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Acronyms

ABD	Asian Development Bank
ACliFF	Asia-Pacific Climate Finance Fund
ADF	Asian Development Fund
AF	Adaptation Fund
BMZ	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
CBO	Community Based Organization
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism
CIF	Climate Investment Fund
CoP	Conference of Parties
CSO	Civil Society Organization
CTF	Clean Technology Fund
CWF	Climate Works Foundation
DMC	Developing Member Countries
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction
EUR	Euros
FAO	Food & Agriculture Organization
FCPF	Forest Carbon Partnership Facility
FIP	Forest Investment Program
FSP	Full Sized Project
GCF	Green Climate Fund
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
GNI	Gross National Income
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction & Development
IFAD	International Fund for Agriculture Development
IKI	International Climate Initiative
MDB	Multilateral Development Bank
MIE	Multilateral Implementing Entity
MoCC	Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination
MSP	Medium Sized Project
NDA	National Designated Authority
NRSP	National Rural Support Program
ODA	Official Development Assistance
SCCF	Special Climate Change Fund
SGP	Small Grant Program
TOR	Terms of Reference
UCCRTF	Urban Climate Change Resilience Trust Fund
UEIF	Urban Environmental Infrastructure Fund
UK	United Kingdom
UN REDD	The UN Program on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNEP	United Nations Environment Program
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
WB	World Bank

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1. Background

Climate finance, also known as green financing, refers to financial resources mobilized for climate action, including mitigation, adaptation, sustainable development, and just transition. The international climate finance architecture consists of various dedicated and general-purpose funding avenues, categorized into **UNFCCC-based, non-UNFCCC-based, and private or market-driven funds**.

The **UNFCCC mechanism**, established at the **1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro**, is an international treaty aimed at addressing climate change. It has been ratified by 198 parties, making it nearly universal. The **Conference of Parties (COP)** serves as its highest decision-making body. Under UNFCCC, several financial mechanisms help governments and non-government entities access climate financing.

Global climate finance instruments fall into three to four categories, with **UNFCCC-based funds** being the most relevant for national governments. Key funds include:

Green Climate Fund (GCF) – USD17 billion approved funding, the largest climate fund, supporting developing countries in achieving low-emission and climate-resilient development.

Adaptation Fund (AF) – USD1.25 billion, assisting vulnerable communities in adapting to climate change.

Global Environmental Facility/Special Climate Change Fund (GEF/SCCF) – USD365 million, piloting and implementing nature-based climate solutions.

Beyond UNFCCC-administered mechanisms, private-sector financing has emerged as a crucial driver of climate action. This includes financial instruments such as carbon markets, green bonds, climate-related securities, equity investments, insurance solutions, debt-for-climate swaps, and public-private partnerships (PPPs), all of which contribute significantly to climate mitigation and adaptation efforts.

1.1 Introduction

The **Resource Guide on Climate Finance Facilities** is designed to support government of Pakistan in navigating and accessing international climate finance opportunities. The guide categorizes **climate finance facilities** into five primary funding streams:

- UNFCCC-managed funds
- Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs)
- Multilateral Finance Facilities
- Bilateral Donors
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

Focusing specifically on facilities that have supported adaptation and mitigation projects in Pakistan, this guide provides structured information on eligibility criteria, funding structures, historical and potential project support, and application procedures. While comprehensive project data is available for funds such as GCF and AF, information on some other facilities may be more limited.

By offering a systematic approach to understanding and leveraging climate finance, this guide aims to facilitate better access to resources, enabling more effective implementation of climate adaptation and mitigation initiatives in Pakistan and beyond.

1.2 Classification of Global Climate Finance Instruments

This table provides a classification of global climate finance instruments, outlining various mechanisms used to fund climate mitigation, adaptation, and disaster response efforts. These instruments range from grants and concessional loans to equity investments, guarantees, and insurance mechanisms.

They are implemented by international financial institutions, multilateral funds, and development agencies to support climate action worldwide.

Classification of Global Climate Finance Instruments	
Grants	GCF, CIF, AF, and GEF grants for mitigation and adaptation UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and disaster response grants
Concessional Loans	GCF, CIF, and GEF loans IDA, UN CERF, and IFRC disaster response emergency funds Bilateral
Guarantees	GCF and CIF guarantees
Direct budget support and policy-based finance	ADB policy-based lending GCF Readiness Program
Equity	GCF and CIF equity investments
Insurance mechanisms (parametric insurance, CAT bonds)	CCRIF EU support to subsidise premiums for CCRIF
Risk-sharing mechanisms	Umbrella stop-loss mechanisms, regional risk pools. GCF equity and guarantee mechanisms
Pre-arranged finance/ contingent credit	IBRD Development Policy Loan with Catastrophe Deferred Drawdown Option
Performance based programs	GCF results-based payments under REDD+ pilot program
Green Bonds	Sovereign green bonds, corporate green bonds World Bank, European Investment Bank, IFC, Climate Bonds Initiative, ADB
Debt-for-Nature swaps	The Nature Conservancy, WWF, Conservation International, UNDP
Result Based Financing	Results-based financing, outcome-based incentives, performance-based grant systems World Bank, Global Fund, GAVI: the Vaccine Alliance, USAID, ADB
Carbon Trading Markets	EU ETS, California Cap-and-Trade, Kyoto Protocol’s Clean Development Mechanism, World Bank (CIFs), UNFCCC (GCF), European Commission, USAID

2. Multilateral Finance Facilities

Multilateral Finance Facilities (MFFs) are funding mechanisms by international organizations like the World Bank and Asian Development Bank to support large-scale development projects. They provide grants, loans, and technical assistance for sectors like climate, energy, and infrastructure, pooling resources from multiple donors for long-term impact.

2.1 Adaptation Fund

Year of Establishment
2001 at CoP 7 Morocco

Background
Established as a financial instrument under the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol (KP) in 2016

Funding Sources
A mixture of auto-generated mechanisms and voluntary contributions, mostly from developed countries. "Auto-generation" refers to funding from the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) where a share of the proceeds (2% of Certified Emission Reduction (CERs)) is transferred to the Adaptation Fund (AF).

Fund Size
USD 1.25 billion

Funding Information

Max Funding Available
USD 20 million

Time Needed for Project Preparation
The AF Board accepts and considers project and programme proposals three times a year:

- Twice before the biannual Adaptation Fund Board meetings
- Once during an intercessional review cycle

Eligibility for Receiving Funds

- Implementing Entities must be accredited by the Adaptation Fund Accreditation Panel.
- Nomination by the Designated Authority of a Kyoto Protocol party state is required.
- The state must be genuinely vulnerable to climate change impacts.
- Funds are accessible directly by eligible countries through their accredited National Implementing Entity (NIE).
- If a country lacks national institutions, it can nominate a Multilateral Implementing Entity (MIE).

For Pakistan, the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination (MoCC&EC) serves as the main counterpart agency.

Sectoral Focus
Concrete adaptation projects in developing countries

Funding Conditions

- Applicants must be national government agencies.
- Civil society organizations are included in the project implementation.
- To become accredited, entities must meet legal and fiduciary standards as outlined in the Operational Guidelines.

