Small Technical Grants for Assessments

Information Session
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Technical Overview
From Knowledge to Action for a Protected Planet

Action Component Main objective

**Improve biodiversity conservation** in *priority areas* through funding tangible on the ground actions that are addressing management and governance *priorities actions* identified by *diagnostic tools*. 
BIOPAMA AC Y4/5 - 4 calls for proposals

- **2020 RRG** call for proposals
- **2020 STGA** Open-ended call for proposals
- **2021 MG** call for proposals
- **2021 STG** call for proposals
The objective of this call for proposal is to increase the use of quantified management and governance assessment tools (PAME, PAGE) in ACP countries’ protected and conserved areas to define or update priorities for action to improve management and governance of these protected and conserved areas.
It is strongly recommended that all possible applicants for forthcoming BIOPAMA AC funding opportunities carry out a management and governance assessment that identifies such priorities for actions with associated enhancement plans.

Only priorities identified by these decision-support tools will be eligible for funding for the BIOPAMA AC grant calls to be organised in 2021.
What? ASSESSMENT(S)

- Quantified management and governance assessments (PAME, SAGE) including IMET, METT, RAPPAM, Green List, Enhancing our Heritage, SAGE, GAPA or equivalent – that identify the necessary enhancement plans with result-oriented priority actions, including the assessment of potential environmental and social risks of these.
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#### How?

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<th>Type of financial support</th>
<th>Maximum BIOPAMA funding Per grant</th>
<th>Maximum duration</th>
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<td>Small Technical Grants for Assessments</td>
<td>For management and/or governance assessments €20,000*</td>
<td>5 months Max.</td>
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Total financial allocation for the STGA call: **EUR 800,000**

* One STGA can support several assessments
BIOPAMA AC Small Technical Grants for Assessments Process

How? Rolling submission/review/award

Open-Ended Call
Nov. 2020
January 2021

STGA process

BIOPAMA Regional teams

STGA proposals

Rolling basis

BIOPAMA AC Validating Committee

BIOPAMA AC Secretariat

Rolling basis

Award – Rolling basis

5 Months
To be eligible for a BIOPAMA AC STGA, applicants must:

- be public or private legal entities (e.g. a registered/incorporated company or organisation) registered as a separate legal entity in an eligible ACP country;
- be in charge of or be involved in the protected and conserved area(s) management and/or governance at the national, sub-national or site level;
- be in charge of or be involved in the management of a transboundary conservation area;
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the grant, and not acting as an intermediary;
- not be a beneficiary of any other grant funded by the European Union (including EDF funds) for the same activities, in the same protected and conserved area(s), network or system of protected area or transboundary conservation area.
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Who?

- Status, constitutive documents have to be submitted with the application.

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<th>Applicant</th>
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<td>National/Sub-national agencies, authorities, organisations in charge of the management of protected area(s) at the national, sub-national or site level</td>
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<td>Organisations involved in protected and conserved area(s) management and/or governance at the national, sub-national or site level including: Country-based Non-Governmental Organisations, International Non-Governmental Organisations*, Regional Organisations</td>
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*special conditions apply to organisations established in an OECD country.

These organisations are eligible in the case of contracts that are implemented in a Least Developed Country (LDC) or a Highly Indebted Poor Country (HIPC), as included in the list of Official Development Assistance (ODA) recipients.
## STGA timeline

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<td>Launch of the STGA call</td>
<td>20 November 2020</td>
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<td>Deadline for requesting any clarifications from the BIOPAMA AC Regional Focal points Teams</td>
<td>19 January 2021</td>
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<td>Submission of STGA proposals</td>
<td>Open-call = Rolling basis</td>
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<td>Ultimate deadline for submission of STGA proposals</td>
<td>29 January 2021</td>
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<td>Consolidated Regional Evaluation reports sent to the Validating Committee</td>
<td>On a rolling basis</td>
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<td>Selection of projects by the Validating Committee to be awarded a BIOPAMA Small Technical Grant</td>
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<td>Notification to applicants of the results</td>
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<td>Signature of Grant Agreements</td>
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STGA - Useful info: [https://action.biopama.org/stga/](https://action.biopama.org/stga/)

**HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR A SMALL TECHNICAL GRANT FOR ASSESSMENT?**

The grant application process for STGA comprises a single stage, with the submission of a full proposal. All STGA proposals should be submitted electronically on the BIOPAMA Action Component Portal. Submissions on paper or by e-mail will not be accepted. Only applications submitted by the deadline stated in the description of the call and through the BIOPAMA Action Component Portal will be accepted.

**USEFUL DOCUMENTS AND LINKS**

- Guidelines for Applicants for STGA – EN
- Directrices Para Los Solicitantes – ES
- BIOPAMA Funding Alert #9
- Create your account and apply

**APPLICATION DOCUMENTS**

The following templates are being shared for reference. Interested organisations must note that applications must be submitted through the BIOPAMA Action Component Portal, by creating an account and logging in at the link app.biopama.org (see button above).

- Application Template
- Applicant’s Declaration Template
- Budget Template
STGA - Useful Documents: https://action.biopama.org/stga/
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Finance Overview
Overview

• Budget must be cost effective and clear.
• Justification of costs are mandatory, must be complete and clear.
• The budget of Small Technical Grants for Assessments is based on reimbursement of actual costs, Simplified Costs Option* where appropriate and/or on combination thereof.
• NO co-financing is required.
• Financial support to third parties(sub-granting) is not allowed
Eligible Costs

• Personnel costs*
• Travel and Subsistence
• Costs and Services
Non-Eligible Costs

• Debts and debt service charges (interest);
• Provisions for losses or potential future liabilities;
• Costs declared by the beneficiary(ies) and financed by another action or work programme;
• Purchases of land or buildings;
• In-kind contributions;
• Currency exchange losses;
• Credit to third parties;
• Costs leading to personal or private profit
Real costs vs simplified cost option (SCO)

**Real cost option:**
- Estimated costs are entered into budget.
- Reimbursement is based on actual costs
- Subjected to stringent financial reporting guidelines, every Euro-funded expenditure requires supporting documents
Real costs vs simplified cost option (SCO)

Simplified cost option:
• Unit rates agreed up front, based on evidence provided by the grantee.
• Agreed costs are paid on achieving outputs
• Lower administrative burden
• *For this grant simplified cost option is automatically applied for personnel costs (flat rate - will be discussed in budget overview) and travel and subsistence section of the budget.
Guidelines available here:

https://action.biopama.org/stga/
Thank you very much!