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# Category 1: A gender-smart and/or women-led emerging fund manager (incl. investment vehicles) investing in climate solutions

If you selected Category 1, please proceed to the fund managers proposal tab.

Please list the category you below to.

Name of Organisation

Organization's Legal Name

Which country are you legally registered?

Organization's Corporate Domicile

Primary Contact Name

Primary Contact Email

Primary Contact Details

Secondary Contact Name

Secondary Contact Email

Secondary Contact Details

Organisation's Website

Which of the following best describes your organisation?

▼

Fund Manager or investment vehicle

Women Entrepreneur Network

Incubator

Accelerator

Business service provider

Business association

Membership organisation

National non-profit

Regional non-profit

International non-profit

...

If Other, please specify. (optional)

Are you applying as a joint venture/consortium? Add details here (optional)

200 words

This is the application form for Category 1 applicants.

Which country (s) do you operate in?

Which region are you based in? (tick all that apply)

- Asia
- South America
- Middle East
- Africa

- North America
- Europe
- Oceania ((Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific Islands)

Are you a registered entity?

- Yes
- No

Please upload registration document(s)



Does your organization align with at least two of the gender metrics as outlined in the 2X Criteria: 100 words

Definition includes alignment to 2 of the following 2X Criteria: 1. Entrepreneurship & Ownership Share of women ownership: 51% OR Business founded by a woman: 50% 2. Leadership Share of women in senior management: Varies Share of women on the Board or Investment Committee: Varies (See country & sector-specific thresholds) 3. Employment Share of women in the workforce: Varies AND One "quality" Employment indicator beyond compliance: Yes/No (See country & sector-specific thresholds) 4. Supply Chain Commitment to women in the supply chain: Yes/No AND One "quality" Supply Chain indicator beyond compliance: Yes/No 5. Products & Services Product(s) or service(s) enhance(s) the well-being of women/girls and/or drive(s) gender equity: Yes/No 6. Portfolio Investments through financial intermediaries that are aligned with the 2X Criteria through the intermediary's portfolio. Refer to 2X Criteria Reference Guide here: <https://www.2xchallenge.org/2xcriteria>

How many years of experience do you have in working under this RFP grant category?

### Organisational Experience

Briefly describe your organisation's background, mission, population served, and investment strategy (incl value creation approach). 300 words

Would you describe yourself as:

- Tier 1: Fund idea, yet to launch
- Tier 2: Launched with thesis and strategy, starting to build pipeline
- Tier 3: Raised some capital and/or deal(s) completed
- Tier 4: First close achieved deals completed, looking to achieve final close
- Tier 5: Have successfully built and run a previous fund, now doing GLI fund, new thesis, or new strategy

What is the size of your fund in US dollars?

What funding instrument is used? (Select all that apply)

- Equity
- Loans
- Guarantee
- Grants

Other

How many deals has the fund manager made to date?

- 0
- 1
- 2-3
- 3-5
- 6+

What is your average ticket size for a first investment in a company (not including follow-on investments)?

- \$0 - \$250,000
- \$250,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,000 - \$1 million
- \$1 million - \$1.5 million
- Above \$1.5 million

What are the total funds committed to your vehicle to date?

What sectors do you invest in?

- Telecoms
- Power
- Infrastructure
- Financial Services
- Manufacturing- Light
- Manufacturing- Heavy
- Agribusiness & Food
- Professional Services
- Consumer Services
- Healthcare
- ...

Do you have Gender lens Investment (GLI) strategy

- Yes
- No
- In Development

Gender lens investing is the integration of gender analysis into a new or existing investment process for better social and financial outcomes. "Gender finance" is the field of finance viewed from the perspective of gender lens and gender-smart investing. The 2X Criteria is a powerful gender-smart investment and impact assessment framework that has quickly become the global industry standard for gender lens investing. For more on how these can be measure within investments, see the 2X Criteria available on the [www.2xglobal.org](http://www.2xglobal.org) website.

Please share more detail on your GLI strategy. (optional)

200 words

What is the percentage % of women owners and women leaders in your organisation?

% of female owners

% of female leaders

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1

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2

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3

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Please describe your current stage of growth, including any investment deals made to date, technical assistance provided to pipeline or portfolio companies, fundraising milestones, and other achievements.

350 words

How is your organisation investing (or planning to invest) at the nexus of gender and climate finance?

250 words

Which climate action or thematic area best describes your work or area of focus? (Tick all that apply)

- Adaptation
- Clean Energy
- Natural Climate Solutions
- Biodiversity Conservation
- Conflict and Governance
- Migration
- Education
- Infrastructure
- Natural Resources Management
- Urban
- ...

