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Second Call for Proposals

The Pandemic Fund

Information Session

March 20, 2024

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Overview of 2nd Call for Proposals

2nd Call for Proposals has a US\$500 million envelope and prioritizes investments under the same three Priority Areas as the 1st Call



**Early Warning and
Disease Surveillance
Systems
(human and animal)**



**Laboratory systems
(human and animal)**



**Human Resources /
Public Health and
Community
workforce capacity
(human and animal)**

Community Engagement and Gender and Equity Considerations in proposal development and implementation

Key parameters : eligibility, funding envelope and ceilings, types of proposals accepted and submission limits

Eligibility

- Countries eligible to receive funding from IBRD and/or IDA **are eligible** to apply
- The sixteen (16) countries who received single-country grants under the first Call for Proposals are **not eligible*** to apply for single-country grants under the second Call, but they may apply under another category of proposal

Funding envelope and funding ceiling

- The envelope for the second Call for Proposals is **US\$ 500 million**
- Single-country proposals may request up to **US\$ 25 million**
- Multi-country and Regional Entity proposals may request up to **US\$ 40 million**

Types of proposals accepted

- Three types of proposals will be accepted:
 - **Single-country proposal** : one country and one or more Implementing Entities
 - **Multi-country proposal** : two or more countries and one or more Implementing Entities
 - **Regional Entity proposal** : one Regional Entity and one or more Implementing Entities

Submission limits

- An individual country may submit a **maximum of one** single-country proposal
- There are **no limits** on the number of multi-country proposals that can be submitted, nor how many an individual country or IE may take part in
- Regional Entities may only submit a maximum of one proposal for the same geographic region (i.e. but they may submit multiple applications covering different sub-regions)

*Not eligible for a **Single-country grant under the 2nd CfP**: Burkina Faso, Bhutan, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Ethiopia, India, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Mongolia, Nepal, Paraguay, Suriname, Togo, West Bank and Gaza, Yemen and Zambia.

Deep Dive : Who is eligible to apply?

Countries

- **1 or more** Eligible Countries
- Eligible Countries are countries that are eligible to receive funding from either the IDA or IBRD (listed on the [website](#) under IDA, IBRD or Blend)

Countries that received single-country grants in the 1st Call are not eligible to receive single-country grants in the 2nd Call

OR

Regional Entities

- Regional Entity
- Regional entities or platforms are **specialized technical institutions established by the governments of one or more Eligible Countries** to support their public health initiatives and strengthen pandemic PPR capacity. Other regional bodies such as regional development communities or economic organizations may also be considered.



Implementing Entities (IEs)

- **1 or more** approved IEs
- **13 currently approved IEs:**
 - African Development Bank
 - Asian Development Bank
 - Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
 - European Investment Bank
 - Inter-American Development Bank
 - International Finance Corporation
 - World Bank
 - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
 - UNICEF
 - World Health Organization
 - The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations
 - Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance
 - Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Some key principles to keep in mind when developing proposals

- 1 Promote a coordinated, collaborative and coherent approach to pandemic PPR:** Proposals should bring together key actors engaged in PPR and health systems financing, linking financing with existing, country/regional level planning and prioritization processes, thereby strengthening alignment and complementarity and creating conditions for a more systematic dialogue about domestic/regional financing for PPR.

This means a demonstration of collaboration:

- among concerned Implementing Entities*, leveraging the comparative strengths of each entity;
- among concerned domestic agencies/actors, and
- between concerned international and domestic (country/regional) actors

- 2 Demonstrate catalytic effect:** Proposals should demonstrate how the Pandemic Fund grant would mobilize a) co-financing (from implementing entities and other international sources) and b) co-investment (from beneficiaries, provided they are not in debt distress or at risk of debt distress)

