The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives - *China*

**Program Description**

The *Embassy of Canada in China* is pleased to launch its annual call for proposals for the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI).

The CFLI is a program designed to support small-scale, high-impact projects in developing countries, which align with Global Affairs Canada’s thematic priority areas for engagement. The program is directed at projects conceived and designed predominantly by local partners. Projects are selected and approved by the relevant Canadian embassy or high commission. The CFLI also serves to support positive bilateral relations between Canada and recipient countries and their civil societies, by deepening contacts and supporting local endeavours.

**Thematic priorities**

All projects must align with at least one of the following CFLI thematic priorities:

* *gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.*
* *inclusive governance, including diversity, democracy, human rights and the rule of law.*
* *peace and security, with a focus on conflict prevention and building peace.*
* *human dignity, covering health, education and nutrition.*
* *growth that works for everyone, including women’s economic rights, decent jobs and entrepreneurship, investing in the poorest and most vulnerable, and safeguarding economic gains.*
* *environment and climate action focusing on adaptation and mitigation, as well as on water management.*

**Organizations eligible to apply for CFLI funding**

Eligible recipients include:

* local non-governmental, community and not-for-profit organizations;
* local academic institutions working on local projects;
* international, intergovernmental, multilateral and regional institutions, organizations and agencies working on local development activities;
* municipal, regional or national government institutions or agencies of the recipient country working on local projects, and
* Canadian non-governmental and not-for-profit organizations that are working on local development activities.

The majority of CFLI funding is to be directed toward local civil society organizations (including non-governmental organizations) and other institutions working at the local level. Other entities, such as international, intergovernmental, multilateral and regional organizations may be eligible for funding, provided they are working with local partners and on local projects that are consistent with the objectives of the CFLI. Similarly, municipal, regional and national government institutions may receive funding, provided that their projects are essentially local in nature. The CFLI is always looking to fund innovative projects that deliver measurable results.

**Gender-based analysis (GBA)**

In 2017, Canada adopted its Feminist International Assistance Policy to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls as the most effective way to reduce poverty and build a more inclusive, peaceful and prosperous world. In alignment with this policy, the CFLI project application process now requires a gender-based analysis (GBA). The purpose of this change is to enhance the gender equality outcomes of the CFLI program.

A GBA will require applicants to:

* consider how women, girls, men, and boys are affected differently by the problem their project is aiming to address, ensuring, at the same time, that the project does not cause harm;
* consult women and/or girls in the development of their project proposal; and
* ensure that the views of those women and/or girls inform the project’s design.

Note that consultations can include, but are not limited to, speaking to women and girls from the local community, women and other individuals who work for civil society organizations that have worked in the local community and female and male decision and change makers who have knowledge of the local community.

Inadequate completion of a GBA may affect the consideration of your proposal.

**Two-year programming**

*Projects spanning two fiscal years (April 2019 to March 2021) may be permitted depending on the project objectives and the complexity of activities.*

**Eligible costs**

The following project costs are eligible for CFLI funding:

* administrative and overhead costs specifically related to the project (these should not exceed 20% of the total CFLI contribution);
* capital and/or operating expenditures related to the lease and/or purchase and/or building of infrastructure;
* installation, maintenance, shipping and/or transportation costs, including fuel, computers and communication devices;
* civic education costs;
* conference and event expenditures;
* hospitality costs, excluding alcoholic beverages;
* training and capacity building expenditures;
* costs of services received by recipients;
* outreach, communication and information dissemination costs;
* environmental assessment costs;
* advocacy and lobbying related costs;
* legal costs;
* accounting costs;
* medical costs;
* publishing costs;
* radio and television broadcast fees;
* facilities and equipment rental charges;
* research-related costs;
* salary costs relating to the project;
* security costs;
* translation and interpretation fees;
* domestic travel expenses, using lowest fares possible but not exceeding full fare economy class
* lease or rental of vehicles;
* vehicle and equipment operation, installation and/or maintenance;
* website development and related costs; and
* miscellaneous expenses integral to the project.

The following costs are **not** eligible for CFLI funding:

* core funding;
* expenses incurred prior to the signing of the contribution agreement, or after it expires;
* nuclear technologies and facilities;
* assistance to military or paramilitary organizations;
* gifts;
* luxury goods;
* direct fiscal support to a government.

**How to apply**

* The average CFLI contribution is in the range of $10,000 -$40,000 CAD. Consult the [currency converter](http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/exchange/currency-converter/) for local currency equivalents. Please note that all contributions are made in Canadian dollars and then converted to the local currency.
* All projects must be completed between the date of signature of the Contribution Agreement and February 28, 2020 (and for projects which span two years, they should be completed by February 28, 2021).
* **The deadline for submission is April 5, 2019 at 23:59 (GMT+8).**Applications submitted after this deadline will not be considered.Proposals should be submitted electronically to the following email: [BEJING.CanadaFund-FondsCanadien@international.gc.ca](mailto:BEJING.CanadaFund-FondsCanadien@international.gc.ca)
* Only those proposals using the designated application form and including the required budget document will be considered.
* For more information on the types of activities and costs that are eligible for CFLI funding, please refer to the list of CFLI approved activities and costs.
* Proposals must be completed in English, French or Chinese.
* Project proposals must explicitly answer all questions in the CFLI project application form, including the required gender-based analysis. The proposed project budget should summarize the proposed activities and associated costs.
* Applications will be assessed for approval on their merits by a selection committee.
* Due to the large number of applicants, only the successful candidates will be contacted.
* To obtain an application form or for questions about the application process, please contact the CFLI Coordinator by email at [BEJING.CanadaFund-FondsCanadien@international.gc.ca](mailto:BEJING.CanadaFund-FondsCanadien@international.gc.ca).
* Project applications are kept on file at missions in accordance with Global Affairs Canada’s information management policies.