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab Street, Windhoek

Kindly ensure that you have entered your submission in the application register and have received the acknowledge receipt from the NILALEG Project as reference.

- **Option 2: Submission via post**

Hard copies submission to the NILALEG Project Grants Facility should be done in a sealed envelope and addressed:

Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia,
NILALEG Project Grants Facility
P.O. Box 28157, Auas Valley
Windhoek

5. Support to the CBOs with the development of proposals

It is important to note that the project does not make provision for seed grants to assist with the development of project proposals under the NILALEG Project grant facility.

6. Evaluation of applications

Applications received will be evaluated in line with the existing EIF Grants manual. As proposals are approved on a competitive basis, the EIF Grants manual, establishes a system where screening and assessment takes place at various levels. The applications process will have an overall turnaround time frame of a **maximum of 40 days**.

7. Duration of call for proposals

The NILALEG Project call for proposals will be running for a period of **30 days** or one (1) Calendar month between **the 18th of January to 18th of February 2021**.

8. Deadlines

All grants proposals should reach the EIF office not later than **18 February 2021 at 17:00**. No late submissions will be considered.

9. Contacts

For any further queries, kindly do not hesitate to contact the NILALEG Project Coordinator by calling Ms. Philadelphia Buys at 061 – 431 7705 or by e-mailing pbuys@eif.org.na

NOTE: Please ensure to submit your complete application on time.