

EIF Small Grants Facility Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the Call for Proposals and Application Guidelines in full before applying. In the event of any discrepancy between this FAQ document and the Application Guidelines, the Application Guidelines shall prevail.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Term	Meaning
Biodiversity	The variety of plant, animal and ecosystem life within an area.
CBO	Community-Based Organisation.
Climate Change Adaptation	Actions that help people and ecosystems adjust to climate impacts.
Climate Change Mitigation	Actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or prevent climate change.
Due Diligence	Verification process conducted by EIF to assess project feasibility and applicant readiness.
Endorsement Letter	A letter confirming community or stakeholder support for the proposed project.
ESS	Environmental and Social Safeguards.
Grant	Financial assistance that does not require repayment, subject to compliance with grant conditions.
In-Kind Contribution	Non-cash support such as labour, materials, equipment or facilities contributed to a project.
Land Degradation	Deterioration of land quality due to human activities or natural processes.
Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E)	System used to track project implementation, performance and results.
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation.
NPO	Non-Profit Organisation.
Project Sustainability	The ability of a project to continue delivering benefits after funding ends.
Quotation	A written cost estimate from a supplier.
Stakeholder	Any individual, group or institution affected by or involved in the project.
Sustainability Plan	A plan describing how the project will continue beyond EIF funding.
Waste Management	Activities related to the collection, recycling, treatment and disposal of waste.

General Enquiries

a. How do I submit my application?

Answer: Applications may be submitted by hand delivery, courier service or the official EIF Small Grants email. Ensure all required supporting documents are attached before submission.

b. What is the maximum grant amount I can apply for per project?

Answer: The current Small Grants Facility provides grants only up to the maximum amount of not more than N\$150,000 per project.

c. Can EIF assist with technical partnerships?

Answer: Applicants seeking technical partnership opportunities may be referred to the relevant EIF business development functions.

Eligibility and Ineligibility Criteria

a. Who is eligible?

Answer: Eligible applicants include Individuals, Community-Based Organisations, Women's Groups, Youth Groups and eligible Non-Profit Organisations, subject to the Application Guidelines.

b. Can Government institutions or Traditional Authorities apply?

Answer: No. Government institutions, SOEs and Traditional Authorities are not eligible under the current funding window.

Focus Areas

What are the Focus Areas?

Answer: Climate Change, Biodiversity Conservation, Land Degradation and Waste Management.

Investment Themes

Can I choose more than one Investment Theme?

Answer: No. Applicants must select only one Investment Theme that best aligns with the proposed project.

Land Ownership and Supporting Documents

What proof of land ownership is acceptable?

Answer: Communal Land Allocation Certificates, Traditional Authority letters, Lease Agreements and Local/Regional Authority confirmations.

Water Ownership and Infrastructure

How do I prove water availability?

Answer: Submit a signed and stamped confirmation letter from the relevant authority confirming the water source and its proximity to the project.

Supporting Documents

What documents must accompany my application?

Answer: Submit IDs, quotations, land and waterproof, endorsement letter, ESS Form and any applicant-

Environmental and Social Safeguard (ESS) Form

Is the ESS Form compulsory?

Answer: Yes. Every application must include a completed ESS Form.

Sustainability Plan

What should the Sustainability Plan contain?

Answer: Describe how the project will continue operating after EIF funding ends, including operational, financial and environmental sustainability.

Budget and Contributions

Is applicant contribution mandatory?

Answer: No. Cash or in-kind contributions are optional unless required because project costs exceed the grant ceiling.

Frequently Requested Supporting Documents

Final Applicant Checklist

Answer:

- Certified IDs.
- Quotations.
- Proof of Land Availability.
- Proof of Water Availability and Functional Infrastructure.
- ESS Form.
- Constitution/Registration (where applicable).
- Endorsement Letter.