- The Operational Policies and Guidelines describe the mission, priorities, and joint processes of earning accreditation and securing funding.

Application Procedure

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and proposals are analysed by a technical committee. Proposals are accepted via E-Mail to:

- afbsec@adaptation-fund.org
- dndiaye@adaptation-fund.org
- mollikainen@adaptation-fund.org

Accreditation and Proposal Submission

Entities applying for accreditation or project/programme proposals must review the necessary documents available at:

- Policies & Guidelines
- Operational Policies & Guidelines

Application Processing Time

Proposals are now accepted on a rolling basis and are reviewed during the Board's regular meetings. The exact processing time can vary depending on the specific proposal and any required revisions.

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2.2 Green Climate Fund (GCF)

Year of Establishment
2010 (CoP 16, Cancun, Mexico); Functional since 2015

Background
Established under UNFCCC to support adaptation, mitigation (including REDD+), technology development and transfer, capacity-building, and national reporting.

Funding Sources

- The World Bank serves as the permanent trustee.
- Funded through pledges from both developed and developing states.

Fund Size
USD 17 billion

Funding Information

Max Funding Available
Micro (≤10M), Small (10M<x≤50M), Medium (50M<x≤250M), Large (>250M)

Time Needed for Project Preparation

- GCF follows a 10-stage project cycle (accessible at GCF Project Cycle)
- No specific duration mentioned for project preparation.

Eligibility for Receiving Funds

- Only entities accredited to the GCF are eligible.
- Accreditation criteria include high transparency and fiduciary standards.
- The lengthy accreditation process results in a long pipeline of projects.
- Readiness programs and grants are available to support accreditation.

Sectoral Focus

- Low-emission energy access and power generation
- Low-emission transport
- Energy-efficient buildings, cities, and industries
- Sustainable land use and forest management
- Enhanced livelihoods of vulnerable people, communities, and regions
- Increased health, food, and water security
- Resilient infrastructure
- Resilient ecosystems

Funding Conditions

- National Implementing Entity (NIE) must be nominated and accredited.
- Application requires endorsement by NDA (MoCC) before submission.

Application Procedure

The implementing entity appoints an Executing Entity (EE) for project proposal development, which requires endorsement from the National Designated Authority (NDA). Once endorsed, the proposal is forwarded to the Fund Board through the National Implementing Entity (NIE). The Governing Board reviews and decides on approvals four times a year.

Application Processing Time
The approval time for GCF funding varies depending on the process used. Under the Standard Approval Process, the GCF Secretariat typically reviews proposals within 190 days before submitting them to the GCF Board for approval. The Simplified Approval Process (SAP) is designed for low-risk, smaller projects to accelerate approval and disbursement. However, overall processing times can vary significantly, ranging from as little as 113 days (4 months) to as long as 1,727 days (58 months), with a median approval time of 619 days (21 months).

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2.3 UN-REDD Program

Year of Establishment:
2007 at COP 13 Bali

Background:
The UN Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (UN-REDD) Program is a collaborative initiative of the FAO, UNDP, and UNEP, created in response to the UNFCCC decision on the Bali Action Plan. It aims to reduce emissions from deforestation and enhance carbon sinks in forests while contributing to sustainable development. The program works closely with the World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) and the Forest Investment Program (FIP) to streamline support for partner countries.

Funding Sources
The UN-REDD Program is funded by voluntary contributions from UNFCCC member states.

Max Funding Available

- For multi-country programs exceeding USD 5 million, funds are transferred in tranches.
- The UN agencies, donors, and the supported government agree upon a total sum, which is transferred in stages (beginning of the program, after mid-term review, etc.), based on the completion of agreed targets and milestones.
- Programs preferably cover a single outcome of the results framework for accountability and reporting purposes.

Project Preparation and Eligibility

Time Needed for Project Preparation: The project cycle includes six steps:

1. Identification
2. Scoping and Design
3. Review and Appraisal
4. Implementation
5. Closing
6. Lessons Learned

Terms of Reference (TOR) document: UN-REDD Trust Fund TOR

Eligibility for Receiving Funds:
Funding is allocated based on four-point criteria:

- Country Programs for Policies and Measures (PAMs) and Readiness Activities
- Targeted Support (TS) (Small-scale funding)
- Knowledge Management (KM)
- National governments, regional development banks, and NGOs can receive funding through participating UN organizations acting as executing agencies.

Sectoral Focus:

- Forest governance
- Tenure security
- Gender equality
- Stakeholder engagement

Funding Conditions
To qualify for funding, applicants must:
1. Be a partner country of the UN-REDD Program

2. Achieve regional balance
3. Enhance coordination with other initiatives
4. Demonstrate the ability of UN agencies to assist the country
5. Show short-term results based on REDD+ early action
6. Have significant REDD+ potential
7. Commit to applying the principles of the UN-REDD Program

Application Procedure

- Applicants usually apply through the UNDP country office.
- If no UNDP country office exists, applications can be submitted to FAO or UNEP country offices.

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2.4 Global Environmental Facility (GEF)

Year of Establishment
1991, Washington, D.C

Background
Founded in 1991, the GEF funds environmental projects in developing countries, focusing on biodiversity, climate change, land degradation, and pollution. Working with agencies like UNDP, UNEP, and the World Bank, it has supported 5,000+ projects in 170+ countries, mobilizing global co-financing for sustainability.

Funding Conditions
The Global Environment Facility (GEF) provides financial support for projects that align with its focus areas, including biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation, land degradation, international waters, and chemicals & waste. Key funding conditions include:

- Projects must contribute to global environmental benefits and align with GEF focal areas.
- The funding is primarily provided through grants, concessional financing, and co-financing arrangements.
- Recipients must demonstrate financial and institutional capacity to implement the project effectively.
- Co-financing from national governments, private sector, or other donors is often required.

Public Participation & Application Procedure
Project Concept Development:

- Organizations must prepare a Project Identification Form (PIF), detailing objectives, activities, expected outcomes, and alignment with GEF priorities.
- Stakeholder engagement is encouraged to ensure project sustainability and inclusivity.

Submission to the National Designated Authority (NDA):

- The PIF must be submitted to the Ministry of Climate Change or the relevant NDA for endorsement.
- The NDA reviews project concepts based on national environmental policies and GEF eligibility criteria.

GEF Partner Agency Endorsement:

- A GEF-accredited agency (e.g., UNDP, UNEP, World Bank) must endorse the project for further processing.
- The agency provides technical and financial oversight throughout project implementation.

Minimal Requirements

To qualify for GEF funding, projects must meet the following criteria:

- Address at least one of GEF's focal areas (biodiversity, climate change, land degradation, international waters, chemicals & waste).
- Demonstrate global environmental benefits.
- Be endorsed by the national government and relevant stakeholders.
- Secure co-financing commitments as per GEF policy.
- Have an executing agency with sufficient capacity for project implementation.

Application Processing Timeline

The application process generally follows these steps:

1. **Concept Submission:** Submission of the PIF to the NDA and GEF Partner Agency.
2. **Technical Review:** GEF Secretariat evaluates the proposal for alignment with GEF objectives.
3. **Council Approval:** The GEF Council reviews and approves the project concept.
4. **Full Proposal Development:** Once the PIF is approved, a full project document is prepared, including implementation details and co-financing commitments.
5. **Final Endorsement & Implementation:** The CEO of GEF endorses the project, and funding is disbursed for execution.

