

Processes and Procedures for EGPS Grants

Background

Following a Board Member’s request for documentation of the EGPS grant application process at the EITI Board meeting on October 16-17 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the EGPS Secretariat has drafted the below outline of its processes and procedures for EGPS grants.

Extractives Global Programmatic Support (EGPS) is a World Bank Trust Fund that finances both Recipient-executed (RE) and Bank-executed (BE) grants for project finance on a demand-driven basis. Project selection is entrusted to the EGPS Secretariat. The EGPS Secretariat uses a competitive process to allocate the funds. However, low income-countries and countries facing Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV)-affected are prioritized.

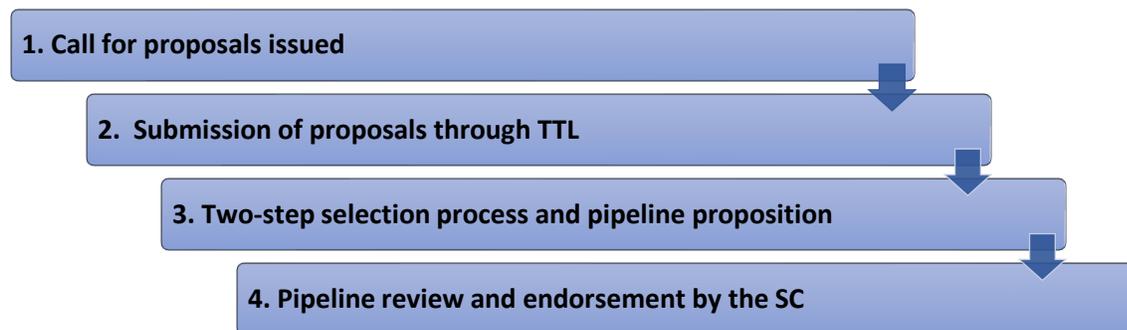
What grants are Recipient-executed (RE)? All projects that produce a product that is to be owned by the recipient (such as an EITI report or a new regulation) must be Recipient Executed. RE grants are generally proposed and implemented by government institutions. They may however also be proposed and implemented by eligible **CSOs or non-governmental organizations (NGOs)**¹.

Bank Executed grants (BE) are proposed and implemented by Bank staff and mostly finance knowledge work or capacity building.

Average grant preparation time (from approval by the Steering Committee (SC) to project implementation) is 4 months for Bank-executed grants and 6 months for recipient-executed grants.

Processes and Procedures

Please find below the processes and procedures for all EGPS grants.



¹ For information on eligible organizations please consult with the World Bank’s Task Team Leader (TTL) or write to EGPS@worldbank.org

1. Call for proposals

- Going forward, the EGPS Secretariat plans two Calls for Proposals per year.
- The call for proposals is announced to the donors on the Steering Committee (SC), EITI International Secretariat, and the client countries / EITI national secretariats through the WB Country Office and Task Team Leaders (TTLs)².
- The Call for Proposals provides information on available funding, selection criteria and is normally issued 2-3 months ahead of the SC meeting.

2. Submission of proposals through TTL

- Proposals are prepared using the template provided by the EGPS Secretariat and in consultation with WB TTLs, clients country representatives, and the country management unit. **This process is led by a TTL³.**

3. Two-step selection process and pipeline proposition

- I. In the first stage, proposals are pre-screened by the EGPS Secretariat. Projects must:
 - Be ready for implementation
 - Demonstrate a clear demand and strong government ownership
 - Show consistency with the relevant World Bank Country Partnership Framework
 - Demonstrate approval by the World Bank country management unit
- II. In the second stage, a Selection Committee from the World Bank's Energy and Extractives Global Practice reviews proposals that pass this initial pre-screening evaluation. This Selection Committee selects grants based on the project selection criteria⁴, with a focus on:
 - Measurable impact
 - Clear monitoring and evaluation of EGPS performance indicators
 - Soundness of proposal
 - Strategic alignment with other World Bank work

In addition to the above, global Bank-Executed projects are also assessed against:

- A clearly defined audience and dissemination plan
- The potential to spark innovation and inform extractive industries reform measures

Projects that fulfil the above two-stage criteria are eligible for funding and will be added to the project pipeline, provided funding availability and availability of World Bank staff/TTL for supervision / implementation.

4. Pipeline review and endorsement by the EGPS Steering Committee

- The EGPS Secretariat shares the proposed project pipeline (including project descriptions) with the Steering Committee for their review and endorsement during the Steering Committee meeting.

Note on EITI

For EITI grant proposals, please note that the **likelihood of EGPS funds catalyzing effective implementation of the EITI Standard, in a way that leads to sustained improvements in extractive industries revenue transparency**, is a key selection criterion. EGPS provides support throughout the EITI cycle. Newcomers are eligible for grants to support the preparation of candidature. The EGPS does not provide continuous long-term financing of EITI implementation in a country, while more than two consecutive grants will be awarded only in exceptional cases.

² For questions on future Calls for Proposals, please write to EGPS@worldbank.org

³ If interested parties do not have contact to a TTL, please write to EGPS@worldbank.org

⁴ As defined in the EGPS concept document, approved by the SC.