



Funding Options for Environmental/Clean Tech Projects

USAID - Development Innovation Hub

DIV is interested in innovations that are expected to lead to transformative (as opposed to incremental) improvements that could ultimately scale across multiple developing countries and, ideally, multiple sectors in these countries. DIV recognizes that development breakthroughs can come from anywhere—a lab in a university, a local organization, or a passionate entrepreneur. Development Innovation Hub <https://www.usaid.gov/div>

Global Resilience Partnership

The Global Resilience Partnership, spearheaded by The Rockefeller Foundation and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), aims to help millions of people in the Sahel, the Horn of Africa, and South and Southeast Asia build stronger and more resilient futures.

<http://www.globalresiliencepartnership.org>

Department of Energy (DOE)

The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) works with business, industry, universities, and other organizations to increase the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. One way EERE encourages the growth of these technologies is by offering financial assistance opportunities for their development and demonstration. Most EERE awards are selected competitively through funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) and solicitations. Competition ensures that EERE selects awards based on merit, which results in better award outcomes. <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov>

DOE Loan Program

LPO investments accelerate the deployment of innovative clean energy projects and advanced technology vehicle manufacturing facilities across the United States. Our team of technical, financial, environmental, and legal professionals is dedicated to advancing an all-of-the-above energy strategy that avoids, reduces, or sequesters greenhouse gases. <https://apply.loanprograms.energy.gov>

DOE's Small Business Vouchers Pilot Program

New Small Business Vouchers Pilot will connect clean energy innovators across the country with the top-notch scientists, engineers, and world-class facilities at National Laboratories. Goal of the pilot is to help small businesses bring next-generation clean energy technologies to the market faster by enabling them to access lab expertise and tools. <http://energy.gov/articles/new-national-labs-pilot-opens-doors-small-businesses>

SBA Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program

Highly competitive program that encourages domestic small businesses to engage in Federal Research/Research and Development (R/R&D) that has the potential for commercialization. Through a competitive awards-based program, SBIR enables small businesses to explore their technological potential and provides the incentive to profit from its commercialization. By including qualified small businesses in the nation's R&D arena, high-tech innovation is stimulated and the United States gains entrepreneurial spirit as it meets its specific research and development needs.



<https://www.sbir.gov/about/about-sbir#sbir-program>

A few federal programs provide grants to small firms engaged in scientific research and development (R&D). The federal government's SBIR (Small Business Innovation Research) and STTR (Small Business Technology Transfer) programs award a specific percentage of federal R&D funds to qualified small businesses. SBIR/STTR programs encourage small firms to undertake scientific research that helps meet federal R&D objectives, and have high potential for commercialization if successful.

<https://www.sba.gov/content/environmental-grants-loans> -

UC Berkeley - On Ramp

If you have a Big Idea that could change the world and need help getting up and running, the Berkeley OnRamp is here for you. The OnRamp provides hundreds of high quality resources that can turn your Big Ideas into the next big thing (and into big social impact): funding opportunities, startup incubator programs, training programs, and much more! <http://onramp.berkeley.edu>

Climate CoLab

The goal of the Climate CoLab is to harness the collective intelligence of thousands of people from all around the world to address global climate change. Inspired by systems like Wikipedia and Linux, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Center for Collective Intelligence has developed this crowdsourcing platform where citizens work with experts and each other to create, analyze, and select detailed proposals for what to do about climate change. <http://cci.mit.edu/>

SBA Growth Accelerator Fund Competition

The U.S. Small Business Administration has offices across the country, including Small Business Development Centers and Women's Business Centers.

https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/growth_accelerator_competition_1Pager.pdf

U.S. Trade and Development Agency

The U.S. Trade and Development Agency helps companies create U.S. jobs through the export of U.S. goods and services for priority development projects in emerging economies. USTDA links U.S. businesses to export opportunities by funding project planning activities, pilot projects, and reverse trade missions while creating sustainable infrastructure and economic growth in partner countries.

<https://www.ustda.gov/program>

Overseas Private Investment Corporation

OPIC mobilizes private capital to help solve critical development challenges and in doing so, advances U.S. foreign policy. Because OPIC works with the U.S. private sector, it helps U.S. businesses gain footholds in emerging markets, catalyzing revenues, jobs and growth opportunities both at home and abroad. OPIC achieves its mission by providing investors with financing, guarantees, political risk insurance, and support for private equity investment funds. American small businesses are an OPIC priority, comprising on average 80 percent of projects supported by the agency annually. OPIC's Department of Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Finance offers qualified small businesses a streamlined approval process and direct loans from \$350,000 to \$10 million with terms from three to 15 years. While the eligible U.S. small business must own at least 25 percent of the overseas project, OPIC may be able to finance up to 65 percent of the total project cost. OPIC has conducted more than a dozen small business workshops around the United States since 2006, educating nearly 1600 business owners about OPIC products and services.