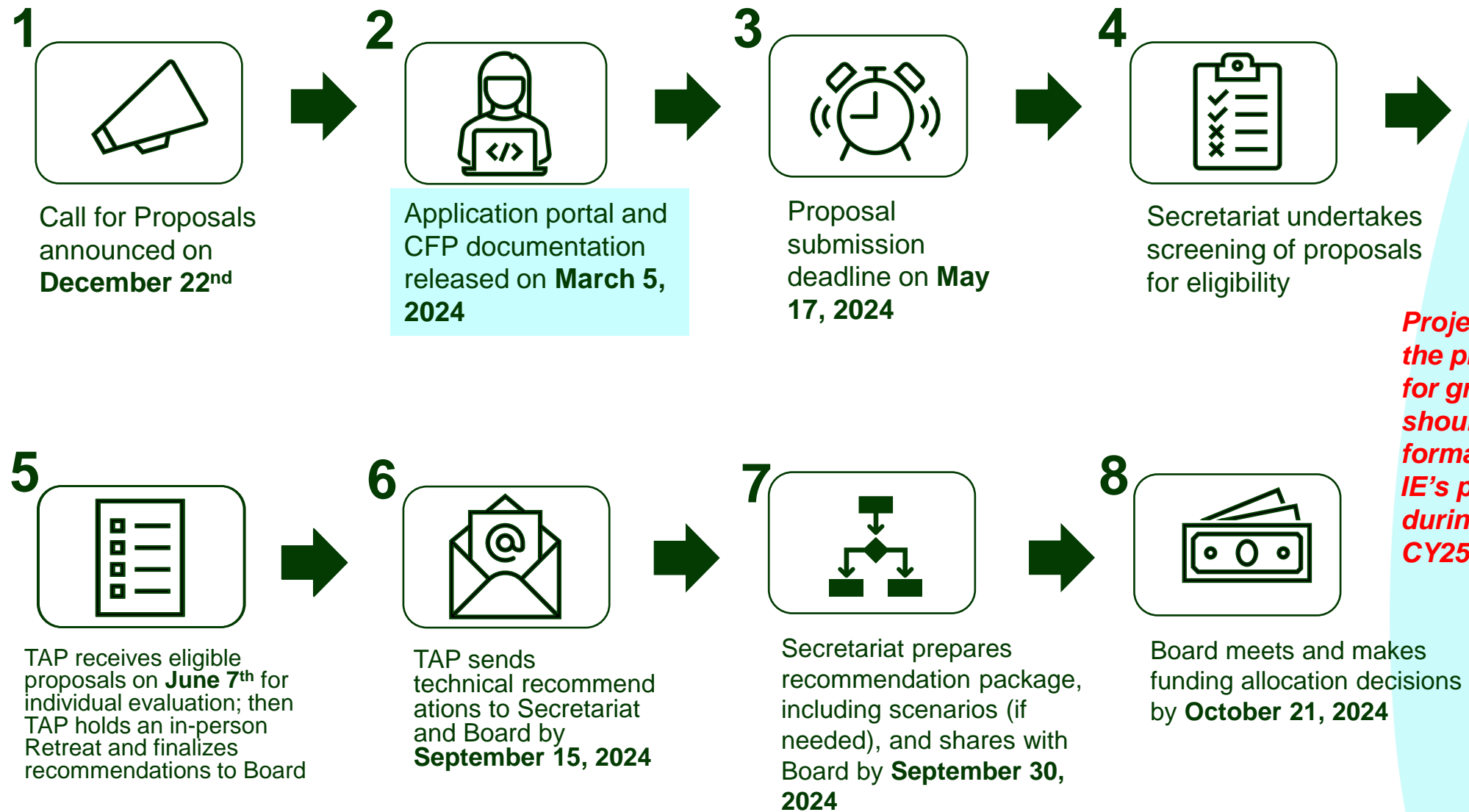
- 3 Ensure consideration of equity:** Proposals should demonstrate how they promote greater gender equity and broader health equity, and engagement of civil society and community groups in proposal preparation and implementation

**Eligible Implementing Entities include: World Bank, IFC, ADB, AfDB, AIIB, EIB, IADB, FAO, UNICEF, WHO, CEPI, GAVI, Global Fund.*

Technical criteria for proposal evaluation

Section of application	% of Total Score
A. Scope and objectives of the proposal, targeted Core Capacities, key activities and expected outcomes, and Theory of Change	25%
B. Rationale, demonstrated needs, alignment with national/regional priorities and plans	25%
C. Co-financing, Co-investment and overall available funding	15%
D. Ownership, Commitment, Coordination, Collaboration, and Co-creation	15%
E. Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation, Alignment with the Results Framework	20%

Overview of timeline and process



Projects associated with the proposals submitted for grant financing should be targeted for formal approval by the IE's procedure, ideally during the 1st Quarter of CY25

* PF Governing Board will decide in June on final timeline depending on the number of applications received; timelines could be shorter

How to submit your proposal

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Who?

- Eligible countries
- For multi-country and Regional Entity proposals, proposals accepted by Regional Entities or any of the 13 approved IEs



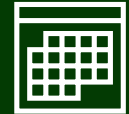
What?

- Proposals for funding for single-country, multi-country and Regional Entity projects



Where?

- Completed applications must be submitted via the application portal
<https://worldbank.smapply.io/prog/the-pandemic-fund-second-call-for-proposals/>



When?

- Deadline for submission is **Friday, May 17th at 23:59 EDT** (Washington, DC time)

How to find more information?

