



Adaptation Fund Funding Opportunities

There are a number of ways to access funding from the Adaptation Fund. Proposals are considered by the Board three times a year. Countries can access funds through an **accredited Implementing Entity (IE)** to the AF. These are institutions approved by the AF Board to receive direct financial transfers from the AF in order to implement adaptation projects and programmes. This includes National Implementing Entities (NIE), Regional Implementing Entities (RIE), and Multilateral Implementing Entities (MIE).

Grants are available under the Fund's strategic pillars of Action, Innovation, and Learning & Sharing. Readiness grants are also available to new NIEs seeking accreditation and to help guide them through AF's accreditation and project development processes.

Maximum funding amounts for projects and programmes

Each country can access up to USD 20 Million for **single country projects/programmes** through IEs. A single country project can be for a maximum amount of USD 10 million. Eligible countries can access up to USD 20 million total provided either:

- They accessed at least USD 8 million for a prior concrete single country project/programme ; OR
- Four years have passed since approval of the country's first project proposal by the AF Board.

In addition, a country can be part of one or more **regional projects/programmes**, for a maximum of USD 14 million per project (regional funding does not count against the



country cap). Additional funding opportunities do not count against the country cap (e.g., innovation grants; project scale-up grants; learning grants; enhanced-direct access grants).

Application process and deadlines

Proposals are considered at the Board's regular meetings, twice a year. The next submission deadline can be found [here](#).

Available training support

E-courses on the various grants are open to anyone (available in English, French and Spanish).

Accreditation through the Adaptation Fund

1. NOMINATION

An entity that meets AF's accreditation standards is identified and nominated by a Designated Authority:

- **NIEs:** Must be nominated by their respective governments prior to submitting an application for accreditation
- **RIEs:** Must receive a letter of support from at least two of the countries in which they operate
- **MIEs:** Invited by the Board to apply for accreditation and do not require an endorsement letter to submit an application.







2. APPLICATION

Send an email to afaccreditation@adaptation-fund.org with subject heading: Accreditation application.

Eligible countries can accredit up to two NIEs.



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	FUNDING TYPE	Accredited Entity Type	Maximum Funding Amount per Project/Program	How to Apply	Learning Resources
 ACTION Action grants support eligible countries to undertake high quality adaptation projects/programmes consistent with their priority needs, goals and strategies.	Single Country: For addressing climate change impacts in one country through tangible outcomes	NIE, RIE, MIE	USD 10 Million per Project/Programme*	Apply here for grant funding or technical assistance	E-course: Direct Access: Unlocking Adaptation Funding & Community of Practice for Direct Access Entities.
	Regional: For addressing climate change impacts in 2+ countries in the same United Nations region, or adjacent regions, through tangible outcomes	RIE, MIE	USD 14 Million per Project/Programme (excluding the PFG)**	Apply here for grant funding or technical assistance	E-course: Direct Access: Unlocking Adaptation Funding.
	Enhanced Direct Access: Supports bottom-up approaches through local knowledge and locally led action. Project selection occurs at national/sub-national levels.	NIE	USD 5 Million per Project/Programme (including the PFG)	Apply here for grant funding or technical assistance	EDA guidance document
	Project Scale Up: Supports planning, design and overall capacity to develop scale-up pathways for AF funded projects nearing completion or already completed	NIE	USD 100,000 per Project/Programme	Apply here	E-training: Scale-Up Grants
 INNOVATION Innovation grants support the development and diffusion of innovative adaptation practices, tools, and technologies.	Small (single country): To accelerate development of innovative practices, tools and technologies and demonstrate best practices for scale-up	NIE	USD 250,000 per Project/Programme	Apply here	E-training: Innovation Small Grants
	Large (single country or regional): To roll out or scale-up successful innovative practices, tools and technologies to a new country or at regional scale, involving 2+ countries/regions	NIE, MIE, RIE***	USD 5 Million per Project/Programme	Apply here	Innovation large grants guidance documents available here
	Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator: Administered by UNDP & UNEP/CTCN to accelerate the development of innovative practices, tools and technologies and demonstrate best practices for scale-up	Non-accredited****	USD 250,000 per Project/Programme	Apply here for grant funding	UNDP UNEP/CTCN
 LEARNING & SHARING	Learning Grants: support the generation and dissemination of practical knowledge about effective adaptation activities and financing modalities to actors around the world	NIE	USD 150,000 per Project/Programme	Apply here for grant funding	E-training: Learning Grants
 READINESS Readiness grants enable NIEs to provide peer support to countries seeking accreditation with the Fund and build capacity for undertaking various climate finance readiness activities.	Readiness Support Package Grant: Facilitate the delivery of more enhanced, targeted and tailored readiness support for accreditation to developing countries	NIE	USD 150,000 per NIE	Apply here	Website: Readiness
	Technical Assistance Grant for the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy: For NIEs to strengthen capacity to address and environmental and social risks as well as gender related issues in their projects and programs	NIE	USD 25,000 per NIE	Apply here	E-course: Direct Access: Unlocking Adaptation Funding
	Technical Assistance Grant for the Gender Policy: For NIEs with robust environmental and social policies to enhance measures to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate adverse gender impacts	NIE	USD 10,000 per NIE	Apply here	E-course: Direct Access: Unlocking Adaptation Funding

Notes:

*NIEs applying for single country projects through 2-step submission process (concept note; fully-developed proposal) with concept note can request a [Project Formulation Grant](#) (PFG) up to USD 50,000 in addition to the USD 10 million grant.

**RIEs and MIEs applying for regional projects (2+ countries) through the 3-step submission process (pre-concept note; concept note; fully-developed proposal) can request a PFG up to USD 20,000 with a pre-concept note and with a concept note a PFG up to USD 80,000. Those using the 2-step submission process (concept note; fully-developed proposal) can ask for PFG up to USD 100,000 with the concept note.

***For NIEs submitting proposals for large innovation grants, there is an opportunity to request a PFG of up to USD 50,000 per project. For a project for which PFG funding is sought, the total amount of funding inclusive of PFG cannot exceed USD 5 million. RIEs and MIEs submitting concept notes for large innovation grants for regional projects can request a PFG of up to USD 30,000. All IEs can apply to single country innovation large grants and MIE and RIEs only can apply to regional innovation large grants

****Open to wide range of applicants, including local governments, NGOs, young entrepreneurs, the private sector and others.