Call for Municipal Capital Investment Ideas

**The Capital Investment Facility (CIF) for Sustainable Urban Development invites all Kosovo municipalities to submit innovative, climate friendly and bottom-up ideas to join the CIF for potential further development and co-financing of infrastructure projects. Joint proposals of two or more municipalities and/ or with civil society organizations are strongly encouraged.**

**KEY PRINCIPLES**

**Social cohesion - jointly shaping coexistence across local communities**

**Intermunicipal cooperation – working across boundaries for common agendas**

**Sustainable urban renewal - designing climate friendly, vibrant neighborhoods**

**OBJECTIVE**

The overall objective of CIF is to support the physical construction or arrangement of sustainable facilities or infrastructure or services (socio-economic, environmental, technical, etc.) that are beneficial to the environment and local communities with a direct impact on people’s lives in support of the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals. This could be achieved for example through advancing the revitalization and redevelopment of public spaces as neutral places of civic interaction or enhancing the environmental quality or preserving cultural heritage. The CIF actively promotes and demonstrates the added-value of inter-municipal cooperation (IMC) through support cost-sharing and economies of scale in enhancement of inclusive green regional infrastructure and service provision.

Through co-financing capital investment projects, the Capital Investment Facility (CIF 2.0) also aims to transfer knowledge and enhance capacities of municipal officials with relevant stakeholders to plan, select and design public projects and to manage and monitor the implementation process as well as the future sustainable operations and management of assets. Beyond turning the plans into concrete improvements on the ground, this component will be supporting the empowerment of communities and their representatives to understand and to participate in ‘climate smart’ project development, implementation and monitoring, to enhance the proper use and sustainability of the interventions and thereby to add to the quality of people’s lives while actively supporting positive environmental outcomes which address climate change.

In addition to the support and joint process of CIP development, the government will also be provided with an information paper on strategic planning of the capital investment that will assist local government with enhancing performance on selecting prioritized capital investment ideas in the multi-partied environment of donors, grants and borrowing.

The desired outcomes from the CIF are as follows:

* Prioritized capital projects selected and implemented jointly by municipalities and stakeholders
* Strengthened use and promotion of inter-municipal initiatives and projects
* Municipal staff capacitated in project cycle management
* Guidelines and/or narrative reports on the process of CIPs published
* Physical and natural environments upgraded and improved with focus on supporting local climate action
* Methods for transparent planning and design as well as increased capacities in joint project development established
* Stakeholder groups, including business community, public utilities, communities and civil society organizations have a stronger sense of ownership of CIPs and development projects
* Implementation of capital investment projects reflected in municipal budgets

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

In order to support the applicants with necessary information and partners’ experience on project identification/ selection, the UN-Habitat/MLGA CIF team will organize 7 regional based workshops and a pre-finalization meeting with all the municipal and CSO counterparts. Dates and invitations will be shared in due time.

The following e mail addresses will be available for the questions/ clarifications (blerta.halimi@rks-gov.net and sami.stagova@un.org)

Project proposals have to meet **the** **criteria (Annex 1)** andhave to be described using the **project proposal template (Annex 2).** In case of joint proposal of two or more municipalities, the **IMC package** is also attached **(Annex 3).** Entire application package can be downloaded in the following link (<https://mapl.rks-gov.net/en/capital-investment-instrument/>).

Please note that the **deadline for the submission of proposals is 28 February 2022.** The project proposal package is **submitted through e mail** (info@unhabitat-kosovo.org).

**WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?**

1. Submit your proposal to us (not later than 28February 2022, 17:00 CET);
2. The panel will conduct a first assessment of the project ideas. You may be reached out for more information regarding the project selection;
3. If your project idea is selected, CIF will approve the further development and finalization of the detailed project proposal. Potential recommendations must be included;
4. Pre-final project proposal must be presented to CIF review panel. Final recommendations will be issued; and
5. The agreement is signed, tendering process is carried out following by the project implementation.