Refer to the Guide for Terms and Definitions tab.

Please provide 3-5 illustrative examples from your pipeline or investee companies, highlighting their gender and climate nexus, as well as the role you have played as an investor in these companies or seek to play as an investor. (1 succinct bullet point per example)

350 words

How many businesses will be included in your portfolio if full fund size is reached?

150 words

Please disaggregate the number above based on stage of business.

Business stage	Number
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	

### Description of Approach and Planned Activities

What is the total amount of funding being requested?

What specific barriers will your proposed activities help address?

350 words

Please describe the specific activities that the proposed grant will fund.

350 words

What is your rationale for applying for CGEF funding. In answering please describe how the grant activities support your broader goals/vision.

350 words

Please describe the proposed use of funds for your organisation (e.g., working capital / investments and how it will allow you to reach your fund's objectives)

500 words

If you plan to channel to pipeline or portfolio companies list the number of companies that will benefit.

(optional)

For pipeline or portfolio companies, please fill out the details below for each.

If funds are intended to be used as an investment, please provide the investment memorandum justifying such an investment, including the return expectation and impact expected, and any IC minutes where such investment was subject to an IC decision.

*Please add additional info as attachment(s) at the end of your application if required.*

1	
2	Year of Creation
3	Number of Employees
4	Revenue History
5	Gender and climate angle (list co-benefits here)
6	Proposed activities under the grant
7	Proposed use of funds (e.g., grants, TA, investment, type of investment)
8	Anticipated returns

If there are any intended/unintended reflows from on-lending or taking equity positions using CGEF grant proceeds, how will your organisation manage these? 350 words

When funds are used as an investment please provide details on how the grant capital from CGEF will be reused to finance climate and gender activities once the capital is returned or the equity position exited. 350 words

Please upload a work plan (i.e., Gantt chart) for the activities to be funded under this grant including forecasted milestones.



Please describe any challenges you anticipate and how you propose to mitigate them. 350 words

How will your project mobilise any additional private sector capital? How much additional capital do you believe you can raise as a result of this funding? 150 words

**Organisational and Staffing Structure**

Briefly describe how your organisation is uniquely positioned to carry out the grant activities. 350 words

Please describe the senior staff and management of your organisation, including key individual expertise and past investment experience. 350 words

Could you please provide a description of your organization's staffing structure, including an organogram if (optional) available?



Please describe what makes your fund's investment strategy gender-smart and how your fund invests in climate solutions. 500 words

Please describe all proposed staff and any consultants or advisors who will be involved in carrying out the proposed activities. 350 words

As a fund manager indicate who are the partners, their years of investment experience and the number of successful exits. 350 words

Number of employees in the organisation?

	Women employed	Men employed	Total employees
1	Full time staff		
2	Part time staff (including seasonal workers)		
3			

Have you previously applied for CGEF funding? For example RFP 1/funding round 1?

Yes

No

Please note that if you have previously applied for funding, this will not negatively impact your current application. We welcome re-applications and evaluate each submission on its own merits.

Grant recipients will be required to put in place a monitoring and reporting plan and should include in their proposal an approach to monitoring. Grant recipients will be required to report to RFF semi-annually on select KPIs noted below. Applicants will be asked to propose 1-2 additional indicators relevant to the measurable results they expect to achieve through their proposed activities.

Please describe how you will monitor the grant results, including key performance indicators (KPIs), and how you will collect data on each indicator. Grant recipients will be required to report semi-annually on select KPIs listed below. Please include additional KPIs specific to your proposed activities. 700 words

### CGEF KPI's

KPIs	Means of Collecting Data	Baseline	Target	Assumptions
1	Increased private capital mobilised: Value of investment mobilised (USD) for climate change outcomes that is inclusive of women			
2	Improved climate change capacity: Number of women-led or women-benefiting organisations with improved capacity to assess or address climate change mitigation and adaptation issues			
3	Improved climate outcomes: Projected greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduced or avoided			
4	Increased financial returns: Number of women-led or women-benefiting enterprises with improved participation in the local economy			
5	Improved health outcomes: Number of women-led or women-benefiting organisations with increased capacity to promote and/or deliver improved health outcomes for individuals and communities			
6	Increased support to women taking			

climate action:  
 Number of  
 individuals  
 participating in  
 CGEF-funded  
 activities  
 (disaggregated by  
 sex)

**Underlying KPIs**

	KPIs	Means of Data Collection	Baseline	Target	Assumptions
1	Number of individuals participating in funded activities				
2	Number of people supported to adapt to the effects of climate change (sex-disaggregated)				
3	Number of people with improved economic benefits derived from sustainable natural resource management and/or biodiversity conservation				
4	Percentage of female participants in programs designed to increase access to productive economic resources (assets, credit, income or employment)				

**Additional KPIs (optional)**

	KPIs	Means of Collecting Data	Baseline	Target	Assumptions
1					
2					

Do you possess sufficient administrative and financial systems to meet the accountability and reporting requirements?