<https://www.opic.gov/doing-business-us/applicant-screener>

International Funding

U.S. Mission to South Africa

<http://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?fundingCategories%3DENV%7CEnvironment>

Purpose of Small Grants: PAS awards a limited number of grants, subject to the availability of funds, to non-profit organizations, non-profit academic institutions, and individuals to support exchange between the U.S. and South Africa with the aim of improving mutual respect and understanding. PAS gives priority to the following themes and initiatives: • Culture / American Society; • Educational Initiatives; • Democracy, Good Governance, and Rule of law; • Human Rights and Civil Society; • Science and Technology; • Youth leadership and development; • Climate Change; • Entrepreneurship and Innovation. PAS will ONLY consider grants that have an American component or aspect in their proposal.

Limited Excess Property Program

<https://www.usaid.gov/partnership-opportunities/ngo/limited-excess-property-program>

The LEPP employs an innovative model of recovery and reuse to promote sustainability, improve lives and build local capacity in developing countries by providing Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs), USAID Missions and their partners' access to U.S. Government excess property.

LocalWorks

<https://www.usaid.gov/partnership-opportunities/ngo/localworks>

localworks is an opportunity to promote the capacity for locally-owned and led development by strengthening networks of local development actors and increasing access to local resources. At least three Missions will be competitively selected to implement a multi-year localworksprogram. Missions will receive specialized financial, technical, and human resource support to help create bridges between key local actors. The program is open to all sectors and regions.

Environmental Justice Small Grants Program:

<http://www3.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html>

The Environmental Justice Small Grants Program supports and empowers communities working on solutions to local environmental and public health issues. The program assists recipients in building collaborative partnerships to help them understand and address environmental and public health concerns in their communities. Successful collaborative partnerships involve not only well-designed strategic plans to build, maintain, and sustain the partnerships, but also working towards addressing the local environmental and public health issues.

Environmental Education

<http://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>

EPA seeks grant proposals from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques.



Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) Coordinating Center (U2C)
<http://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?fundingCategories%3DENV%7CEnvironment>

The purpose of this FOA is to support a Coordinating Center for the Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) program. The ECHO Coordinating Center will provide the organizational framework for the management, direction, and overall coordination of all common ECHO activities.

Communities Grant Program

<http://www.nfwf.org/environmentalsolutions/Pages/2016RFP.aspx>

Promotes sustainable communities through Environmental Solutions for Communities by supporting highly-visible projects that link economic development and community well-being to the stewardship and health of the environment.

Environmental Grant Program

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/csr/ea/environmental-giving>

Two environmental grant programs - focused on addressing local environmental priorities in our communities and providing support that fosters innovation to help accelerate a "green" economy.

Environmental Governance Capacity Building Program

<http://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-06/documents/rfp-orba-final-508.pdf>

The proposed program will provide capacity building through the development and implementation of projects in areas, including but not limited to: water resource management-- surface and groundwater, drinking water, and wastewater management-- solid waste management, air quality management, greenhouse gases (GHG), black carbon, climate adaptation and resiliency, emergency response capacity, environmental impact assessments (EIA), public participation/social inclusion, and environmental enforcement and compliance.

FOR PROFIT FINANCING

Finance for Resilience (FiRe) is an open and action-oriented platform that collects, develops and helps implement powerful ideas to accelerate finance for clean energy, climate, sustainability and green growth. FiRe focuses on actionable interventions that are led primarily by the private sector, bear the potential of significant incremental finance and can be implemented independently from the international policy process of climate change. <http://www.financeforresilience.com/us/>

Inspired Evolution Investment Management

<http://inspiredevolution.co.za/>

Inspired Evolution's investment philosophy centres on long-term equity and equity-related investing based on rigorous sustainability research. Sustainability analysis therefore represents a core principle of our pre- and post-investment cycle. The performance enhancement or turn around to long-run



performance is measured within a suite of sustainability indicators defining Inspired Evolution's differentiated investment strategy and added value.

Metier

<http://www.metier.co.za>

Metier is a proven leader in the area of private equity, alternative assets and related advisory services. The company was founded in 2004 and raised South Africa's largest private equity fund in terms of third party local commitments. It has an established team which ranks amongst the largest and most experienced in the industry. Metier has a strong track record in private equity investing and selective M&A advice that confirms its leadership status.

Global Environment Fund

<http://www.globalenvironmentfund.com>

Global Environment Fund (GEF) is a global alternative asset manager with approximately \$1 billion in assets under management. Established in 1990, GEF has grown into one of the world's most successful investment firms dedicated to the energy, environmental, and natural resources sectors.

Search engines for funding:

1. US grants: Grants.gov
2. Philanthropy News Digest:
http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps?search=1&tags_interest%5B%5D=environment
3. National Institutes of Health: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps_2012/nihgps_ch18.htm
4. Maximus: <http://www.maximus.com/corporate-citizenship/maximus-foundation/grant-application>
5. African Development Bank: <http://www.afdb.org/en/topics-and-sectors/initiatives-partnerships/climate-investment-funds-cif/>
6. Africa-EU Renewable Energy Cooperation Program: <http://www.africa-eu-renewables.org/>
7. Google Green Investments: <https://www.google.com/green/energy/investments/>
8. From Angel.co:
 - a. <https://angel.co/dadicool>
 - b. <https://angel.co/jkoehr>
 - c. <https://angel.co/conorsibley>
 - d. <https://angel.co/clarenceau>
 - e. <https://angel.co/jim-forster>
 - f. <https://angel.co/markforrester>
 - g. <https://angel.co/jesse-hemson-struthers>