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The Gap Fund paves the way for delivering ambitious infrastructure development for low-carbon, resilient and liveable cities. It provides technical assistance to cities in developing and emerging countries for early-stage planning and project preparation. It unlocks a pipeline of financially viable urban investments that contribute to local transformation, global climate goals and green recovery.



The Gap Fund is implemented by the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the World Bank. The EIB is partnering with Deutsche Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), which will implement the technical assistance for the EIB.

WHO

All cities in low and middle-income countries on the ODA-OECD DAC list.

Cities, municipal authorities or local governments can apply for advisory and technical assistance support directly. National agencies and ministries, municipal associations, municipal enterprises, private sector providers of urban services, urban developers and municipal and national development banks can apply on behalf of cities, municipal authorities and local governments.

Applications can be submitted for one city or for a group of cities taking part in a joint programme. Each application can cover one or more eligible activities.

WHAT

Eligible sectors

- Sustainable urban mobility
 - Energy efficiency and small renewables, including building retrofits, street lighting, district heating and cooling
 - Solid waste management and circular economy activities
 - Water and wastewater management
 - Greening of urban areas, nature-based solutions, blue/green infrastructure, ecosystem restoration and centred urban planning
 - Green buildings, including sustainable/climate-friendly building materials and eco-districts
 - Adaptation to established climate vulnerabilities
 - Affordable housing with an energy-efficient approach
 - Multi-sector, area-based investment programmes, including slum/informal settlement upgrading, brownfield redevelopments, urban extensions or corridor development.
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Eligible activities: some examples

- City climate strategy development and generation of in-depth analytics to assess the climate action and resilience potential of plans, strategies and investment programmes
- Capacity building for low-carbon and climate-resilient urban development
- Prioritisation of investments as part of a climate strategy or investment programme
- Project concept definitions and components of pre-feasibility studies
- Strengthening the approach to project financing
- Matchmaking with additional support sources for later stages of project preparation.

HOW

1. Fill in an expression of interest at www.citygapfund.org.
2. The Gap Fund team will review and assess the expression of interest.
3. If the proposal is eligible for advisory and technical assistance, the EIB or the World Bank Gap Fund Secretariat will perform a detailed assessment of the proposal. The applicant may be asked to provide further details and clarifications during a virtual or in-person meeting.
4. If the application is successful, the Gap Fund team and the applicant will define the Terms of Reference for the assignment, which may be conducted directly by the Gap Fund team or with the support of external consultants.

After receiving support from the Gap Fund

The Gap Fund can further help cities it supports by connecting them with other project preparation facilities for any additional grant funds or assistance needed whenever possible, in particular in the areas of project requirements and application preparation and submission.

Successful applicants have no obligation to take a loan from the EIB or the World Bank to finance their project. Similarly, neither the EIB nor the World Bank have any obligation to provide loans to a project that has received Gap Fund support.

More information

Please check www.citygapfund.org
in particular the Frequently Asked Questions section
<https://www.citygapfund.org/frequently-asked-questions>

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