- Yes
- No
- Enhanced capacity required

Please describe how your project will generate impact after the grant period ends and how it will be catalytic to achieve the most impact. 150 words

- Do you have the capacity and/or expertise to monitor and report against the CGEF determined KPIs?
- Yes
  - No
  - Enhanced capacity required

- Does your organisation have audited financial statements?
- Yes
  - No

Please note that not having audited financial statements does not exclude your organisation from consideration. We welcome applications from all organisations, regardless of their auditing status.

RFF requests the submission of a budget proposal. Details are provided below.

You can upload your proposed budget (in the sample budget template [attached](#) for use of the full amount of the requested grants funds here. The budget should project how you will use the grant funding to carry out the planned activities. Please download the template, populate your data and upload for submission.

### **Budget Narrative**

Please include a budget narrative with a description (no longer than 1 line) of each line item, including a description of the type of costs included in the indirect cost line item (such as rent, insurance, communications charges, etc.) If you have any questions or difficulty, please contact [rff@2xglobal.org](mailto:rff@2xglobal.org).

### **2024 Budget**

Link for budget template download available above. Complete and upload it here.



### **We request that you upload the following documents (where available)**

Your organisation's operating budget (revenues and expenses) for the current fiscal year.



What is your annual organisational budget in US\$?

Copies of your organisation's most recent annual fiscal year financial statements. (optional)



Please provide contact information for three individuals who can serve as references for your organisation. These individuals may be contacted by 2X Global during the application review process.

Reference 1

Name:

Title and Organisation:

Relationship:

150 words

Email:

Phone Number (optional)

Reference 2

Name:

Title and Organisation:

Relationship:

150 words

Email:

Phone Number (optional)

Reference 3

Name:

Title and Organisation:

Relationship:

150 words

Email

Phone Number (optional)

Attachments to support your application are as follows:

Please provide CVs of key personnel. CVs should not be more than two pages.

Please upload any additional supplemental materials that could help us understand your application, organisation and approach. This could include existing materials such as your application Theory of Change, logical framework, and/or organisational pitch decks, presentations and, annual reports, etc.

Video Submission: (optional)



Please NOTE: Maximum 7-10 minutes

Supplementary materials 2 (optional)



Supplementary materials 3 (optional)



Supplementary materials 4 (optional)



Supplementary materials 5 (optional)



Supplementary materials 6 (optional)



Supplementary materials 7 (optional)



Supplementary materials 8 (optional)



No Commitment to Award Grants

RFF's issuance of this application does not constitute an award commitment on the part of 2X Global. RFF reserves the right to reject any or all applications received and reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted.

Amendments

RFF reserves the right to amend, revise, add to, or withdraw all or any part of this application at any time.

Organisations will remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them, their staff, and their advisors or by any third party acting under their instructions in connection with any amendments.

Confidentiality/Use of Data

All information and data shared by the applicants will be treated per the 2X Global Privacy Policy ([here](#)).

Conflict of Interest

Applicants shall exercise reasonable care and diligence to prevent any actions or conditions that could result in a

potential conflict of interest in applying for grants under this application. Applicants must disclose to RFF any circumstances/information, including but not limited to personal, institutional, financial, and business, which will or might result in actual or perceived conflict of interest by taking part in applying to this programme.

Please confirm that you have read our terms, conditions and disclaimers

Yes

Is anyone in your leadership/governance working in public office?

Yes

No

I consent for my information to be shared with 2X Global team members

Yes

No

I am interested to be contacted by 2X Global if another partner is interested in my application.

Yes

No

CGEF will consider applicants contributing towards climate outcomes across both mitigation and adaptation sectors. USAID defines adaptation, mitigation, and resilience as follows: (Sources: [USAID](#) & [Green Climate Fund](#))

**Adaptation:** The process of adjusting to the actual or expected climate and its effects to moderate harm or exploit beneficial opportunities. This includes improving resilience of communities and ecosystems to climate change. According to GCF result areas, adaptation may include increased resilience of most vulnerable people and communities; health and well-being, and food and water security; Infrastructure and built environment; and ecosystems and ecosystem services.

**Mitigation:** A human intervention to reduce emissions or enhance the sinks of greenhouse gases. According to GCF result areas, mitigation may include reduced emissions from: energy generation and access; low-emission transport; building, cities, industries, and appliances; and forestry and land use.

