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Financial Support Mechanism

Grants for Waste Reuse Pilot: Recycling & Organic Waste to Composting

Years of conflict in Liberia devastated Monrovia's infrastructure and seriously weakened institutional and human resources capacities, resulting in a collapse of the solid waste management system and contributing poor living conditions. In recent years, investments by donors in the solid waste management system of Greater Monrovia have greatly improved the coverage for waste collection, but much still needs to be done. In the a 2016 Baseline Study conducted by Cities Alliance only 36 per cent of surveyed communities reported they have access to a regular solid waste collection service.

Grant Facility

Cities Alliance is supporting a grant facility to provide financial assistance to existing initiatives working in the solid waste sector in the areas of composting and recycling. This activity is embedded in the overall project framework on "Delivering Climate-Resilient Solid Waste Management Services in Greater Monrovia, Liberia through Community-Based Enterprises," which is funded by the European Union. The beneficiaries can use the funding to improve the existing processes in the sector of recycling and

composting that they are already conducting; or they can kick-start new processes and activity in the recycling or composting sector. Cities Alliance intends to award small grants in support of well-developed, costed, practical proposals that demonstrate how solid waste can be incorporated into a new or existing value chain.

Furthermore, the launch of the grant facility for composting and recycling investments introduces a window of opportunity for community-based enterprises (CBEs), private sector institutions and registered local groups of civil society to expand in the waste sector. Specifically, the project seeks to set up initiatives that create a value chain in the solid waste sector by replacing improper disposal of plastic and organic fraction with recycling or composting.

The grant facility has a total value for investment of \$924,000¹ (€840,000), divided into two schemes: Small Grants for Waste Reuse Pilot: Plastics (non-organic waste): \$462,000 (€ 420,000); and Small Grants for Waste Reuse Pilot: Organic Waste to Composting (transformation of organic waste) \$462,000 (€420,000).

The grant facility focuses on the following:



Award grants that will promote the transformation of sorted plastic and other recyclable waste into usable and marketable commodities.



Award grants that promote the separation of organic fraction from the solid waste to transform it into useable compost.



Contribute to sustainable economic growth through green businesses generating jobs in the primary waste collection sector through CBEs in informal settlements in Greater Monrovia.



Increase the number of active CBEs in the solid waste management system of Greater Monrovia working in recycling and composting activities.



Criteria

The grants for the enterprises working in the solid waste must take place within the geographic space of at least one of the 12 local authority areas of the Greater Monrovia area. Funding can be requested for grants between \$25,000 and \$50,000 with a clear costing demonstrating how the amount applied for is derived.



¹ All dollar amounts are in U.S. dollars, unless noted.



Project proposals will be assessed according to the following criteria: innovation; scope; geographic spread; thematic spread; environmental impact; gender mainstreaming; partnership, dialogue, consultations; local leadership or community involvement; scalability or transferability; implementation capacity; business plan and approach or sustainability; financing and budget; and risks and mitigations.

increased flooding, as the plastics block drains, among many other negative impacts.

The grant award to a winning proposal will be broken down into two separate budgets: soft activities (process, capacity building, communication, technical assistance, and so on) and hard activities (such as procurement of equipment and construction). The winning applicants will receive a direct

There are five fundamental steps in the approval process of a submitted proposal:



1
Submission of applications following the call for proposals



2
Eligibility check



3
Technical evaluation by an independent panel



4
Final decision



5
Formal approval and grant processing

Implementation of Grant Facility and Approach

The implementation of the grant facility opens a window to provide financial resources to CBEs and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) working in the waste sector in Greater Monrovia. The financial support to composting and recycling activities helps in developing an effective and integrated solid waste management system, especially considering that a big challenge is the environmental and financial cost associated with transporting unsorted plastics, glass, cans and food waste by polluting trucks to a methane leaking infill site. The huge cost of transporting unsorted waste often means that it is not actually collected from the transfer sites, creating both unhygienic living environments and contributing to

grant to manage and oversee the soft components of the proposal. In parallel, Cities Alliance will competitively appoint a consulting firm to work with the winning proposals to help identify procurement specifications of any required equipment and to design and oversee the construction of identified infrastructure in accordance with the required national safeguards.



Funding is available for projects with a duration up to 15 months. Considering the total amount of the grant

facility, the Cities Alliance expects to award a minimum of 18 grants, nine for composting and nine for recycling. An applicant organization is eligible to apply for the two types of grants provided that 50 per cent goes to composting and 50 per cent goes to recycling.

Formulation Guidelines

The investments can be done both in public and private land. It is also acceptable to invest in existing facilities. A community-level approach and a community-based model to manage and maintain the projects are highly encouraged. The proposal and all its activities must be formulated with a gender inclusive approach. The proposal must be formulated as a sustainable model to guarantee minimum functionality and reduce the risk of failure while operating. Each proposal must include a sustainability plan. The proposal can be implemented in more than one location, provided that each location takes a package of either composting or recycling. Public-private partnerships to implement the proposed projects are allowed. Partnerships between two or more institutions to implement the projects are allowed and encouraged.

Expected results

The expected results of the successful implementation of the grant facility are the following:



At least 18 grant agreements have been signed with CBEs, local private institutions, and groups of civil society.



\$924,000 have been awarded to local institutions in the form of grants for composting and recycling.



At least nine pilot projects have been successfully implemented in the composting sector.



At least nine pilot projects have been successfully implemented in the recycling sector.

About Cities Alliance

Cities Alliance is a global partnership that supports cities in delivering sustainable development and tackling urban poverty, with a particular focus on informality in secondary cities. It brings together all urban actors to foster well-run, sustainable cities that provide equal opportunities for all residents.



About Cities Alliance Liberia

The Cities Alliance Liberia Country Programme (LCP) provides long-term, programmatic support to help Liberia realise its developmental objectives. Launched in 2016 with funding from Comic Relief, it is an ambitious, multi-level, urban development programme that aims to improve the lives and opportunities of 400,000 slum dwellers in Greater Monrovia. It also includes two projects on primary waste collection (2018–2021) and innovative waste-to-energy initiatives (2018–2020) funded by the EU.

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