2.4.1 System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR)

Background

The System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) is the resource allocation framework used by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to distribute funding among eligible countries. It ensures fair and transparent allocation of GEF resources for environmental projects, particularly in biodiversity, climate change, and land degradation.

Funding Conditions

- The STAR (System for Transparent Allocation of Resources) framework allocates GEF funds to eligible countries based on environmental priorities and country performance.
- Pakistan receives funding under focal areas such as Biodiversity, Climate Change, and Land Degradation.
- Funds can be accessed by government agencies, NGOs, and private-sector organizations for projects aligned with GEF strategic objectives.
- The National Designated Authority (NDA) for GEF in Pakistan is the Ministry of Climate Change, which oversees the application process and national prioritization.

Public Participation & Application Procedure

1. Project Concept Development:
    - Organizations must prepare a Project Identification Form (PIF) detailing objectives, activities, expected outcomes, and alignment with GEF priorities.
    - Stakeholder consultations are encouraged to ensure broad participation and project sustainability.

2. Submission to NDA:
    - The PIF must be submitted to the Ministry of Climate Change for endorsement.
    - The NDA reviews project concepts based on national environmental strategies and GEF eligibility criteria.

3. GEF Partner Agency Endorsement:
    - Approved project concepts must be submitted through a GEF Partner Agency (e.g., UNDP, FAO, World Bank) for further processing.
    - The agency assists in refining project proposals and securing co-financing arrangements.

4. Final Submission to GEF Secretariat:
   - Once endorsed by the NDA and a GEF Partner Agency, the proposal is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for final review and approval.

Minimal Requirements

- The applicant organization must be legally registered in Pakistan and demonstrate expertise in the proposed focal area.
- The project must contribute to global environmental benefits and align with GEF focal areas.
- Co-financing is required, with applicants demonstrating financial or in-kind contributions.
- The organization should have prior experience in project management, monitoring, and reporting.
- Compliance with GEF's environmental and social safeguards is mandatory.

Application Processing Timeline

- Project Concept Submission to NDA – Approximately 2-3 months for national review and prioritization.
- Endorsement by GEF Partner Agency – 3-6 months, including project refinement and co-financing arrangements.
- Submission to GEF Secretariat – 6-9 months for final approval.
- Project Implementation – Approved projects receive funding over 3-5 years, with periodic monitoring and evaluation.

2.4.2. Programs under GEF

2.4.2.1 Small Grant Program (SGP) of Global Environmental Facility (GEF)

Year of Establishment
1992 at Rio Earth Summit

Background
The GEF Small Grants Program (SGP) is a corporate program of the Global Environment Facility that provides financial and technical support to local civil society and community-based organizations to develop and implement innovative local actions that address global environmental issues while also improving livelihoods and reducing poverty.

Funding Information

Funding Sources

- The World Bank serves as the GEF trustee, administering the GEF Trust Fund.
- The Trustee helps to mobilize GEF resources and disperses funds to GEF agencies.

Max Funding Available

- Maximum grant amount per project: USD50,000 (average: USD25,000).
- Strategic projects funding: up to USD150,000.

Eligibility for Receiving Funds

1. **Organizations**:

- Locally registered NGOs, CBOs, and CSOs.

- Applicants must provide a certificate of registration.

2. **Bank Account**: A locally registered bank account is required.
3. **Organizational Capacity**: Organizations must demonstrate a strong capacity to implement SGP projects and meet SGP requirements.

Sectoral Focus

- Low-carbon and climate-resilient development
- Green growth & sustainable development
- Conservation & management of protected areas & biodiversity
- Forest & soil protection, sustainable land & water management
- Climate adaptation & risk management, including risk insurance
- Transboundary cooperation on shared water resources & pollution mitigation

Funding Conditions

- Must align with national priorities for sustainable development.
- Must address one or more GEF focal areas.
- Financing covers only incremental costs to achieve global environmental benefits.

Public Participation & Application Procedure

Application Process

The Concept Note Submission must adhere to the following guidelines: it should not exceed three pages, excluding the cover sheet, and must be typed in a single-spaced format. Any charts or diagrams included will count towards the page limit. Each page should feature the project name, page number, and date. An original copy must be submitted to the GEF SGP National Coordinator, and it is essential to retain a copy for your records. Please note that incomplete submissions will not be considered. Detailed procedure: Application Link

Minimal Requirements

- Designation of a responsible party (does not have to be an organization).
- Established bank account.
- In-kind contribution to co-financing.

Application Processing Timeline

The GEF SGP application process varies by country but generally includes:

1. Concept submission & review
2. Full proposal development
3. National steering committee approval
4. Grant disbursement in stages

2.4.2.2 Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)

Year of Establishment
2001

Background
The SCCF was established under the UNFCCC to complement the least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF). It operates under the World Bank's Global Environment Facility (GEF). Funding Sources. The SCCF is based on voluntary contributions from donor countries.

Fund Size
As of March 31, 2022; 15 donors pledged and signed Contribution Agreements amounting to USD 356.94 million. USD 295 million allocated for the Program for Adaptation, USD 61.94 million allocated for the Program for Technology Transfer, and USD 350.29 million received in cash from donors.

Funding Information

Maximum Funding Available

- Medium-Sized Projects (MSP): Up to USD 2 million.
- Full-Sized Projects (FSP): Exceeding USD 2 million, requiring a more extensive review process by the SCCF/LDCF Council.

Eligibility for Funding
All developing countries are eligible. However, applications must be submitted by governmental entities in collaboration with GEF-accredited international entities such as FAO, UNDP, and Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs).

Regional and Sectoral Focus

- Regional Focus: National and regional projects are funded.
- Sectoral Focus: Technology Transfer and Adaptation
- Funding Conditions: Grants must be matched by co-financing provided by the grant-seeker.

Application Procedure

- GEF-accredited entities submit project concepts.
- Monthly discussions take place for pre-selection of projects.
- The number and scope of projects entering the formal cycle align with available funds.

Selection criteria
Selection criteria include project quality, regional distribution, balanced support for priority sectors, and equitable distribution among GEF agencies based on their comparative advantage.

2.4.2.3 Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF)

Year of Establishment
The GBFF was launched in August 2023 during the Seventh Assembly GEF in Vancouver, Canada.

Background
The GBFF aims to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. It focuses on strengthening national biodiversity management, policy, governance, and financial approaches.

Fund Size
USD 400 million

Funding Information:

The GBFF provides grants to support projects and programs aligned with its objectives.

Maximum Funding Available

Specific funding limits per project are not explicitly stated; allocations are determined based on project scope and alignment with GBFF priorities.

Eligibility for Funding

Eligible countries include those that have ratified the conventions the GEF serves and conform to the eligibility criteria of each convention, or countries eligible to receive WB financing or UNDP technical assistance. Projects must align with national priorities supporting sustainable development.