**Resilience:** The capacity of a system to maintain function in the face of stresses imposed by climate change and to adapt the system to be better prepared for future climate impacts.

**Clean Energy** refers to a wide swath of activities that mitigate greenhouse gas emissions as it relates to the production, storage, transmission, and consumption of energy. Clean energy practices may include: development of low emission development plans; renewable energy; end use efficiency; greenhouse gas accounting and inventory systems; enabling environment and energy sector reforms necessary to support sustainable investments and energy systems; enhanced transmission, distribution, and operating systems; flared gas reduction; and renewable energy generation grid integration. It is inclusive of inclusive of renewable energy technologies, end-use efficiency technologies, nuclear energy technologies, energy storage, the reduction of carbon and methane emissions such as carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS), end-use electrification, and low-emission transportation, among others.

**Sustainable Landscapes** programs reduce, avoid, and sequester greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through landscape conservation, restoration, and management. They promote sustainable land use practices through the development of low emissions development plans and/or Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD+) strategies; improved data and analytical tools; monitoring, reporting, and verification systems; enabling laws and policies; effective implementing institutions; social and environmental safeguards; economic incentives; and demonstration activities. Sustainable Landscapes programs may work with both public and private sector entities to help sustainable land use systems. Sustainable Landscapes work encompasses practices at all spatial scales to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Have you had any previous USAID funding?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide a brief description of current USAID funding sources and activities. (optional)

If yes, please provide a brief summary of how the proposed use of CGEF funding differs from current ongoing USAID-funded activities. (optional)

Please provide list of additional donors here:

Additional Comments: (optional)

Additional uploads 1: (optional)



Additional uploads 2: (optional)



Additional uploads 3: (optional)



As part of the grant review process, RFF is assessing the adequacy of your organisation's financial and accounting systems. To aid us in that process, we ask that you fill out this questionnaire. Please answer each question as completely as possible, using extra pages if necessary. We ask that complete the questionnaire by Friday, March 28, 2025.

Please complete the following questions concerning your organisation's financial and organisational controls.

List the name, position/title for individuals responsible for checking expenditures in your organisation? 100 words

Describe how your organisation manages budgeting, reporting and overall financial management. Which staff members review your financial statements and with what frequency? Describe how your organisation manages budgeting, reporting and overall financial management. Which staff members review your financial statements and with what frequency? 250 words

Here you can include your organisation's accounting system including: a) any manual ledgers used to record transactions (general ledger, cash disbursements ledger, suppliers ledger etc.); b) any computerised accounting system used (please indicate the name); and c) how transactions are summarised in financial reports, (by the period, project, cost categories)?

Can your accounting records separate the receipts and payments of the CGEF grant from the receipts and payments of your organisation's other activities? 150 words

Does the board (or similar body in your organisation) have a direct role in financial oversight? If so, what financial information do you share with your board and what is the frequency?

Does your organisation have written policies and procedures for financial accountability? Please elaborate. 150 words

How do you allocate costs that are "shared" by different funding sources, such as rent, utilities, etc.?

Provide the names of auditors and their contact details.

Taking into consideration that this is a one-time grant, what is your financial sustainability plan for programs / operations executed with this funding once the grant period ends?

Please complete this financial information in the spreadsheet available on this link <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wrQinLFoUuqhcbvrJs9Gi3yCC01F5hKO/edit?usp=sharing&oid=103419899332330822230&rtpof=true&sd=true> and upload here:



Please provide a copy of the following financial information, if available: (optional) (optional)

- a. A "Balance Sheet" for your prior fiscal or calendar year; and
- b. A "Revenue and Expense Statement" for your prior fiscal or calendar year; and
- c. A "Cash Flow" Statement, "Cash Book", or General Ledger listing for the current year.



#### Gender Diversity and Inclusion Information

	Category	Number of Individuals	Number of Women
1	Board Members		
2	Employees		
3	Senior Management		

What potential negative environmental and/or social impacts, if any, does your organization anticipate from the proposed activities?

How does your organization plan to reduce or eliminate potential negative environmental or social impacts (optional) (if any) resulting directly or indirectly from CGEF-funded activities?

Does your organization have any policies in place to measure and address anticipated environmental and/or social impacts from proposed activities? If so, please elaborate.

Please confirm (re-read) all the contents in your application form for accuracy.

Yes

No

Please note that if your application is successful and there are inaccuracies later discovered in your application form this can result in an investigation and/or grant cancellation.

Any additional information? (optional)

Please add any potential risks for your organisation?

Name of individual completing this form:

Name, email and title.