GEF Small Grants Programme

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Overview

• Local solutions to global environmental problems

• Supports community-based initiatives and actions

• Since 1992, GEF Corporate Program, implemented by UNDP

• Grants mechanism

• Only window for CSOs/CBOs
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**Figure 1: Number of SGP Country Programs by Operational Phase (1992-2018)**

- **Pilot Phase**: 1992-1996, 33 programs
- **OP1**: 1996-1998, 45 programs
- **OP2**: 1999-2004, 73 programs
- **OP3**: 2005-2007, 101 programs
- **OP4**: 2007-2010, 122 programs
- **OP5**: 2011-2014, 128 programs
- **OP6**: 2015-2018, 125 programs

Universal Access
Current geographic coverage

125 COUNTRIES
40 LDCS
37 SIDS
GEF-7 SGP Vision & Value Proposition = “The Three Is”

- **Innovation**
  - Incubator of Innovative solutions and risk taker to safeguard the global environment;
  - Focus on social inclusion in maximizing global environmental benefits
  - Strategic platform for community-based actions

- **Inclusion**

- **Impact**
Governance

- Global Steering Committee
- National Steering Committees
- Supported by Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs)
- Network of grassroots grantees, CBOs and NGOs
Size of SGP Grants

- Planning Grants-Maximum $5K
- Regular Grants-Maximum $50K
- Strategic Grants-Maximum $150K
- Global/Regional Grants: $250k to 500k
- Innovation Programme
GEF-7 Strategic Initiatives

Landscape and Seascape as Overarching Approach:

1. Sustainable Agriculture and Fisheries - Food Security
2. Low-Carbon Energy Access Co-benefits
3. Community-based Threatened Ecosystems and Species Conservation: Land and Water
4. Local to Global Coalitions in Chemicals and Waste Management
5. Catalyzing Sustainable Urban Solutions
and Grant-Maker Plus

- CSO-Government-Private Sector Dialogues
- Social Inclusion – Leaving No One Behind
- Citizen Based Global Knowledge Platforms
SGP Funding

1. Core Funding: $128 M for GEF-7

2. STAR Resources:
   a) < $15 M in STAR: Up to 10% of STAR
   b) >= $15 M Up to US$2 M
   c) Upgraded countries can use up to US$5 million from their STAR country allocations

3. Co-financing
KEY STEPS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. The project proponent – a national CBO or CSO – contacts the SGP National Coordinator to receive project application guidelines and forms. Refer to the SGP website's, under section “Where We Work” for information and contacts at the country-level.

2. The proponent organization prepares a brief project concept note and submits it to the SGP Country Programme.

3. If the project is found eligible, the project proponent prepares a project proposal. In some cases, this step may be supported by a planning grant.

4. Project proposals are reviewed by the National Steering Committee (NSC).

5. The NSC reviews the proposal and either accepts, rejects, or returns it to the proponent with recommendations for formulating and refining the project.

6. Approved projects sign grant agreement. SGP grants are usually paid in three installments, based on successful implementation and reporting.
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