



CALL FOR PROJECT CONCEPTS

I. **Background:**

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Programme (SGP) provides nongovernmental and community-based organizations (NGOs/CBOs) in developing countries with grants to enable them to tackle climate change, conserve biodiversity, protect international waters, reduce the impact of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), and prevent land degradation. With these environment-centered “grant projects” the programme also seeks to generate sustainable livelihoods and reduce poverty in the world’s neediest countries and regions. The SGP motto is “community action with global impact!”

The GEF SGP works in 125 countries all over the world. SGP Moldova was opened in 2012 and started financing projects in 2013. Since then, it has succeeded in funding and providing technical support for more than 27 grantee projects. The Programme is a GEF corporate programme, implemented by UNDP and executed by UNOPS.

Effective partnerships are key for SGP Moldova’s success. From management structures and funding mechanisms to grass-roots action, partnerships permeate all aspects of SGP operations. NGOs/CBOs are viable channels to promote community empowerment, ownership and participation in development and can thus be considered as the most significant SGP partner. They can play an effective role in better understanding the local community's needs and demands and must be given a full chance to fulfill their responsibilities towards those communities.

II. **Objectives:**

The main aim of Strategic Grants in the Operational Phase 6 is to give Moldovan national stakeholders the opportunity to achieve the following:

- Create greater impact and closer links between local efforts and global environmental benefits (GEBs) by supporting more extensive geographical coverage and/or thematic consolidation for policy improvement in mature SGP country programmes;
- Make effective use of the built up capacity of local NGOs, CBOs and communities for replication of successful technologies and approaches;
- Improve the capacity of the SGP and its partners to leverage larger funds from potential partners and donors;
- Strengthen the sustainability and replicability of SGP projects;
- Pilot innovative market mechanisms and financial instruments (i.e. such as Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES); environmentally friendly loans; revolving funds; and/or sustainable financing for clean energy technologies);
- Accumulate national and global experience in the development and implementation of projects of larger coverage enabling SGP to link more effectively with the MSP and FSP modalities of the GEF, as well as that of other donors and governments;
- Strategically position of civil society participation and leadership in new and innovative policies and programmes with other funding.

Within this call, the project concepts will be analyzed for the following thematic areas:

- *Community Landscape and Seascape Conservation;*
- *Climate Smart Innovative Agro-ecology;*



III. Results:

The expected results of strategic grants from Operational Phase 6 should correspond to the concerned areas from the SGP Country Programme Strategy (Annex 1), foresee a strategic impact and with the prospect of expanding the impact.

IV. Timeframe:

The duration of the strategic grant will be up to 2 years.

V. Budget:

The SGP grant should not exceed US\$ 150,000.

The NGOs are encouraged to propose co-financing as 1:1 to the granted funds. The lack of co-financing is not a disqualification criteria of competitive projects. The NGOs will be encouraged to raise the level of co-financing during the implementation period.

VI. Eligible organizations:

The main applicant should be a public association.

VII. Concepts development:

Applications are advised to submit strategic project proposal concepts using the attached project concept form. As a result, the selected applicants will be admitted to the next stage – the stage of developing a full project proposals. Project proposals will be developed taking into account the provisions of the Application Guidelines.

Concepts submitted by two (2) or more Proposers shall all be rejected if they are found to have any of the following:

- A. They have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or
- B. Any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or
- C. They have the same legal representative for purposes of this Call for Proposal (CFP); or
- D. They have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about, or influence on the Proposal of, another Proposer regarding this RFP process;
- E. They are subcontractors to each other's Proposal, or a subcontractor to one Proposal also submits another Proposal under its name as lead Proposer; or
- F. An expert proposed to be in the team of one Proposer participates in more than one Proposal received for this CFP process. This condition does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one Proposal;
- G. The implementing units and NGOs involved in carrying out the tasks of public institutions under contracts concluded between them, will be rejected.

VIII. Application Procedure:

Offers shall be submitted electronically at SGPMoldova@unops.org, titled in the message subject line as "GEF SGP, Strategic Grant 2018, [name of the applicant NGO]".

The deadline for submitting the offers is 29th of June 2018, 17:00 (GMT +2).

Project concepts received after the deadline shall not be examined.



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For any additional information on the call for project concepts, please contact Mrs. Inessa Galitchi, National Coordinator, the GEF Small Grants Programme, Moldova, e-mail: inessag@unops.org, tel: (+373) 22 839-876.

IX. Supporting documents:

Application Guidelines

Project Concept Template

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on strategic SGP projects



Annex 1. Extract from the Country Programme Strategy for the Operational Phase 6.

OP6 Project components	Strategic targets	Indicators
<p><u>Component 1 of SGP</u> <u>OP6:</u> <i>Community landscape conservation:</i> <i>Biological diversity</i></p>	<p>1.1.1. Conservation of high-value regions with a multi-focal approach linking environmental issues, biodiversity conservation with sustainable development and social aspects.</p> <p>1.1.2. Promoting conservation techniques endangered and threatened species within their habitats.</p> <p><i>Protection of the most threatened species</i></p> <p><i>Promoting the transfer of protected area management to communities / NGOs</i></p> <p><i>Conservation of biodiversity and sustainable use in regions through community initiatives and actions</i></p>	<p>At least one legal draft document or public policy draft, where the provisions of biodiversity conservation are integrated or at least one management plan of water basins developed;</p> <p>At least 1 touristic route marked or one developed touristic locality;</p> <p>At least 20 ha of forestry windbreaks to protect agricultural fields or water basins planted;</p> <p>At least 5 ha of trees planted;</p> <p>At least 10 ha of windbreaks restored (at national scale);</p> <p>At least 1 local specie/habitat promoted and reproduction conditions ensured;</p> <p>At least 3 training workshops organized, 75 persons trained (50% women-50% men), promotional materials developed;</p> <p>At least 2 information events organized.</p>
<p><u>Component 2 of SGP</u> <u>OP6:</u> <i>Climate smart innovative agro-ecology:</i></p>	<p>2.1.1. Demonstration, development and transfer of agro-ecological practices and knowledge</p> <p><i>Protection of the most threatened species</i></p> <p><i>Develop and adopt best agro-ecological practices</i></p> <p>2.1.2. New Approaches to Adopting Agriculture to Climate Change</p> <p><i>Integrated Pest Management and Reduction / Elimination of Fertilizer Use</i></p> <p><i>Integrated nutrient management systems and reduction / elimination of fertilizer use</i></p>	<p>At least 2 practices that provide measures to decrease the CO₂ emissions implemented;</p> <p>At least 2 farmers who produce multiple cultures;</p> <p>Agricultural best practices adapted to climate changes implemented on 5 ha or at least 5 ha with sustainable management of agricultural land;</p> <p>At least 2 guidelines in rational and sustainable management of natural resources developed and published;</p> <p>At least 2 ecology hours organized;</p>



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	<p><i>Programming optimized irrigation at farm level and improving soil water conservation</i></p>	<p>At least 1 continuous training programme developed;</p> <p>At least 60 households informed about best agricultural practices adapted to climate changes;</p>
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