

Application Procedures

Both smaller and larger grant proposals can be submitted to Operation Unit of the EPF Executive Office on working day. Applicants must follow standard guidelines, although the length of the application is not fixed. Proposals for larger grant application will be reviewed by at least two peer reviewers and requires endorsement by Executive Office or the EPF Board.



Non-eligible Activities

Applicants should be aware that certain activities are not eligible for funding through the 'Pollution Control' Window. Excluded are:

- Any activity requiring a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under the national regulatory framework;
- Activities which are a requirement under EIA regulation to mitigate or compensate environmental or social impacts of a project.
- Activity involving land acquisitions, loss of physical assets or physical displacements of populations;
- Supplying for big equipment such as vehicles (car, pick up, etc), goods and equipments;
- Big civil work;
- Activities adversely effecting ethnic groups (including their business, occupation, work, place of residence, habitat or standard of living).

Existing Grant System

The EPF is providing two types of grants:

- Smaller grants (<US\$10,000): aims at supporting smaller proposals on the hazardous chemical management, the pesticide management and the solid waste management.
- Larger grant (>US\$10,000): aims at supporting larger proposals of similar activities.

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Submittal and Inquiries:

Proposals may be submitted on working day. Final proposals must at least include one of the standard EPF application forms. These include:

- Standard Application Form for Smaller proposals (<10,000 US\$),
- Standard Application Form for Larger proposals (> 10,000 US\$).

Application forms are available from the EPF Office and from the EPF Website: <http://www.laoepf.org.la>.

For submittal of proposal and requests for additional information please contact:

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Environment Protection Fund

Guidelines for the Preparation of Proposals
for the 'Pollution Control'
Specialized Financing Window



Introduction

The Environment Protection Fund (EPF), established in 2005 as a financially and administratively autonomous organization, aims at strengthening environmental protection, sustainable natural resources management, biodiversity conservation, and community development in Lao PDR.

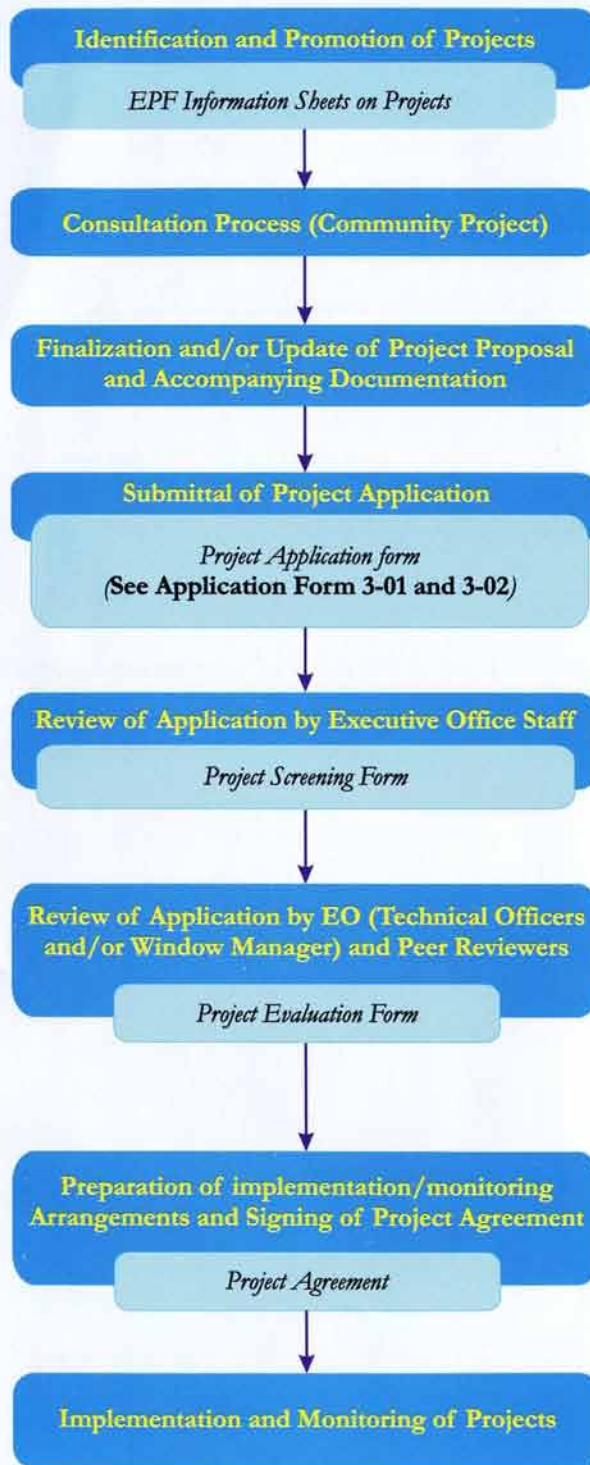
The EPF has established a 'Pollution Control' specialized financing window to support its goal to strengthen the management of environmental issues for enhancing quality of growth and reducing poverty. Through the 'Pollution Control' Window, the EPF aims to support activities, initiatives and projects related to:

- The hazardous chemical management;
- The pesticide management; and
- The waste management.

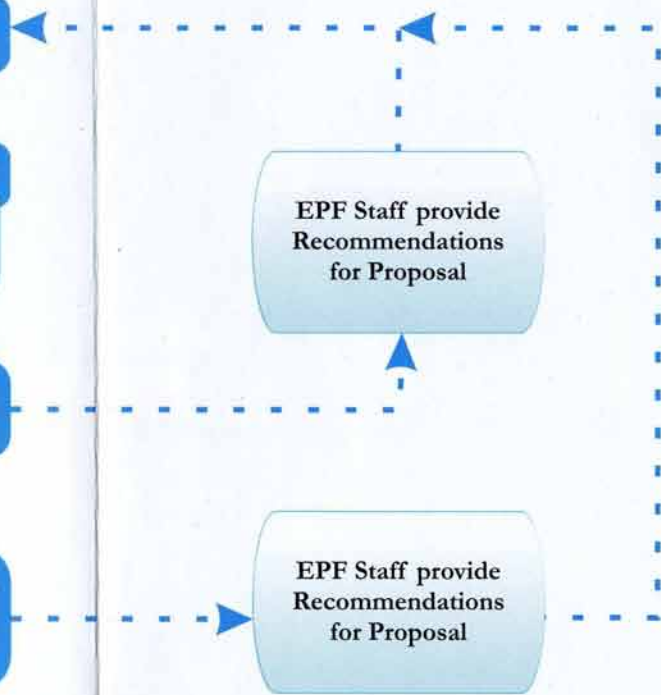
Scope of Funding

Funding can be made available upon the review and approval by the EPF Executive Office or Board of Directors. To ensure that the proposals contribute towards the overall objectives of the Window, basic selection criteria being applied include:

- ☞ Compliance with the National Environmental Strategy;
- ☞ Compliance with the overall objectives of the environmental management and community development;
- ☞ Identification and incorporation of local or regional pollution control priorities.
- ☞ Demonstrated commitment of staff time and resources by implementing partners to ensure successful implementation;
- ☞ Clear and assessable outputs and results;
- ☞ Feasibility of delivering outputs with the resources proposed.
- ☞ The extent to which the proposal recognizes and incorporates lessons learned in previous initiatives in Lao PDR or in the South-East Asian region;
- ☞ The extent to which the proposal is able to provide added value by leveraging funds from additional sources that would otherwise not be available.



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