The Global Fund has improved its approach in order to have a bigger impact on the three diseases. Changes have been made to the application and review processes for the 2017-2019 funding cycle. These processes are now customized according to different country circumstances to better serve people in need.

We all share a vision of a world free of the burden of HIV, tuberculosis and malaria. For the 2017-2019 funding cycle the Global Fund will invest as effectively as possible to meet the diverse needs of people affected by the diseases and to accelerate the end of the epidemics.
How does it work?

**ALLOCATION:** The Global Fund communicates to each eligible applicant their available allocation of funding as well as the application approaches they are eligible for.

**NATIONAL STRATEGIES:** Countries are requested to use their national strategies as the basis for developing their funding requests to the Global Fund.

**COUNTRY DIALOGUE:** All those involved in the response to the diseases, together with the communities affected by the diseases, participate in an ongoing conversation about the best way to invest the available funds.
FUNDING REQUEST: Applicants can submit their funding requests separately for each program (HIV, TB, malaria) or as a complete package. This can also include investments for building resilient and sustainable systems for health. For countries with high TB and HIV co-infection rates, a joint funding request should be submitted. During the 2017-2019 cycle there are a number of opportunities for countries to submit their funding requests.

REVIEW: Completed funding requests go to the Technical Review Panel, an independent body that assesses the quality of the proposal. They may ask for changes, or make recommendations for grant-making or implementation.

GRANT-MAKING: Once the funding request has been evaluated, it moves to the grant-making stage, during which details are worked out with the grant implementer.

APPROVAL: The funding request is then presented to the Global Fund’s Grant Approvals Committee, which confirms the grant is ready to be disbursed. As a final step, the Board of the Global Fund approves the grant and the first tranche of funding is disbursed.

What’s new about this funding cycle?

Because the needs and the capabilities differ from one country to another, the Global Fund has “right-sized” the funding request and review processes. There are now three types of funding requests, and which one your country will submit will depend on country circumstances.

FUNDING REQUEST:

PROGRAM CONTINUATION
Simplifies and streamlines the funding application process so a group of pre-defined programs can continue with minimal interruption.

TAILORED APPLICATIONS
Funding application requirements are tailored for challenging operating environments, programs preparing for transition to national funding, countries identified for unique national strategy-based approaches, and countries seeking program changes in defined areas.

FULL APPLICATIONS
These applications reflect a complete review of a program’s approach and strategic priorities to ensure programs have the greatest impact.

The level of detail required in the funding request will depend on the which application approach is being used.

In the case of program continuation, a checklist confirming there have been no significant changes affecting the program is required. For tailored review, the documentation required will depend on factors such as if a country is a challenging operating environment or has programs approaching transition. A full application includes a higher level of detail.

REVIEW:
The review process has also been modified for the 2017-2019 funding cycle. The Technical Review panel will tailor the depth of its review to the type of funding request submitted.

REPROGRAMMING FUNDS
Conditions in countries change and programs needs to be able to change with them. Countries can revise their programs during the application process, during grant-making, or during implementation.
How can I be considered for Global Fund funding?

Each Country Coordinating Mechanism establishes its own process and timeline for receiving proposals and requests for funding from potential implementers. In each country, the Country Coordinating Mechanism chooses the main implementers, known as “Principal Recipients”. Principal Recipients are generally selected before the funding request is submitted.

Principal Recipients choose sub-recipients during the grant-making process.

If you have a program or an organization for which you would like to seek funding, the first step would be to get in contact with the Country Coordinating Mechanism for your country.

Practical suggestions:

1. Be familiar with your country’s national strategic plans to fight HIV, TB and malaria. If your country is in the process of updating or revising its national strategic plan, ask that key and vulnerable populations be included in the process.

2. Prepare a strong case for funding your activities, and demonstrate how your planned activities will fit into the national strategic plans and support national priorities.

3. Make sure your organization is prepared to undergo rigorous screening to serve as an implementer, based on the Global Fund’s minimum standards for Principal Recipients.

4. Include any need for technical assistance or capacity building in your proposal.

5. Make sure your Country Coordinating Mechanism knows you would like to participate in the country dialogue, which will be the basis for preparing the funding request.

6. Download the Global Fund funding request templates and information from the website to become familiar with standard interventions and minimum standards for Principal Recipients.

To find the contact information for your country’s Country Coordinating Mechanism, visit the Global Fund website www.theglobalfund.org and select your country’s page from “Where We Invest”.

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