



ADAPTATION FUND

# Adaptation Fund Funding Opportunities

There are a number of ways to access funding from the Adaptation Fund. Proposals can be submitted at any time, and are considered by the Board at its meetings. 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 a total of 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 and LLA grants; enhanced-direct access grants).

## Application process and deadlines

Project proposals can be submitted on a rolling basis. The Board reviews proposals during its regular meetings.

For comprehensive information about the application process, please visit: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-funding/>

## 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](mailto:afaccreditation@adaptation-fund.org) with subject heading: Accreditation application.

*Eligible countries can accredit up to two NIEs.*


## Available training support

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



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# Adaptation Fund Funding Windows

	FUNDING TYPE	Accredited Entity Type	Maximum Funding Amount per Project/Program	How to Apply	Learning Resources
 <p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p>Action grants support eligible countries to undertake high quality adaptation projects/programmes consistent with their priority needs, goals and strategies.</p>	<p><b>Single Country:</b> For addressing climate change impacts in one country through tangible outcomes</p>	NIE, RIE, MIE	USD 10 Million per Project	Apply here for <a href="#">grant funding</a> or <a href="#">technical assistance</a>	<a href="#">E-course: Direct Access: Unlocking Adaptation Funding &amp; Community of Practice for Direct Access Entities.</a>
	<p><b>Regional:</b> For addressing climate change impacts in 2+ countries in the same United Nations region, or adjacent regions, through tangible outcomes</p>	RIE, MIE	USD 14 Million per Project/ Programme (excluding the PFG)	Apply here for <a href="#">grant funding</a> or <a href="#">technical assistance</a>	<a href="#">E-course: Direct Access: Unlocking Adaptation Funding</a>
	<p><b>Locally Led Adaptation:</b> Empower wide range of local actors to engage in climate change adaptation action.</p>	<p><b>Single Country:</b> NIE, RIE, MIE</p> <p><b>Global aggregator:</b> Non-accredited*</p>	<p><b>Single Country:</b> USD 5 Million/Project</p> <p><b>Global aggregator:</b> USD 35 Million total for small grants</p>	Apply here for <a href="#">grant funding</a>	<a href="#">Locally Led Adaptation webpage</a>
	<p><b>Project Scale Up:</b> Supports planning, design and overall capacity to develop scale-up pathways for AF funded projects nearing completion or already completed</p>	NIE	USD 100,000 per Project/Programme	Apply <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">E-training: Scale-Up Grants</a>
 <p><b>INNOVATION</b></p> <p>Innovation grants support the development and diffusion of innovative adaptation practices, tools, and technologies.</p>	<p><b>Small (single country):</b> To accelerate development of innovative practices, tools and technologies and demonstrate best practices for scale-up</p>	NIE	USD 250,000 per Project/Programme	Apply <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">E-training: Innovation Small Grants</a>
	<p><b>Large (single country or regional):</b> To roll out or scale-up successful innovative practices, tools and technologies to a new country or at regional scale, involving 2+ countries/regions</p>	NIE, MIE, RIE	USD 5 Million per Project/ Programme	Apply <a href="#">here</a>	Innovation large grants guidance documents available <a href="#">here</a>
	<p><b>Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator:</b> Administered by UNDP &amp; UNEP/CTCN to accelerate the development of innovative practices, tools and technologies and demonstrate best practices for scale-up</p>	Non-accredited*	USD 250,000 per Project/Programme	Apply <a href="#">here</a> for grant funding	<a href="#">WFP UNIDO</a>
 <p><b>LEARNING &amp; SHARING</b></p>	<p><b>Learning Grants:</b> support the generation and dissemination of practical knowledge about effective adaptation activities and financing modalities to actors around the world</p>	NIE	USD 500,000 per Project/Programme	Apply <a href="#">here</a> for grant funding	<a href="#">E-training: Learning Grants</a>
 <p><b>READINESS</b></p> <p>Readiness grants enable NIEs to build capacity for undertaking various climate finance readiness activities and provide peer support to countries seeking accreditation with the Fund.</p>	<p><b>Readiness Support Package Grant:</b> Facilitate the delivery of more enhanced, targeted and tailored readiness support for accreditation to developing countries</p>	NIE	USD 150,000 per NIE	Apply <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Website: Readiness</a>
	<p><b>Technical Assistance Grant for the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy:</b> For NIEs to strengthen capacity to address and environmental and social risks as well as gender related issues in their projects and programs</p>	NIE	USD 25,000 per NIE	Apply <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">E-course: Direct Access: Unlocking Adaptation Funding</a>
	<p><b>Technical Assistance Grant for the Gender Policy:</b> For NIEs with robust environmental and social policies to enhance measures to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate adverse gender impacts</p>	NIE	USD 10,000 per NIE	Apply <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">E-course: Direct Access: Unlocking Adaptation Funding</a>

Project Formulation Grants (PFGs) are available. For further details, please refer to the [PFGs webpage](#).

\* Note: Open to wide range of applicants, including local governments, NGOs, indigenous peoples organizations, young entrepreneurs, the private sector and others.