Sectoral Focus

The GBFF focuses on eight thematic action areas: biodiversity conservation, restoration, land/sea use planning

- Policy alignment
- Resource mobilization
- Support for Indigenous peoples and local communities
- Sustainable use of biodiversity
- Biodiversity mainstreaming
- Invasive alien species management
- Capacity building

Funding Conditions

Projects must align with GBFF's thematic action areas and demonstrate potential for global environmental benefits. Engagement with Indigenous peoples and local communities is encouraged.

Application Procedure

Eligible countries are invited to participate in programming tranches. Applicants must submit a Letter of Endorsement and a Project Preparation Grant (PPG) Request Form during selection rounds.

Selection Criteria Include

- Alignment with GBFF's thematic action areas
- Potential for global environmental benefits
- Engagement with Indigenous peoples and local communities
- Consistency with national priorities supporting sustainable development

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3. Multilateral Development Banks

Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) are international financial institutions that provide funding and technical assistance to support economic development in member countries. They offer grants, low-interest loans, and policy advice for projects in infrastructure, poverty reduction, climate change, and sustainable development.

3.1 Programs under World Bank

3.1.2 Climate Investment Funds (CIF)

Year of Establishment
2008

Background
The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) of the World Bank Group serves as the trustee of the CIF. The CIF is composed of four programs:

1. The Clean Technology Fund (CTF)
2. The Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR)
3. The Scaling Up Renewable Energy in Low-Income Countries Program (SREP)
4. The Forest Investment Program (FIP)

Funding Information

Funding Sources
Multi-donor fund

Fund Size
USD 12.14 billion

Max Funding Available:

- Industrial Scale-Ups: 2–20 million euros
- Enabling Platforms: 1–10 million euros

How to Access CIF Funding

1. Call for Applications: CIF Secretariat issues a call for Expressions of Interest for a CIF program. Interested countries and MDB partners check eligibility criteria.
2. Expression of Interest: Eligible countries partner with MDBs to submit an Expression of Interest for participation.
3. Evaluation & Selection: Independent Expert Group evaluates submissions against criteria. Recommendation made for country selection; CIF governing body makes final decision.
4. Investment Plan Submission: Selected countries, with MDB partners, develop an investment plan with initial project examples.
5. Endorsement: CIF governing body reviews and endorses the investment plan if it meets CIF program criteria.
6. Implementation, Monitoring & Evaluation: Countries and MDB partners implement projects and monitor progress. CIF and MDBs assess results and report annually to the CIF governing body.
7. Close-Out & Learning: Once projects are completed, the program is closed. Lessons learned and evaluations inform future CIF decisions.

Time Needed for Project Preparation Up to 10 weeks between the announcement of a call for proposals and the submission deadline. (Call for Proposals)

Eligibility for Receiving Funds

- All developing countries that are party to the UNFCCC are eligible for CIF funding.
- Pakistan is eligible.
- The applicant country needs to develop an approach, including a programming and implementation phase.
- Proposals should align with the sectoral focus of CIF.

Sectoral Focus

- Clean Technology: Supports middle-income countries with concessional loans for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable transportation technologies.
- Climate Resilience: Helps developing countries integrate climate resilience into development planning and implementation.
- Forest Investment Program: Aims to reduce deforestation, forest degradation, and promote sustainable forest management for REDD+.

Funding Conditions

- Countries access CIF funds through the MDB (World Bank & Asian Development Bank), which administers climate investment funds.
- Both private and public entities execute project implementation.
- With the approval of the Trust Fund Committee, the trustee commits and transfers CIF resources to the MDBs.

Application Procedure

1. IBRD is the implementing partner in Pakistan.
2. Public sector organizations, depending on the specific project nature, can initiate proposals through IBRD.
3. The sub-committee responsible for the sectoral focus assesses the proposal and makes funding decisions with expert support.
4. If approved, the funds are allocated to the regional MDB for transfer to the recipient.

Application Processing Time
Overall, the full application process from concept to approval may take between 8 to 16 months

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3.2 Programs under Asian Development Bank

3.2.1 Asian Development Fund (ADF)

Year of Establishment
Started in 1974, grants being approved since 2005

Background
Provides grants and concessional loans to ADB lower income developing member countries.

Funding Sources
Mainly from contributions of ADB member countries, mobilized under periodic replenishments and net-income transfers from ADB's ordinary capital resources.

Fund Size
The latest replenishment, ADF 14 secured $5 billion for the period 2025–2028.

Funding Information

Time Needed for Project Preparation
A request for ADB financing is processed in six stages: Concept clearance, Due Diligence, Term Sheet, Final Review, Board Consideration, and Financial Close. The ADB website defines these stages in detail, but no specific time frame is provided.

Eligibility for Receiving Funds

- Low-income developing member countries of ADB (based on GNI and creditworthiness) are eligible.
- ADB uses a three-tier DMC classification system:
  Group A: Countries lacking creditworthiness.
  Group B: Countries with limited creditworthiness.
  Group C: Countries with adequate creditworthiness and per capita incomes exceeding the operational cutoff of the World Bank's International Development Association (IDA).
- NGOs cannot apply themselves but can be involved in project implementation.

Sectoral Focus

- Infrastructure
- Policy support and policy reform
- Production capacity, human development, & ecologically sustainable investments
- Good governance & capacity building for development management
- Regional Cooperation

Funding Conditions
The allocation of concessional resources, including ADF grants, is guided by the Concessional Assistance Policy. This policy ensures that resources are distributed in a fair, effective, and needs-driven manner through a Performance-Based Allocation (PBA) system, which evaluates recipient countries based on their performance and specific requirements.

Debt Distress Classification

- High-risk countries receive 100% of their allocation as grants.
- Moderate-risk countries receive 50% of their allocation as grants.

- Low-risk countries receive only loans.

Grant allocation: A 20% volume discount is applied to the grant portion of a country's performance-based allocation to prevent rewarding poor performance.

Application Procedure

1. Project description
2. Feasibility study
3. Project ownership and implementation arrangements
4. Cost estimations
5. Risk analysis

Application Processing Time
The overall processing time from concept clearance to loan signing typically ranges from 6 to 12 months.

3.2.2 Asia-Pacific Climate Finance Fund (AcliFF)

Year of Establishment
April 2017

Background:
Established to support the development and implementation of financial risk management products that can help unlock capital for climate investments and improve resilience to the impact of climate change.

Funding Sources
A multi-donor fund. The Government of Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) was the first contributor to the fund. Financial risk management products supported by the fund can be implemented alongside both ADB and third-party climate and development projects.

Fund Size
USD 33.3 million

Funding Information

Max Funding Available:

- USD7.950 million for Private Sector Operations
- USD2.725 million for Sovereign Operations

Sector-wise allocation

- Energy: USD 4,875
- Disaster: USD 4,175
- Green Finance: USD 225
- Technology: USD 1,400

Minimum Contribution Required to the Fund (Co-financing)
USD 5 million in a freely convertible currency.

