



Trade Facilitation
Agreement Facility
Grant Program

TFAF Grant Program
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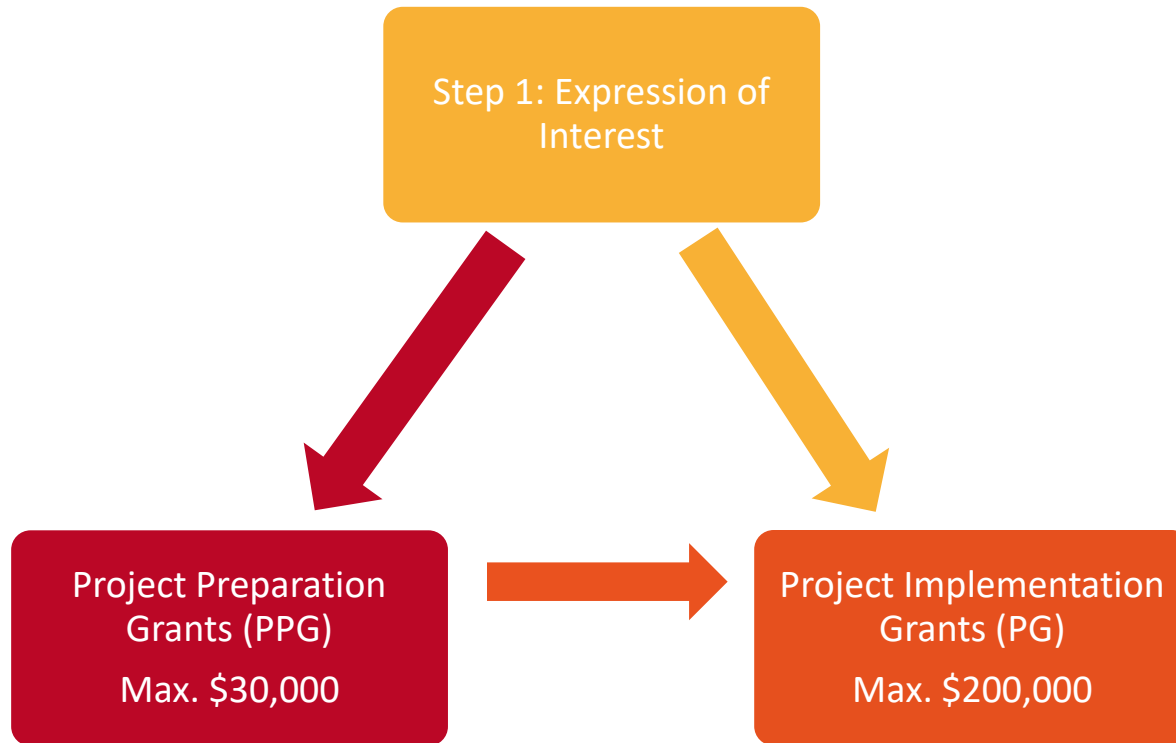
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Who can apply?

- Grants only for Members (not subject to administrative measures)
 - Observers can complete Expression of Interest process to identify donors
- Deposited TFA Instrument of Acceptance
- For implementation of notified category C provisions
- Must attempt to find donor first
- Applications endorsed by NTFC
- Regional applications endorsed by regional economic body



How to apply

<https://www.tfafacility.org/grant-program>

The TFAF will provide two types of grants to developing and LDC Members who have been unable to access support for their Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) commitments through regular channels and who meet the following criteria:

- The Member has ratified the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) Protocol of Amendment and deposited its Instrument of Acceptance with the WTO
- The Member has officially notified its category C provisions, as defined in Article 14 of the TFA
- The Member is not subject to administrative measures

Project Preparation Grants

Project preparation grants will be available in circumstances where a Member requires additional support to successfully apply for assistance to implement their category C provisions. Assistance provided under the project preparation grant will be up to a maximum value of US\$30,000.

