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**CALL FOR GRANTS PROPOSALS UNDER THE
ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTMENT FUND OF NAMIBIA
SMALL GRANTS FACILITY**

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

CALL DURATION:

14th July – 14th August 2026

The cover letter of the application is the first page of your application. It should be filled out so that EIF has your full contact information. Kindly note that the cover letter should not exceed one page and that it must be submitted alongside the proposal.

Dear Applicant,

We are glad that you are interested in accessing grant funding through the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia, EIF Small Grants' Facility.

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

1. Eligibility

Please be informed that Individuals, Non-Community Based Organisations (Non-CBOs), Women's Groups, Youth Groups, Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs) and People living with Disabilities are eligible to access funding for proposals under the EIF Grant Facility.

2. Non-Eligibility

Please be informed that Community Based Organisations (CBOs), Conservancies, Community Forests, Commercial Farms & Commercial Farmers, Farmer's Organisations, Associations (Water Point Associations, Community Development Associations, Environmental Associations, Waste Management Associations, Horticultural Associations, Charcoal Associations, Arts and Cultural Associations, Religious Associations, Disability Associations, Fishermen's Associations, Mining Associations, etc.) & Cooperatives (Women's Cooperatives, Youth Cooperatives, Recycling Cooperatives, Renewable Energy Cooperatives, Tourism Cooperatives, Beekeeping Cooperatives, Horticultural Cooperatives, Fisheries Cooperatives, Arts and Crafts Cooperatives, Green Enterprise Cooperatives, etc.), Water Point Committees, Individuals and Groups previously supported by EIF, EIF Staff, Government (National, Regional & Local) & Government Staff, State Owned Enterprises (SOEs), Private Sector, Companies such as Limited (LTDs) and Proprietary (PTY) Ltd, Researchers & Researching Institutions (Gobabeb Namib Research Institute, DRFN, MRC, SANUMARC, EEI, NBRI, NCRST, etc), Academia (UNAM, NUST, IUM, LINGUA, NAMCOL, etc), Vocational Training Institutes (VTC, NTA, NIMT, COSDEC, TVET, DAPP Vocation Training School, etc) and Capacity Building Institutes are not eligible to access funding for proposals under the EIF Grants' facility.

3. Application Form

The grant application form is accessible:

- 3.1.** on the EIF website (www.eif.org.na);
- 3.2.** or can be obtained at the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia Head Office in Windhoek;
- or
- 3.3.** at the various Regional Council Offices;

Or

- 3.4.** Or by emailing grants@eif.org.na or by calling +264 61 – 431 7741/24/25.

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

4. Key criteria for funding under the EIF Grant Facility

4.1. Investment Themes

Funding under the grant facility will only be made for the following investment themes:

- Sustainable Natural Resource Utilisation & Management.
- Sustainable Tourism MSMEs.
- Nature-based Enterprises & Natural Resource Value Addition.
- Green Technologies, Low Carbon Development, Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Initiatives.
- Sustainable Agriculture / Climate Smart Agriculture.

- Solid Waste Management & Recycling, including MSMEs.

The grants facility is aimed at funding initiatives in the following eligible focus areas: **Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss, Land Degradation, Green Enterprises and Waste Management.**

Individuals, Non-Community Based Organisations (Non-CBOs), Women's Groups, Youth Groups, Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs) and People living with Disabilities' proposals under the EIF Institutional Grants Facility may only apply funder under one of the six (6) investment themes.

4.2. Grant sizes and duration

Funding ceiling for grant size allocations will range between **N\$ 50,000.00 – N\$ 150,000.00 (Namibia Dollars).**

**Grants awarded must be fully utilized and projects successfully implemented within an eight (8) month cycle from the date of award.*

4.3. Transformational shift of the project

- How well the project tackles current unsustainable practices and moves towards more sustainable and resilient development.
- How innovative or different the project is compared to typical approaches.
- The potential for the project to be expanded or repeated in other areas in a cost-effective way, if it succeeds.
- The opportunity the project provides for learning and sharing useful knowledge.
- The potential for the project's results to be maintained once funding has ceased.

4.4 Sustainable Level Development Impact

- **Environmental Impact/Benefit:** Potential to create additional environmental benefits beyond climate impact, such as improved biodiversity, better soil and air quality, or enhanced conservation efforts, etc.
- **Social Impact/Benefit:** Potential to generate additional social benefits, such as improved health and safety, better access to education, and the preservation of cultural heritage. for positive externalities in areas such as health and safety, access to education, cultural preservation etc.
- **Economic Impact/Benefit:** Potential to create positive economic impacts, such as more and better job opportunities, reduced poverty, stronger income-generating capacity in key sectors, increased agricultural productivity, and improved energy and water supply security, etc.
- **Gender-Sensitive Impact/Development:** The degree to which the project addresses prevailing gender inequalities in general and with regards to climate change vulnerability and risks.

4.5 Environmental and 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 to 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 impact assessment!**

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

5. Submission of applications

Grant proposals should be submitted as below stated:

- **Option 1: Submission by hand (in hard copy)**

Hard copy submissions to the EIF Small Grants Facility should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to:

Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia
EIF Small Grants Facility
Heinitzburg Heights
c/o Heinitzburg and Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab Streets, Windhoek

Kindly ensure that you have entered your submission in the application register and have received the acknowledge receipt from the EIF Small Grants Facility as reference.

- **Option 2: Submission via Post**

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

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

- **Option 3: Email Submission**

Applications submitted via this method should ensure all documents are correctly include the applicants' project title, region the project will be implemented and the name of the applicant(s). Applications including the respectively attached supporting documentation should be emailed to:

grants@eif.org.na

6. Support to the Applicants with the development of proposals

It is important to note that the grants facility does not make provision for seed grants to assist with the development of project proposals under the EIF Small Grants Facility.

7. Evaluation of applications

Applications received will be evaluated in line with the existing EIF Small Grants Facility manual. As proposals are approved on a competitive basis, the EIF operations' 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 90 days (by the 12th of November 2026)**.

8. Duration of call for proposals

All grant proposals should reach the EIF office not later than the **14th of August 2026 at 17:00**.

**No late submissions will be considered.*

9. Deadline

The EIF Small Grants Facility call for grants proposals will be running for a period of 30 days or one (1) Calendar month between the **14th of July to 14th of August 2026**.

10. Contacts

For any further queries, kindly do not hesitate to contact the EIF Small Grants Facility Helpdesk at 061 – 431 7741/24/25 or by e-mailing grants@eif.org.na

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