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Pandemic Fund website: <https://www.thepandemicfund.org/call-for-proposals>

Key information in the "Funding Opportunities" tab

Home / Call For Proposals

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

RELATED

Key Application Documents

APPLY HERE

APPLY HERE

APPLY HERE

FAQs

The Pandemic Fund has **opened its second Call for Proposals (CFP) on December 22, 2023** and is inviting interested Eligible Countries, Regional Entities, and Implementing Entities to develop full proposals for potential projects to be supported by this initial funding. The **online application portal** is now open and will be closed on May 17, 2024.

Overview of process and key links

Timeline and process for the second round of funding

- **December 22, 2023:**
2nd Call for Proposals announced. **Guidance Note** released.
- **March 5, 2024:**
Scoring and Weighting Methodology released, which provides information on how the **Technical Advisory Panel** will score and evaluate proposals, and **online application portal** launched.

Applicants should begin preparing detailed proposals. This is a **mandatory step** for all applicants requesting financing.

APPLICATION PORTAL — APPLY HERE

- **May 17, 2024:**
Deadline to submit proposals through the Pandemic Fund's **application portal**. **The deadline for submission of proposals is May 17, 2024 at 23:59 Eastern Time.**
- **June - August 2024:**
Review of eligible proposals by the **Technical Advisory Panel** based on the **Scoring and Weighting Methodology**.
- **September - October 2024 (TBC in June 2024):**

Quick links : How to apply and where to find more information

- **Guidance Note** was released in December 2023 and is available on the Pandemic Fund website in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#)
- **Electronic [Application Portal](#)** is now open, information on how to access it including a [“how to”](#) video and [FAQ](#) are available on the Pandemic Fund [website](#)
- **[Scoring and Weighting Methodology](#)** is available now (translations will be available in French and Spanish in mid-March)
- **[PDF of application](#)** template will be available in French and Spanish in mid-March
- **Information sessions** open to all prospective applicants held on March 20th, sign up available on the Pandemic Fund [website](#), we will also post the slides and recording
- **Additional Questions?** Please submit a ticket at the [Helpdesk](#) or email us at: pandemicfundcfp@worldbank.org
- **Information and updates** will be communicated through our X/Twitter account [@Pandemic_Fund](#), so please make sure to follow us for the most up-to-date information

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Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I find the list of IDA/IBRD-eligible countries?

<https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>

IDA

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Afghanistan	Haiti	Rwanda
Bangladesh	Honduras	Samoa
Benin	Kiribati	São Tomé and Príncipe
Bhutan	Kosovo	Senegal
Burkina Faso	Kyrgyz Republic	Sierra Leone
Burundi	Lao PDR	Solomon Islands
Cambodia	Lesotho	Somalia
Central African Republic	Liberia	South Sudan
Chad	Madagascar	Sri Lanka
Comoros	Malawi	Sudan
Congo, Dem. Rep.	Maldives	Syrian Arab Republic
Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Tajikistan
Djibouti	Marshall Islands	Tanzania
Eritrea	Mauritania	Togo
Ethiopia	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Tonga
Gambia, The	Mozambique	Tuvalu
Ghana	Myanmar	Uganda
Guinea	Nepal	Vanuatu
Guinea-Bissau	Nicaragua	Yemen, Rep.
Guyana	Niger	Zambia

BLEND

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Cabo Verde	Grenada	St. Lucia
Cameroon	Kenya	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Congo, Rep.	Nigeria	Timor-Leste
Dominica	Pakistan	Uzbekistan
Fiji	Papua New Guinea	Zimbabwe

IBRD

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Albania	Eswatini	Panama
Algeria	Gabon	Paraguay
Angola	Georgia	Peru
Antigua and Barbuda	Guatemala	Philippines
Argentina	India	Poland
Armenia	Indonesia	Romania
Azerbaijan	Iran, Islamic Rep.	Russian Federation
Belarus	Iraq	Serbia
Belize	Jamaica	Seychelles
Bolivia	Jordan	South Africa
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kazakhstan	St. Kitts and Nevis
Botswana	Lebanon	Suriname
Brazil	Libya	Thailand
Bulgaria	Malaysia	Trinidad and Tobago
Chile	Mauritius	Tunisia
China	Mexico	Turkey
Colombia	Moldova	Turkmenistan
Costa Rica	Mongolia	Ukraine
Croatia	Montenegro	Uruguay
Dominican Republic	Morocco	Venezuela, RB
Ecuador	Namibia	Vietnam
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Nauru	
El Salvador	North Macedonia	
Equatorial Guinea	Palau	

Which eligible countries are not allowed to apply for Single-country grants?