Sectoral Focus

- Agriculture
- Cities

- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Energy Efficiency
- Industry and Infrastructure
- Nature-Based Solutions and
- Ecosystem Services
- Oceans and Coasts
- Renewable Energy
- Rural Development
- Transport
- Waste Management
- Water

Funding Conditions

- Scaling up the adoption of climate mitigation and adaptation technologies
- Mobilizing new sources of private climate finance
- Supporting investments in climate-sensitive sectors
- Addressing extreme weather events

Application Procedure

1. Project description
2. Feasibility study
3. Project ownership and implementation arrangements
4. Cost estimations
5. Risk analysis

Oversight Committee

The Climate Change Steering Committee (CCSC) of the Climate Change Fund serves as the oversight committee for the Asia-Pacific Climate Finance Fund. The CCSC authorizes the approval of fund allocations, approves implementation guidelines and their revisions and provides strategic guidance to the fund, particularly in developing the annual work plan

3.2.3 Climate Change Fund (CCF)

Year of Establishment

2008

Background

Facilitates greater investments in developing member countries (DMCs) to address climate change by strengthening support for low-carbon and climate-resilient development.

Funding Sources

Supported by ADB's net income from ordinary capital resources.

Fund Size

USD 98 million ADB financing

Funding Information

Max Funding Available

- Up to 10% of total ADB financial assistance per project.
- Absolute maximum contribution per project: USD5 million
- Direct charge application: Max USD225,000

Time Needed for Project Preparation

[Implementation Guidelines]

Eligibility for Receiving Funds

- All DMCs, including Pakistan, are eligible.
- Proposals must align with:
- National climate change priorities (e.g., NDCs, adaptation plans)
- ADB Strategy 2030 (OP3) and Climate Change Operational Framework 2017-2030
- Country partnership strategy and results framework
- Innovative and catalytic solutions with high demonstration and replication potential

Regional and Sectoral Focus

Regional Focus

- Adaptation
- Clean energy, sustainable transport
- Low-carbon urban development
- REDD+

Sectoral Focus

- Climate change mitigation/adaptation investments
- Knowledge products and services
- Regional conferences and workshops
- Offsetting ADB's corporate carbon footprint

Funding Conditions

- Must align with DMC strategies and ADB goals
- Encourage new technologies and private sector engagement
- Should have demonstration and scalability potential

Application Procedure

1. Initiated by agencies in DMCs, development partners, and ADB.
2. Annual Work Program developed by ADB user departments.
3. Reviewed by Adaptation & Land Use and Clean Energy Working Groups.
4. Approved by Climate Change Steering Committee.
5. Applications reviewed in six batches (Jan 31, Mar 31, May 31, Jul 31, Sep 30, Nov 30).
6. Direct charge applications reviewed on an ongoing basis.
7. Application Form

3.2.4 Urban Environmental Infrastructure Fund (UEIF)

Year of Establishment
2009

Background
Supports ADB's response to the region's huge unmet needs for both basic and economic infrastructure, aligning with Strategy 2020.

Funding Sources
Government of Sweden

Fund Size
As of December 2023, the Urban Financing Partnership Facility, including UEIF, received USD250.61 million in donor commitments.

Funding Information

Maximum Funding Available

- Technical Assistance Projects: Up to USD 1 million for a single-country project, and up to USD 3 million for regional projects.
- Grant Component of Investments: The maximum allocation is 10% of the total investment value.
- Direct Charges: Project-related and operational expenses up to USD 225,000 (e.g., consultant services, service contractors, knowledge sharing, staff travel).

Time Needed for Project Preparation
Urban Financing Partnership Facility (UFPF) Implementation Guidelines determine procedures for UEIF. No specific time limit for project cycle.

Sectoral Focus

- Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Urban environmental transportation services
- Urban environmental water and wastewater services
- Urban environmental solid waste management services
- District heating and cooling services and urban renewal

Funding Conditions

- Alignment with country partnership strategy and ADB's Strategy 2020
- Innovative solutions
- Participatory approach
- High demonstration value with replication and scalability potential
- Facilitation for partner cooperation

Application Procedure
The UEIF operates under UFPF guidelines and does not require separate Board approval.

Project Proposal Process
- Agencies in partner countries, development partners, and ADB can initiate proposals.
- Before each year, user departments submit a prioritized list of project proposals to the Facility Manager for inclusion in the Annual Work Program.
- Submission Deadlines: 31 January, 31 March, 31 May, 31 July, 30 September, 30 November.
- Applications reviewed in batches by the Facility Manager and UIWG.
- The UIWG has 7 working days for review and endorsement.
- UD has 5 working days for revision if necessary.
- Approved proposals processed under ADB's standard policies and procedures.

Direct Charges

- Application submission to the Facility Manager.

- If compliant, resources are allocated from UEIF.
- More details: Implementation Guidelines

Contact Information

Pakistan Resident Office
Development Bank, Level 8, North Wing, Serena Business Complex, Khayaban-e-Suhrawardy, G-5 Islamabad, Pakistan

ADB Headquarters
Address: 6 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines

4. Bilateral Finance Facilities

Bilateral finance facilities are financial agreements, mechanisms, or funding programs established between two countries—a donor and a recipient—to support development projects, economic cooperation, or sector-specific initiatives. These facilities are typically managed by government agencies, development banks, or specialized financial institutions of the donor country, ensuring targeted and strategic financial assistance.

4.1 Global Climate Partnership Fund (GCPF)

Year of Establishment
2011

Background:
Initiated by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) and KfW Entwicklungsbank. The fund aims to support energy efficiency and renewable energy projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- **Funding Sources**
  Supported by public and private investors, including: BMUB
- KfW Entwicklungsbank
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark
- UK Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC)
- International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- Development Bank of Austria (OeEB)
- Dutch Development Bank (FMO)

Fund Size
Approximately USD 685 million invested capital.

Funding Information

Eligible Entities
- Financial Institutions committed to green lending and compliance with GCPF's social and environmental standards.
- Direct Investments in small-scale renewable energy projects (up to 30 MW) that are in a late development stage or fully authorized.

Project Criteria
- Energy Efficiency Projects: Must provide at least 20% CO_2 savings.
- Renewable Energy Projects: Eligible, except bioliquid or biofuel production.

Sectoral Focus
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Application Procedure
Financial institutions must contact GCPF to discuss financing opportunities and ensure they meet the fund's environmental and social standards.

For direct investments, developers can submit proposals for small-scale renewable energy or energy efficiency projects, provided they meet GCPF's funding and impact criteria.

Contact Information
Website: Global Climate Partnership Fund
Email: info@gcpf.lu

4.2 International Climate Initiative (IKI)

Year of Establishment
IKI was established in 2008 by the German Federal Ministry of the Environment.

Background
IKI aims to finance climate and biodiversity projects in developing and newly industrializing countries, as well as in countries in transition.

Fund Size
7 billion Euros

Funding Sources
Initially, IKI was funded through proceeds from auctioning allowances under the emissions trading scheme. To ensure financial continuity, additional funds were made available through the Special Energy and Climate Fund. Since 2022, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) has been the lead ministry for IKI, in cooperation with its founding ministry and the Federal Foreign Office.

