

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: WHAT TYPES OF KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING UNDER THE CALL FOR GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE PROPOSALS?

A: Typical PPIAF **global** knowledge products include those that provide lessons learned or best practices that can be applied **across countries and across regions**. This can include knowledge products, such as toolkits, guides, manuals, briefs, training seminars and workshops, development of training materials, and capacity building initiatives. Outreach proposals can include translation, dissemination, and conferences. These examples are illustrative and are not an exhaustive list of eligible products.

Country-specific, region-specific, and/or technical assistance activities (e.g. pre-feasibility studies, PPP options studies, country diagnostics, etc.) are not eligible for funding under this call. If you have questions about whether a proposal is eligible for funding through the call for proposals, please email PPIAF_Knowledge@worldbank.org.

Q: WHAT ARE PPIAF'S PRIORITY SECTORS?

A: PPIAF's priority sectors include energy, water, and transportation. Multi-sector proposals (related to the general PPP enabling environment) are also eligible.

Q: WHAT ARE PPIAF'S PRIORITY COUNTRIES?

A: PPIAF's priority countries are low-income countries (DAC I and DAC II on the OECD DAC list) and fragile and conflict-affected states. Please note, country-specific proposals are not accepted under the Call for Global Knowledge Proposals. PPIAF encourages proposals to indicate how the proposed knowledge product will apply knowledge to priority countries and fragile and conflict-affected states.

Q: WHAT EXPENSES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

A: Eligible expenses include consultant time and travel (individual or firm), publication and dissemination costs, logistical costs (e.g., workshop costs), and World Bank Group (WBG) staff costs (i.e., staff and ETC time, overhead, and travel costs). WBG applicants should note that a maximum of 10% of the overall grant may be used for staff costs.

Non-WBG applicants should note that the majority of PPIAF funding is typically used for consultants. All procurement must be in accordance with World Bank Group procurement guidelines.

Q: WHAT ARE THE EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR PROPOSALS?

A: The evaluation criteria, as explained in greater depth on the proposal submission form, consist of:

- **Topic** – proposal clearly addresses selected topic and in one or more of PPIAF’s priority sectors.
- **Target Audience** – audience is identified and is aligned with PPIAF priorities.
- **Methodology** – clearly articulated and addresses key challenges.
- **Value for Money** – budget commensurate with scope and methodology; co-financing for the proposal is identified.
- **Innovative Approach** – Proposal includes new, creative, and original thinking in development of the approach for addressing knowledge gap and disseminating knowledge to target audience.
- **Outcomes** – explanation of how activity will contribute to future outcomes.
- **Implementation/Capacity** – realistic and detailed implementation plan and sufficient capacity.
- **Dissemination Plan** - detailed timeline and high-quality dissemination plan for proposed knowledge product.
- **Co-financing** – level of co-financing in relation to overall budget request from PPIAF.

Proposals will be evaluated by a Selection Committee made up of PPP and sector experts.

Q: WHAT IS THE AVERAGE SIZE OF A PPIAF KNOWLEDGE GRANT?

A: PPIAF’s average knowledge grant ranges from \$150,000 to \$250,000. The Selection Committee will evaluate the appropriateness of budget size with respect to the content of the proposals.

Outreach proposals are limited to \$50,000 per proposal. There is no set limit for knowledge product proposals.

Q: WHICH ORGANIZATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS?

A: The call is open to staff at the World Bank Group and other multilateral development banks, donor organizations, non-profit organizations, and academia.

Q: HOW CAN NON-WORLD BANK GROUP ORGANIZATIONS WORK WITH PPIAF THROUGH THE CALL?

A: Eligible organizations may submit proposals for knowledge, capacity building, or outreach activities through the call for proposals. PPIAF will work with successful applicants to develop a grant implementation plan that aligns with the World Bank Group’s policies and procedures. A fiduciary assessment of organizations with selected proposals may be conducted prior to the implementation of the proposal to ensure that the World Bank Group’s fiduciary standards are met. As noted below, all PPIAF grants must be implemented in accordance with the PPIAF Charter and the World Bank’s procurement guidelines.

Q: WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF AN “EXPECTED OUTPUT”

A: An expected output is the tangible and quantifiable product(s) that is produced by project activities. Examples of common knowledge activity outputs include knowledge products (e.g., case studies, toolkits, guidebooks, etc.), workshops, and capacity building seminars. Please note this is not a comprehensive list of potential outputs that may be funded under the call.

Q: WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF AN “EXPECTED INTERIM OUTCOME”

A: An expected interim outcome is the intended change(s) that are necessary to occur in order for the intervention to obtain its final outcome and ultimate impact. Examples of common knowledge activity interim outcomes include enhance technical capacity (i.e., increased capacity of workshop participants to develop and implement sectoral strategy) and increased knowledge and/or technical capacity of government officials.

Q: WHAT ARE THE APPLICABLE PROCUREMENT POLICIES?

A: PPIAF’s procurement policies follow the [World Bank Procurement Guidelines](#).

Q: WHAT IS THE EVALUATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE?

A: Proposals are to be submitted no later than 5:00 PM EST on March 29, 2018. Proposals will be evaluated by the Selection Committee and PPIAF will notify successful applicants of their award in May 2018. Successful applicants will be expected to prepare and submit a detailed PPIAF proposal package (including Terms of Reference and a detailed budget) within three weeks of the notification. The PPIAF Program Management Unit will support the successful applicants in the preparation of the packages.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A PROPOSAL IS SELECTED FOR FUNDING?

A: Successful applicants will be expected to prepare a detailed proposal using PPIAF’s application form, a detailed budget, and a terms of reference. The PPIAF Program Management Unit will provide support to successful applicants in the preparation of these packages. All final proposal packages are expected to include detailed procurement and dissemination plans.