

RISE grants challenge call for proposals 2025

Frequently Asked Questions

Read the [call for proposals](#) and visit the [RISE website](#)

Eligibility
Are UN Agencies eligible to apply for the RISE grants challenge
Yes, you can find a list of eligible applicants under section 4.2 of the call for proposals document
Is it a requirement to have previously been a RISE or EbA Fund grantee or an IUCN member in order to be eligible?
As noted in section 4.3 of the call for proposals, at least one of the lead or partner organisations must be either an IUCN member organisation, a past RISE grantee, or a present/past EbA Fund grantee. You can learn more about eligibility requirements under section 4 of the call for proposals .
Where can I find a list of IUCN members, past RISE grantees and Global EbA Fund grantees?
You can find lists of organisations that meet at least one of these criteria at the links below: https://globalebafund.org/projects/ https://iucn.org/our-union/members/members-directory https://genderandenvironment.org/rise-challenge/
Is country X eligible for the RISE grants challenge?
You can find the full list of eligible countries in Annex 1 of the call for proposals .
Can governments be engaged as partners?
As noted in the call for proposals document in section 4.3 , governments and public entities are not eligible partners and can only be engaged as project stakeholders.
Can a proposal include multiple countries as part of the eligible country list?
The RISE grants challenge will only accept applications proposing implementation in one of the eligible countries. Within that country, applicants are strongly encouraged to focus on no more than two or three sub-counties, or equivalent local administrative areas.
Application
Where can I apply for RISE?
As noted in the call for proposals , applications must be submitted through SMAppl .
Are there any restrictions on the number of applications an organization may submit or the roles they can hold across multiple proposals (as lead or as partner)?
There are no restrictions on the number of applications an organisation can submit or whether they

are a lead or partner in the submission; however, an organisation can only be selected for one award.
Where do we upload proof of registration for all partnered applicants?
To upload all necessary documents in SMaply, including the registration documents, declaration, budget, activity plan, and logframe, you will find it at the very end of the application after you complete the technical application questions. After completing the technical application questions, you will have the option to upload all the necessary documents before submitting the application.
What activities are not allowed for inclusion under RISE?
Read section 4.7 What RISE will not fund, in the call for proposals for a full list of ineligible activities / costs
For existing environmental projects, is it necessary to get approvals from the donor at the application stage?
Approvals are not needed in the application stage, we follow up on approvals at the due diligence stage should the project be selected.
What is expected to comply with each section of the application?
You can find all criteria for each section of the application in section 5.4 of the call for proposals .
Budget
How do I access the budget template?
Applications must be submitted using the online application platform linked below https://rise.smaply.io/prog/rise_grants_challenge_call_for_proposals_2025/ When you start your application on the website linked above, the first stage is to download the budget, activity plan, logframe, and ESMS templates.
Do we have to allocate a budget sheet for each partner?
Yes, each partner should have their own budget sheet.
In what currency should budgets be developed?
The budget must be developed in dollars and local currency.
In the budget, how do we show indirect costs (and is there a set percentage for indirects)?
The requirements for indirect costs are specified in the budget template. The grant may be used to cover overheads/indirect costs up to a maximum of 7% of the pro rata share of the incurred direct project costs of the Project.
Are there any restrictions on items that can be purchased under this project?

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