Funding Information

Maximum Funding Available

- EUR 300+ million for Thematic Call
- EUR €60,000 to €200,000 for Country Call

Eligibility for Receiving Funds

Eligible organizations include:

- Non-governmental organizations
- Commercial enterprises
- Universities and research institutions (Germany and abroad)
- Implementing organizations in Germany
- Institutions in cooperation countries (including accredited national implementing organizations at international/multilateral organizations)
- International intergovernmental organizations and institutions (e.g., development banks, UN organizations)

Sectoral Focus

- GHG emissions mitigation
- Adaptation
- Conserving carbon sinks & REDD+
- Conserving biodiversity

Funding Conditions
Grants

Application Procedure
The IKI Office, under the government-owned Zukunft - Umwelt - Gesellschaft (ZUG) gGmbH, supports program management, evaluations, and technical assistance.

Types of Calls

1. Thematic Call
2. Country Call

Thematic Call: Thematic Calls address key challenges in climate action and biodiversity conservation annually. Funding priorities define project submissions, with amounts ranging from EUR 5 to 30 million per project.

Country Call: Country Call is developed in collaboration with partner governments to establish funding priorities for bilateral projects. The funding amount is typically between EUR 12 and 15 million per project. Project ideas are solicited through idea competitions lasting about four months.

Contact Information

IKI Zukunft – Umwelt – Gesellschaft (ZUG) gGmbH
Stresemannstraße 69-71
10963, Berlin
Email: iki-office@z-u-g.org
Website: IKI Official Website

4.3 DeveloPPP Fund

Year of Establishment
1999

Background
Launched to encourage private sector involvement in sustainable development projects in developing and emerging countries.

Funding Sources
German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Fund Size
Over EUR 168 million

Funding Information
The maximum funding available is up to EUR 2 million, covering a maximum of 50% of total project costs. The time needed for project preparation varies based on project complexity and company readiness.

Eligibility for Receiving Funds

Eligible Entities
Eligible applicants must be registered companies in the EU, EFTA, or OECD-DAC-listed countries. They must have been operational for at least three years with financial stability and demonstrate a long-term business interest in the target country.

Development Impact
Projects must align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and demonstrate measurable developmental benefits to local communities.

Sectoral Focus

1. Climate and Environmental Protection
2. Sustainable Economic Development

Application Procedure

Thematic Call: Companies can submit proposals during quarterly idea competitions.

Application Steps

1. Submission: Companies submit proposals within a six-week application window.
2. Evaluation: Proposals are reviewed, and results are communicated within four weeks.
3. Project Development: Approved projects proceed with DEG-Impulse or GIZ.
4. Processing Time: Can take several months depending on project complexity.

Contact Information

DEG – Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH
Kämmergasse 22, 50676 Cologne, Germany
E-Mail: developPP@deginvest.de

GIZ – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH
Friedrich-Ebert-Allee 32 + 36, 53113 Bonn, Germany
E-Mail: info@developpp.de

5. Non-Governmental Facilities

Non-Governmental Finance Facilities are financial mechanisms, funding programs, or investment initiatives managed by private sector entities, NGOs, philanthropic organizations, and international financial institutions, rather than governments. These facilities support development projects, humanitarian aid, social enterprises, and climate initiatives in developing and emerging economies, providing flexible and impact-driven financial assistance.

5.1 Bloomberg Philanthropies

Year of Establishment
Founded in 2006, Headquartered in New York, USA

Background
The organization focuses on five key areas including environment and climate change

Funding Sources
Bloomberg Philanthropies includes Bloomberg's foundation, corporate, and personal philanthropy, as well as Bloomberg Associates, a pro bono consultancy.

Fund Size
USD 7 billion

Funding Information

Eligibility for Receiving Funds:

- Bloomberg Philanthropies works only with select partners.
- Grant proposals can only be submitted by invitation.
- The European Climate Foundation (ECF) is a key partner for clean energy initiatives.
- New project ideas can still be proposed to Bloomberg Philanthropies via: Online Submission.

Sectoral Focus
The climate-related focus of Bloomberg Philanthropies' environmental program includes:

- Clean Energy (Beyond Coal Campaign)
- Sustainable Cities
- 50 Reefs (Program to protect resilient reefs from climate threats)

Funding Conditions
Grants

Application Procedure

- Application is by invitation only.
- Organizations can express interest through: Online Query Form.

Contact Information

Bloomberg Philanthropies
25 East 78th Street, New York, NY 10075
Email: communications@bloomberg.org
Website: www.bloomberg.org

5.2 Climate Works Foundation (CWF)

Year of Establishment
Founded in 2008, headquartered in San Francisco, USA.

Background:
Climate Works Foundation was created to address climate change by providing financial support and climate services. The foundation offers climate data analysis, general trend evaluations, emissions reduction opportunity identification, and other related services.

Funding Sources

Climate Works Foundation is supported by researchers, grant-makers, strategists, and well-known climate leaders such as Christiana Figueres (former UNFCCC Secretary General).

Fund Size
usd 4.8 billion (2023)

Funding Information

Eligibility for Receiving Funds
Funding is provided directly or through regional networking partners. Eligible recipients include organizations and initiatives addressing climate change that align with Climate Works' portfolio goals.

Sectoral Focus

- Cross-cutting initiatives
- Clean power
- Oil (transportation sector)
- Energy efficiency
- Forests and land use
- Non-CO2 emission

Funding Conditions
Grants Financing

Application Procedure
Climate Works Foundation accepts proposals by invites only and collaborates with partners to identify funding opportunities. Funding partners - ClimateWorks Foundation

Contact Information

ClimateWorks Foundation
Address: 235 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94104, U.S.
Website: www.climateworks.org

5.3 Hewlett Foundation

Year of Establishment
Founded in 1966, headquarters in California, US

Background
The Hewlett Foundation was established as a charitable foundation to advance ideas and support initiatives for a better world.

Funding Information

Funding Sources
Grant based

Fund Size
As of 2023, the foundation's assets were approximately USD 16 billion.

Max Funding Available
Grant amounts range from a few thousand dollars to up to USD 9 million. More details at Hewlett Foundation Grants

Application & Eligibility

Eligibility for Receiving Funds
Institutions and NGOs that align with the foundation's vision, thematic focus, and strategy.

Sectoral Focus
In the environmental sector, the foundation's focus includes:

- Clean power
- Sustainable low-emission transport
- Energy efficiency
- Non-CO2 gases
- Forests and land use
- Increasing capital investments in low-carbon technologies

Funding Conditions
The foundation prioritizes social benefit through grants and related philanthropic activities.

Application Procedure

- The Hewlett Foundation usually does not accept unsolicited proposals but works with partners to identify funding opportunities.
- The foundation funds organizations aligned with its goals and strategies. Most grants are awarded to organizations identified by the foundation.
- From time to time, it invites letters of inquiry and other proposals through open processes.
- Proposal guidelines: Proposal Guidelines

Application Processing Time
Once invited the processing time takes 3-6 months

Contact Information
The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
2121 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025, U.S.
Website: Hewlett Foundation Environment Program

5.4 Ford Foundation

Year of Establishment
Established in 1966, headquarters in New York, US

Background
The Ford Foundation was established as a charitable foundation with the aims to contribute to the dignity of all people, to social justice, and to a world in which all individuals, communities, and peoples work towards the protection and full expression of their human rights, the reduction of poverty and injustice, democracy, and enhanced international cooperation. Natural resources and climate change is one of the eight thematic pillars of the Foundation's grants

Funding Information

Funding Sources
Grant based

Fund Size
As of recent estimates, the foundation's endowment is approximately USD 13.7 billion

Application & Eligibility

Eligibility for Receiving Funds
Institutions and NGOs that align with the foundation's vision, thematic focus, and strategy.

