



## Call for Proposals — FAQ

### Impact and innovation in commodity value chains

The Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) is seeking applications for project financing from Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Producer Organizations, Government agencies, Cooperatives, and other enterprises to increase sustainable productive capacity and incomes of farmers/traders in the commodity-dependent developing countries. The CFC provides a range of financial instruments, mainly loans for equipment, working capital, or trade finance to introduce new innovations and practices in the value chain.

To help proponents prepare their application, the CFC has developed this FAQ.

#### **Should the CFC Open Call Application form be completed in English?**

Application forms may be submitted in English only.

#### **Is my country eligible to apply for the Open Call for Proposals?**

Yes, if the country where your project will operate is a **Member State**\* of the CFC, you are eligible to apply for the proposal to be implemented within a Member State.

#### **Can an organization in a non-member CFC country apply?**

Yes, provided that all activities financed by the CFC must be implemented in a Member State of the CFC.

#### **Can a start-up company apply?**

The CFC does not finance start-up companies. Eligible proposals must demonstrate a track record of at least 3 years (addressing substantive as well as financial issues).

#### **Does the CFC provide Humanitarian/Educational / Medical aid?**

The goal of the CFC is to advance development in commodity dependent developing countries. Research, humanitarian, educational, medical issues are, however, outside the scope of the CFC's mandate.

#### **What is the maximum amount of CFC funding?**

The CFC funds projects under loan and other debt instruments. The maximum amount is USD 2 million (or EUR equivalent) for regular projects, and up to USD 120,000 under the Fast Track procedure.

#### **What is the interest rate for the loans?**

This will be determined depending on the type of project and the risk attached to it. The interest rate will also depend on Government sovereign rates, and usually falls between 5% to 10%.

#### **Have I not received any response on my application to the Call?**

The CFC will only contact proponents of proposals that are deemed suitable for further consideration by the Consultative Committee. If you not have heard from us two weeks after the dates of Consultative Committee meeting, the proposal was not recommended for follow-up.

#### **How to apply?**

Please refer to the website for more information or application documents: [www.common-fund.org](http://www.common-fund.org)

For questions, please contact:

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\*You may check the list of CFC Member States at [www.common-fund.org/about-us/member-states/](http://www.common-fund.org/about-us/member-states/)