

# Clarification Questions

within Fast Track Challenge

“Moldova Sustainable Green Cities – Catalyzing investment in sustainable green cities in the Republic of Moldova using a holistic integrated urban planning approach”

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**UN House, 131, 31 August 1989 Street, Chisinau**

**Question 1:** What is the maximum percentage from the grant amount or the procurement of equipment?

**Answer:** There is no established limit for the procurement of the equipment.

**Question 2:** What is the area coverage of the project?

**Answer:** The area coverage of the project is the city of Chisinau.

**Question 3:** Regarding the procurement of the equipment?

**Answer:** Along with the procurement of the equipment, the company should focus on the project results bringing benefits to the Chisinau communities.

**Question 4:** The grant amount being too small, can not bring visible results at higher level.

**Answer:** The expectations are that these small grants to boost the start of small businesses, a kind of start-up, with a potential for replicability, scalability.

**Question 5:** Are applicable the projects that reduce harmful emissions?

**Answer:** Both projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and those that reduce emissions of harmful gases are welcome.

**Question 6:** Is it possible to interconnect a potential project with the air quality measurement sensors project?

**Answer:** Any collaboration between projects is welcome. If the idea of the new project contributes to reducing emissions of harmful gases and CO<sub>2</sub>, it is also welcome. In the event of selecting the potential proposal, support will be provided in establishing a collaboration between the new initiative with the already existing one.

**Question 7:** What can be the maximum amount of the implemented project?

**Answer:** There is no limit to the maximum amount of the implemented project. Irrespective of its maximum amount, the grant amount will be \$ 8,000. The amount of the co-financing will be at least 30% of the project value.

**Question 8:** Can the NGO be an applicant?

**Answer:** The NGO can not be a candidate under the Fast Track Challenge program but can come in partnership with a private entity that will apply for the grant. Moreover, NGOs can create private entities. It is also encouraged the partnership with different subdivisions, municipal departments, municipal enterprises.

**Question 9:** What is the implementation time of the project?

**Answer:** The implementation time of the project is 9 months.

**Question 10:** How is the grant allocated?

**Answer:** Funding is granted in 2 installments: the first tranche of 70% of the grant amount and the second one – 30% after the project implementation.

**Question 11:** How will the co-financing be presented?

**Answer:** Co-financing may be monetary and / or in-kind. If the applicant has several projects in implementation, it can be shown as co-financing, including activities from other projects, as long as they relate to the areas of interest of the Fast Track Challenge, complement each other and do not overlap.

**Question 12:** How does zero VAT apply?

**Answer:** VAT zero rate applies only to grant, not to the amount of co-financing.

**Question 13:** Will the Applicant Organization's experience be taken into consideration?

**Answer:** The experience per partnership will be taken into account. At the same time, we mention that this competition is a contest of ideas, focusing on their sustainability.