Sectoral Focus
The main priorities under the climate change pillar include:
- Control over land and its resources.
- Responsible and sustainable management of forests and rural lands.
- More effective governance and greater community rights over resources.

Funding Conditions
The foundation prioritizes social benefit through grants and related philanthropic activities.

Application Procedure

- The foundation funds organizations aligned with its goals and strategies. Most grants are awarded to organizations identified by the foundation.
- New applicants interested in submitting proposals can use an online form here and will receive feedback within 45 days.

Contact Information

Ford Foundation
1440 Broadway New York, NY 10018, U.S.
Website: Ford Foundation

5.4 KR Foundation

Year of Establishment
Established in 2014, based in Copenhagen.

Background:
Founded by Villum Fonden and the descendants of civil engineer Villum Kann Rasmussen in Denmark. The foundation aims to provide answers, stimulate mind shifts, and encourage action on long-term challenges faced by current and future generations living on a planet with finite resources, fragile ecosystems, and a changing climate.

Fund Size
KR Foundation has a stated capital of approximately DKK 10 million, donated by its founders, and an annual distributable capital of approximately DKK 100 million, donated by VILLUM FONDEN.

Funding Information

Max Funding Available
KR Foundation's grants typically range from DKK 2 million to DKK 5 million (EUR 0.27 million to 0.67 million) with a duration of up to approximately three years.

Eligibility for Receiving Funds
NGOs working on the thematic areas focused by KR Foundation can apply for funding.

Sectoral Focus
Most of KR Foundation’s international funding is allocated to two program areas:

- **Sustainable Finance** (Keeping fossil fuels in the ground)
- **Sustainable Behaviour** (Adaptation & responsible consumption through mainstreaming low-emission living)

Additionally, KR Foundation engages in the areas of:

- **New Economy** (Climate change communication is pivotal to creating public support for impactful policies, bringing about large-scale behavioral change, and galvanizing new movements.)
- **Climate Communications** (The current economic system is not equipped to meet today’s challenges of climate change and the degradation of biodiversity and ecosystems.)

Funding Conditions
KR Foundation supports non-profit activities with positive impacts on climate and environment and supports projects where neither governments nor market actors seem to have incentives to act.

Application Procedure
The foundation accepts proposal by invitation only.

Contact Information

KR Foundation c/o Klub
Linnésgade 25, 1st floor
1361 Copenhagen, Denmark
E-mail: info@krfnd.org
Website: KR Foundation

5.5 MacArthur Foundation

Year of Establishment: Founded in 1970

Background

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation is one of the largest U.S. foundations, aiming to build a more just and peaceful world. A key priority area is limiting global climate change and its adverse impacts.

Funding Sources
Charitable Organisation

Fund Size
Endowment of USD 8 billion

Funding Information

Max Funding Available
MacArthur supports people and organizations working to address a variety of complex societal challenges. Grants are generally long-term, strategic investments, focused on building evidence about what works and finding solutions to often intractable problems. No limit has been specified.

Eligibility for Receiving Funds
Institutions and NGOs whose work aligns with the Foundation's vision, thematic focus, and strategy may be eligible.

Sectoral Focus

- Carbon pricing
- Reducing methane emissions
- Altering the fuel mix for electricity generation
- Implementing bilateral and international agreements
- Catalyzing renewable energy production by filling knowledge gaps
- Encouraging clean technology adoption

Funding Conditions
Grant making focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions (carbon dioxide, methane, etc.) from energy-related sources. MacArthur supports equitable climate solutions by improving citizen engagement in shaping climate policy within each country's politics, society, and economy. It also provides seed funding for innovative approaches to advance climate solutions, including in areas of finance, governance, and philanthropy.

Application Procedure
The Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals but works with partners to identify possible funding opportunities.

For climate solutions grants, the awards focus on four general approaches that organize the Climate Solutions' collective grant making:

1. Altering Political Discourse: Activities and grantees infuse the public narrative about the climate crisis with more equitable solutions identified by and for people disproportionately affected by climate change and the transition to clean energy.

2. Advancing And Enforcing Climate-friendly Energy Policies and Regulatory Action: Focused on educating policymakers, regulators, businesses, and consumers about the costs and benefits of existing and less-carbon intensive energy policy to help rapidly expand clean energy and technology deployment.
3. Expanding Financing and The Climate Solutions Funding Community: Focuses on increasing support from domestic and international funders for equitable climate solutions and investing in concessionary capital to deploy clean energy and technology to communities disproportionately impacted by the climate crisis.
4. Supporting Power Building: This approach includes both a cross-cutting dimension of the other three approaches as well as a stand-alone approach. In the U.S., it focuses on supporting community power building among BIPOC-led organizations and those representing rural communities affected by the transition to a clean energy economy.

Guidelines for Climate Solutions grants are also available at: MacFound Grant

To submit a proposal, grantees need to create an account on the portal for online submission of proposals. The foundation accepts new ideas through the online portal at MacFound New Ideas

Contact Information

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Office of Grants Management
140 S. Dearborn Street Chicago, IL 60603-5285
Email: answers@macfound.org
Website: www.macfound.org

5.6 Minor Foundation for Major Challenges (MFMC)

Year of Establishment
Founded in 2000

Background
The Minor Foundation for Major Challenges (MFMC) is an initiative of Peter Opsvik. It is a Norwegian trust that funds communication projects aimed at mitigating anthropogenic climate change.

Funding Information

Max Funding Available

- Large Grants: Projects typically range from EUR 20,000 to EUR 200,000
- Small Grants: Grants of up to EUR 10,000 are available for smaller projects.

Time Needed for Project Preparation
The board meets three times a year, providing almost 4 months for proposal preparation. For both grant types, applicants are usually informed of the grant decision within 2 to 4 weeks after the submission deadline.

Eligibility for Receiving Funds
Institutions and NGOs that use innovative communication and advocacy to lead to GHG mitigation.

Sectoral Focus
New voices, actors, and narratives in the climate debate

Funding Conditions
Small Grants: A simplified one-stage process. Applications are assessed based on the Foundation's aims and strategy.
Large Grants: The application process for large grants consists of two steps. Interested organizations are asked to initially submit a short pitch. If the project is found appealing, a full application may be requested. Applicants must provide:

- Name of organization
- Full name of the contact person Organization's full postal address
- Contact person's phone number and email
- A short project description, explaining how it fits the Foundation's strategic aims
- Certified proof of the organization's registration (e.g., tax registration)

Application Form Sample can be found here: Large Grant Application Form

Online Portal for Application
Minor Foundation Application Portal and Minor Foundation Apply for Grant

Contact Information

UNIFOR (Management Foundation for Funds and Endowments)
Postbox 1131, Blindern, 0317 Oslo, Norway
Email: unifor@unifor.no
Website: Minor Foundation Website

5.7 Oak Foundation

Year of Establishment
Founded in 1983

Background
Oak Foundation was established to address issues of global, social, and environmental concern, with a particular focus on the vulnerable and disadvantaged.