Project Implementation Grants

Project implementation grants will be available for implementation of applicants' specific category C provisions of the Trade Facilitation Agreement. Assistance provided under the project implementation grants will be up to a maximum value of US\$200,000.





How to apply - Guidelines



WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility

Guidelines for applicants to the Grant Program

September 2018



Mécanisme pour l'Accord sur la facilitation des échanges de l'OMC

Indications pour la présentation de demandes de participation au programme de dons

Septembre 2018



Mecanismo para el Acuerdo sobre Facilitación del Comercio de la OMC

Directrices para los solicitantes del Programa de Donaciones

Septiembre de 2018

Expression of Interest - process

- Ensures grants program maintains intended backstop function not 1st port of call
- Basic, clear information on needs collected from applicant online
- Circulated to all donors for reaction
- Shorter (2-3 week) deadline for PPG requests
- Longer (3-4 week) deadline for PG requests
- **ESSENTIAL: Requests will be sent to donor experts who can respond to question: “Can you provide support to this request through traditional channels?” If no response, applicants will be considered eligible to apply**

Expression of Interest 1

Essential Criteria:

Before requesting support, an applicant **MUST** meet the following criteria:

- 1) The Member has ratified the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) Protocol of Amendment and deposited its Instrument of Acceptance with the WTO
- 2) The Member has officially notified its Category C provisions, as defined in Article 14 of the TFA
- 3) The Member is not subject to administrative measures (Members in level III or IV cannot apply)

Do you meet ALL the essential criteria stated above?*

Yes

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Expression of Interest 2

Member/Observer/Territory*

Select the member/observer/territory you are representing.

Your name*

Prefix

First Name

Last Name

Your Organization*

Your email*

*Please only use your work email

Your position

Phone

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Expression of Interest 3

Please select the TFA measures for which you need assistance.

- Art. 1.1 - Publication
- Art. 1.2 - Information Available Through Internet
- Art. 1.3 - Enquiry Points
- Art. 1.4 - Notification
- Art. 2.1 - Opportunity to Comment and Information before entry into force
- Art. 2.2 - Consultations
- Art. 3 - Advance Rulings
- Art. 4 - Right to Appeal or Review
- Art. 5.1 - Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections
- Art. 5.2 - Detention
- Art. 5.3 - Test Procedures
- Art. 6.1 - General Disciplines on Fees and Charges
- Art. 6.2 - Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges
- Art. 6.3 - Penalty Disciplines
- Art. 7.1 - Pre-arrival Processing
- Art. 7.2 - Electronic Payment
- Art. 7.3 - Separation of Release
- Art. 7.4 - Risk Management

Expression of Interest 4

Art. 7.7 - Authorized Operators

Provide a brief description of the type of assistance your country/territory needs to implement Art. 7.7 - Authorized Operators *

What is the current state of implementation of Art. 7.7 - Authorized Operators? *

Please elaborate here

Expression of Interest 5

What Donors or Organizations have you approached to seek help implementing Art. 7.7 - Authorized Operators?*

- Austria
- Canada
- Australia
- European Union
- Finland
- France
- Germany / BMZ / GIZ
- Ireland
- Japan
- Netherlands, The
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Spain
- Sweden / Sida
- Switzerland / Seco
- United Kingdom / DFID
- International Trade Centre (ITC)
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- USA / USAID
- World Bank Group
- World Customs Organization (WCO)
- Other:

Expression of Interest 6

Please provide contact information of the Donors/Organizations you have approached

Name

First Name

Last Name

Position

Organization

Email

Please tell us which donor(s) has/have denied you assistance and the reason why they can't provide it.

Please elaborate here.

Please upload any documents relating to your unsuccessful requests for assistance

Expression of Interest 7

Coordination

Please list the government agencies that are expressing interest in obtaining the assistance requested (this should include the National Trade Facilitation Committee).

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Take away points

- We need 2 representatives from developing countries to sit on selection committee for PGs
 - Project management & TF experience - CV
 - Agreement from hierarchy to commit time
 - Need top recuse if conflict of interest
- TFAF secretariat here to help