1 Understand steps to access

Because the SCCF is managed by the GEF, funds are accessed under GEF processes. Entities seeking funding work with the **GEF Partner Agency** of its choice to submit project or program proposals. The selection of the GEF Partner Agency is formalized through a letter of endorsement issued by the country’s Operational Focal Point, which is the country entity coordinating GEF activities within the country and appraising project ideas against eligibility criteria.

The process to secure funding varies depending on whether the activities relate to Full-sized Projects (GEF Project Financing of more than USD 2 million), Medium-sized Projects (GEF Project Financing of less than or equivalent to USD 2 million), or Programs (consisting of various distinct projects that could be either full or medium-sized). You can find additional information on project access below.

Click [here](#) for a more detailed explanation of the rules governing the cycles for GEF-financed Projects and Programs. Relevant templates and
forms can be found [here](#).

Find additional information on how to access GEF funding [here](#).

Actions: Project proposals approved. LDCF funding received.

Actors: LDCF/SCCF Council; GEF Agencies; Operational Focal Points; Other

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2 Partner with a GEF Agency

Relevant country institutions and partners must partner with a GEF Agency to prepare the basic project concept or program framework. The selection of the GEF Agency is formalized through a letter of endorsement issued by the country’s Operational Focal Point (See Decision-making Information).

Click [here](#) for the list of GEF Agencies.

The complete list of Operational Focal Points, including name, position, government agency, complete address, phone, fax and e-mail, can be accessed [here](#).

Actions: Country institutions and partners successfully partnered with GEF Agency

Actors: GEF Agencies; Operational Focal Points; Country institutions and partners; Other
3 Submit a funding proposal

The GEF Agency, along with the project proponents, should first have a Project Identification Form (PIF) for projects and/or a Project Framework Document (PFD) for Programs approved by both the GEF Secretariat and LDCF/SCCF Council.

Once approved, the GEF Agency and project proponents develop the project concept into a complete project proposal, which includes developing the technical, risk mitigation, and business details. The process to secure funding varies depending on whether the size of the activity and required funding.

All relevant templates and field by field explanations for different types of projects can be found here.

Actions: Strong funding proposal developed and submitted

Actors: