

OPO 172.- Propuestas para el Fondo Internacional de Inversiones Municipales

Resumen de información clave	
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Observaciones del identificador de esta oportunidad de negocios	La UNCDF invita a ciudades o autoridades subnacionales registradas a presentar propuestas para el Fondo Internacional de Inversión Municipal - Instalación de Asistencia Técnica (IMIF-TAF). Se busca apoyar proyectos de inversión urbana en países no miembros de la OCDE, alineados con los ODS y que sean viables comercialmente, con inversiones estimadas entre USD 10 m y USD 50 m. Se ofrecerá soporte financiero de hasta \$250,000 por proyecto para preparación en etapas avanzadas. Los proyectos deben ser presentados en inglés o francés. Nuestros países califican pero se requiere una alianza con un Gobierno Local.
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Official Title

UNCDF Call for Proposals for International Municipal Investment Fund Technical Assistance Facility

Opportunity Background

Introduction

The United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) is the United Nations' flagship catalytic financing entity for the world's 46 Least Developed Countries (LDCs). With its unique capital mandate and focus on the LDCs, UNCDF works to invest and catalyse capital to support these countries in achieving the sustainable growth and inclusiveness envisioned by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Doha Programme of Action for the least developed countries, 2022–2031.

UNCDF builds partnerships with other UN organizations, city networks, as well as private and public sector actors, to achieve greater impact in development; specifically by unlocking additional resources and strengthening financing mechanisms and systems contributing to transformation pathways, focusing on such development themes as green economy, digitalization, urbanization, inclusive economies, gender equality and women's economic empowerment.

As a hybrid development finance institution and development agency, UNCDF uses a combination of capital instruments (deployment, financial & business advisory and catalyzation) and development instruments (technical assistance, capacity

development, policy advice, advocacy, thought leadership, and market analysis and scoping) which are applied across five priority areas (inclusive digital economies, local transformative finance, women's economic empowerment, climate, energy & biodiversity finance, and sustainable food systems finance).

Description of the Investment

The IMIF Technical Assistance Facility (IMIF-TAF) aims to assist urban investment opportunities with development and late-stage project preparation. IMIF TAF focuses largely on directly supporting municipalities in middle and lower-income countries, for projects which can reasonably be expected to be financeable by the private sector. The financial support is expected to be up to \$250,000 per project.

After completing the Technical Assistance phase, projects supported by the IMIF TAF may be eligible for submission to the International Municipal Investment Fund (IMIF) for equity investment. IMIF invests in commercially viable projects sponsored by cities to expand their fiscal space and accelerate the implementation of SDG11, SDG13, and other related SDGs. An independent third-party fund manager, Meridiam1, manages IMIF.

Opportunity Structure

Geographic Scope

Eligible applicants in any of the non-OECD countries are invited to submit their interest in response to this Call for Proposals.

Expected Results

The expected result of this process is referring the projects to UNCDF's eight-step Dual Key investment process for an independent decision.

The Dual Key Process has its own requirements, which are out of the scope of this process. This may include the applicants agreeing to a completed list of financial and impact indicators for monitoring the investment. The impact indicators will be finalized based on the nature of the project to be tracked continuously. The specific impact monitoring framework will be developed between the applicant and UNCDF. In addition to these indicators, qualitative monitoring information is expected for learning and insights.

Competitive Scope

Eligibility Requirements

All the requirements listed must be met to proceed to the next step. The following requirements need to be met to be eligible for this Call for Proposals:

- Applicant must be a city or a formally registered subnational authority such as a city, local government, regional government, or metropolitan, or entities with an official mandate from the local public authority.
- The project needs to be aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- Projects should have a well identified economic rationale, with clarity around potential funding sources (ie: who will pay for the service / asset ?).
- Projects should originate from a non-OECD country.
- Projects should be in countries that are not in serious conflict or war.
- Projects should be requesting equity funding. There should be a clear indication of how the equity will come in at the project level, and the applicant's role must be clearly defined.

- The applicant and any other related government agencies should have approved the project. For example, if the project requires approval from a city council to proceed, that approval must be already secured.
- Estimated project investment amount should be between USD 10 m to approximately USD 50 m (inclusive).
- The project should have a feasibility study (this could be a basic upfront technical study), be revenue-generating, and be commercially viable.
- Projects must have already secured the necessary grant funding if it is a requirement. Projects with incomplete minimal grant funding requirements may be considered in exceptional cases.

Submission Structure

All submissions must be completed in English or French. Only applications that follow the submission format and include all the necessary documentation will be considered. Please note that submitting the online form in response to this call for Call for Proposals does not guarantee any funding by UNCDF.

Submission for First Quarterly Review is on May 14, 2024.

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