Funding Sources
A family-led, charitable Foundation.

Fund Size
During the 2023 calendar year, Oak Foundation's total net amount granted was USD 474 million.

Funding Information

Max Funding Available
Grant awards typically range from USD 25,000 to USD 7 million, with an average award of USD 600,000.

Eligibility for Receiving Funds
Institutions and NGOs whose work aligns with the Foundation's vision, thematic focus, and strategy are eligible.

Environment Focus Areas:

- Energy
- Food
- Natural Security

Funding Conditions
Oak Foundation funds initiatives that:

- Target the root causes of problems
- Are replicable within a sector or across geographical locations
- Include plans for long-term sustainability, such as co-funding
- Strive to collaborate with like-minded organizations
- Demonstrate good financial and organizational management
- Value the participation of people (including children) and communities

Application Procedure

Oak Foundation operates an invitation-only application process. Most awards are made to long-standing partners or organizations invited to apply based on fieldwork and research. Grants are typically multi-year in duration and support a variety of project, general, technical assistance, and collaborative activity costs.

Funding decisions are made by the Board of Trustees, either individually or as a group, during their biannual meetings, though grants are considered on a rolling basis throughout the year. Organizations can only begin the formal application process upon invitation. The first step is to submit a letter of enquiry through the online form (Submit Enquiry), which requires information in three categories: General, Financial, and Project/Technical. If the project concept is approved, program staff will invite the organization to submit a full proposal. The full proposal must include a summary of the organization's goals and budget, a description of the project's duration, goals, and activities, the project's location and target population, the requested grant amount and total project cost, and details of actual or potential co-funders.

Application Processing Time

- Once invited, the grant approval process takes 3 to 6 months.
- Unsolicited Organizations can submit a Letter of Enquiry.
- The foundation typically responds to inquiries within 2 months.

Contact Information

Oak Foundation Denmark
Kronprinsessegade st. 34, 1306 København K
Contact Form

Oak Philanthropy Ltd:
Case Postale 118 58, Avenue Louis Casaï 1216 Cointrin, Geneva, Switzerland
Email: info@oakfnd.ch
Contact Form

5.8 Packard Foundation

Year of Establishment
Founded in 1964

Background
A charitable, family foundation aimed at improving the lives of children, families, and communities – and restoring and protecting Planet Earth.

Funding Sources
The Foundation's investment team partners with a select group of talented investment partners across a variety of asset classes and geographies.

Fund Size
As of December 2023, total assets were USD 8.26 billion.

Funding Information

Max Funding Available
There is no set limit on grant size. Projects of more than USD 12 million have been funded, alongside smaller projects in the range of a few thousand dollars.

Eligibility for Receiving Funds
The Foundation supports institutions and NGOs whose work aligns with its vision, thematic focus, and strategy.

Sectoral Focus

- Conservation & Science: Climate, Ocean & Land Science
- Agriculture, Livelihoods, and Conservation

Funding Conditions
The Foundation's Conservation and Science Program invests in action and ideas that conserve and restore ecosystems while enhancing human well-being.

Application Procedure

1. The Packard Foundation does not typically accept unsolicited proposals and collaborates with partners to identify funding opportunities.
2. About 15% of grants are awarded to first-time grantees, and less than 1% come from unsolicited proposals.
3. If your work aligns with the Foundation's funding priorities and geographic focus, send a short description to the relevant Program Officer and Program Associate or submit the description via the form: Packard Foundation Inquiry Form
4. Do not send a full proposal until requested by the Program Officer.
5. Packard Fellowships for Science and Engineering have a different funding process. Detailed information is available at: Packard Fellowships
6. Grants are made only for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes, primarily to tax-exempt charitable organizations.
7. Active funding opportunities can be viewed here: Active Opportunities

Application Processing Time
Follows a review process from April to September, with applications due by April 20 and final selections made in September.

Contact Information

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation
343 Second Street, Los Altos, CA 94022 USA
Website: Packard Foundation Climate Focus
Contact Form

5.9 Rockefeller Foundation

Year of Establishment
Established in 1913

Background
The Rockefeller Foundation is a charitable foundation based in the US, aimed at promoting the well-being of humanity worldwide. The main areas of focus for successful grants include health, food, clean power, resilient cities, innovation, and development co-benefits.

Funding Sources
Grant based

Fund Size
Endowment USD 6.3 billion

Funding Information

Max Funding Available
There is no defined limit for grants. Grant sizes may vary from more than USD 1 million to a few thousand dollars.

Eligibility for Receiving Funds
Institutions and NGOs whose work aligns with the Foundation's vision, thematic focus, and strategy.

Sectoral Focus

- Democratic Practice
- Sustainable Development
- Peacebuilding
- Culpeper Arts & Culture

Funding Conditions
To be eligible for a grant, organizations must be tax-exempt or seeking support for a project that qualifies as educational or charitable.

Application Procedure

1. If you believe your project is a good fit for the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF)'s support, you can submit a grant request.
2. You will be prompted to create an account on the online portal and answer questions about your organization and the work for which you are seeking support.
3. Access the portal here: RBF Portal
4. The review process generally takes up to three months, though the exact timeline may vary.

For projects related to the Sustainable Development theme, proposals should focus on strategies that help:

- Build public and policymaker understanding and support for actions to address climate change.
- Support implementation efforts to build a clean energy economy at the federal, state, and local levels.
- Reduce reliance on carbon-intensive energy sources.
- Advance international progress on climate change.

Application Processing Time
Applications are evaluated every quarter. Timeline can vary from project to project.

Contact

The Rockefeller Foundation
420 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10018
Website: The Rockefeller Foundation
Contact Form

6. Conclusion

Pakistan is facing severe climate change challenges that require substantial financial investments across multiple sectors. Issues like land degradation, soil infertility, flash floods, biodiversity loss, and waterlogging threaten both economic stability and sustainable development. The devastating 2022 floods, which caused over USD30 billion in damages and displaced 7.6 million people, highlight the urgent need for climate resilience and adaptation. However, mobilizing resources remains a challenge due to fiscal constraints, limited public sector funding, and low private sector investment in green initiatives. To address these challenges, Pakistan must tap into global climate finance opportunities to drive climate action and build a more sustainable future.

Despite the availability of international funding, Pakistan has struggled to secure a fair share compared to its neighbouring countries. Transitioning to a greener economy requires major investments in renewable energy, sustainable infrastructure, and climate adaptation.

This resource guide provides a detailed overview of regional and international climate finance facilities, equipping policymakers, private sector stakeholders, and development practitioners with essential insights into funding opportunities. By outlining key funding sources, eligibility criteria, and application procedures, it offers a clear framework for accessing financial support for climate adaptation and mitigation projects.

GIZ Pakistan is strengthening collaboration among government agencies, multilateral institutions, and private sector partners to effectively mobilize and utilize climate finance. Aligning financial strategies with sustainability goals and fostering cooperation will help Pakistan accelerate climate action and secure the resources needed for a resilient, low-carbon future.

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