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Countries that received Single-country grants during the First Call for Proposals are not eligible to apply for Single-country grants in the Second Call for Proposals

Burkina Faso, Kingdom of Bhutan, Republic of Cabo Verde, Kingdom of Cambodia, Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Republic of India, Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, Mongolia, Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Republic of Paraguay, Republic of Suriname, Togolese Republic, West Bank and Gaza, Republic of Yemen and the Republic of Zambia.

These countries ARE eligible to participate in Multi-country proposals

Are there submission limits?

Yes, there are submission limits:

- An individual country may submit a **maximum of one** single-country proposal
- Regional Entities may only submit a maximum of one proposal for the same geographic region (i.e. but they may submit multiple applications covering different sub-regions)

However, there are **no limits** on the number of multi-country proposals that can be submitted, nor how many an individual country or IE may take part in.

All IEs should be in contact with each other to ensure the limits are respected.

Is there a min / max amount of funds that I can ask for?

Single-country proposals may request up to **US\$ 25 million**.

Multi-country proposals and Regional Entity projects may request up to **US\$ 40 million**.

For existing projects looking for additional funding from the Pandemic Fund, can the value of relevant project components be counted as co-financing / co-investment?

No, Pandemic Fund resources must be able to demonstrate additionality and catalytic impact.

By when do projects have to receive approval from the IE's relevant authority to be considered?

The Pandemic Fund wants to support projects that will be able to accept funds as soon as possible. If there is conditional approval by the Pandemic Fund's Board, the project should ideally be approved by the relevant authority of the IE within 6 months from the decision on the funding allocation

October 2024 (est.)



PF Board communicates funding allocation decisions



Within 6 months



IE Board or relevant authority approves overall project (if not done already)



Target: Q1 2025



PF makes first transfer to the IE

What is the expected duration of funding?

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Proposals must demonstrate that they intend to use the grant financing within **three years** from the date of approval by the Implementing Entity's (-ies) relevant authority, bearing in mind that the overall project completion date may extend beyond the three-year period.

What is a Beneficiary?

Beneficiaries are defined as any **Eligible Country** that may benefit from the Pandemic Fund through projects or activities undertaken by an Implementing Entity (IE) to advance the objectives of the Pandemic Fund.

Regional entities or platforms that are specialized technical institutions established by the governments of one or more Eligible Country (-ies) to support their public health initiatives and strengthen pandemic PPR capacity can also be beneficiaries.

What is an Implementing Entity? What is its role? Can it submit a proposal?

The Pandemic Fund will channel its financing through Implementing Entities that will support project implementation. Projects will be executed by beneficiary entities following the policies and procedures of the concerned Implementing Entity through which the funds are channeled.

Each proposal must identify at least one Implementing Entity from among the thirteen (13) currently approved:

Those organizations are: African Development Bank*; Asian Development Bank; Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank; European Investment Bank*; Inter-American Development Bank; International Finance Corporation; World Bank; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; UNICEF; World Health Organization; the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations; Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Yes, Implementing Entities can submit proposals for Multi-country and Regional Entity proposals.

*Please note that these IEs must have a signed FPA in place by May 17, 2024 in order to participate

Can Implementing Entities also receive funds for project implementation? What about project execution?

The Trustee will pass on the grant to Implementing Entities which will channel funding to Beneficiary countries or Regional Entities for carrying out project activities.

Implementing Entities may provide implementation and implementation support (e.g., M&E, analytical and advisory work, research) when needed. Activities that fall under this area should be reported in Table 1 as *b) Project funds that will be used for implementation activities by IE.*

On-the-ground execution and delivery of a project's components should be carried out by the Beneficiary and/or Delivery Partners. *IEs should only undertake these activities in exceptional circumstances where there is no viable alternative, and at the specific request of the Beneficiary.*

What is the maximum “Administration Fee” for IEs that is allowed?

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A **cap on IE administrative fees at 7%** (as a percentage of amount requested) has been instituted for activities related to preparation, administration and supervision of Pandemic Fund funds.

However, for projects operating in Challenging Operating Environments (COE), Fragile and Conflict-Affected Situations (FCS), Small Island Developing States (SIDS) contexts or other exceptional circumstances, the **cap could be up to 10% of the grant amount** requested by the IE, provided that the proposal includes a clear justification of the rationale behind the higher fee and substantiate this with evidence.

What is a delivery partner? Can a delivery partner submit a proposal?

A delivery partner is sub-contracted, using the IE's procurement policies and procedures, to contribute to project execution and delivery on-the-ground.

Delivery partners may include CSOs, NGOs, private sector, academia, individuals, etc. They cannot submit proposals, however they should be consulted during the proposal development process and included in the proposal.