



Sustainable Energy  
Fund for Africa

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Funding requests

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**African Development Bank (AfDB)**  
SEFA, Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa



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# Our Eligibility Criteria

Funding requests must be aligned with SEFA's three strategic priorities: (i) Green Baseload; (ii) Green Mini-Grids; (iii) Energy Efficiency.

Special attention will be given to proposals which: (i) are implemented in countries with limited renewable energy experience; (ii) present demonstration and replication potential, with "first-of-a-kind" features; (iii) provide cross-cutting benefits across several domains such as agriculture, education, food, gender, health, and water.

Due consideration will also be given to aspects of economic and financial viability, namely through strong alignment with national plans and strategies, cost-competitiveness and quality of service, and ability to generate returns and attract additional investors.

Finally, applications will be assessed across a range of indicators and anticipated development outputs and outcomes, including: (i) commercial finance leveraged by the project; (ii) MW of sustainable energy generation installed (and/or degree of energy efficiency achieved); (iii) new jobs created, disaggregated by gender, and; (iv) annual GHG emission reductions delivered.

## Our Process and Timeline

The SEFA Technical Unit reviews all application forms received and advises on eligibility, strategic alignment/priority and readiness for further processing. Additional information may be requested as part of this initial assessment. Applications that clear this screening stage will then enter the pipeline and move to the appraisal stage. During the appraisal stage, a thorough due diligence will be conducted, and if cleared, the project will be presented to subsequent management committees and African Development Bank Board of Directors for clearance and final approval or Vice President depending on the application amount.

## Submit a Funding Request

To submit a funding request, complete **this application form** and submit it to **[sefa.application@afdb.org](mailto:sefa.application@afdb.org)**.

**Given the high volume of requests, we regret that we are unable to support all requests for SEFA funding.**



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