

**THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP**



**URBAN AND MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT FUND**

**Call for Proposals**  
**Investing in Africa's cities**

**Submission Deadline:**  
**18pm (GMT) on 15 October 2023**

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## 1. Overview of UMDF

Urbanization is one of the most profound transformations that the African continent is undergoing. According to the recent report Africa's Urbanization Dynamics 2022, there is compelling evidence that this urban transformation is already contributing to higher economic growth and standards of living. African cities already contribute half of the continent's GDP and presents immense opportunities to accelerate progress towards the Global Goals 2030 and African Union 2063 Agenda. For Africa's cities to realize the full potential of being the continent's engines of green growth and prosperity they need to overcome infrastructure and service deficits, build resilience and improve livability for all citizens.

Recognizing the continuously growing demands from countries to support transformative investments in Africa's cities, the Bank in 2019 launched the Urban and Municipal Development Fund (UMDF). The UMDF aims to facilitate the Banks's engagement in and with cities across the continent and aims to respond to the emerging needs of countries and cities to improve **urban governance and planning, and mobilize investments for more climate resilient, livable and productive urban development**. Visit UMDF's [website](#) for more information about the Fund and its work.

## 2. Call or Proposals

The Urban and Municipal Development Fund (UMDF) is pleased to announce the Launch of the Call for Proposal (CfP) for its the 2024 Work Program.

### Priority Countries:

- Ghana
- Egypt
- Demographic Republic of Congo
- Senegal
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Kenya
- Ethiopia
- Angola

### Second Priority:

All other AfDB regional Member Countries.

## **Priority Sectors:**

1. Multi-Sector Projects [whereby at least 2 Bank sectors form part of the proposal]
2. Infrastructure & mobility
3. Water, Waste & Sanitation
4. Energy
5. Environment and Biodiversity.
6. Climate & Green Growth
7. IT
8. Urban Planning and Governance

## **Selection Criteria**

All proposed projects should be located in cities (a specific city or cluster of cities, towns and settlements) and have clear urban development objectives, climate resilience and equity benefits, and performance indicators with expected outcomes and clear targets. Proposals must be complete and submitted in the relevant Project Brief template ( in annex 1) including the required annexes. In preparing a request for financing, due consideration should be given to the following:

- (i) political commitment of the country and city expressed through a support letter,
- (ii) relevance in terms of impact in at least one of the UMDf priority areas.
- (iii) Economic, social and environment sustainability.
- (iv) Improve climate resilience through adaptation to climate change.
- (v) Improve gender equality.
- (vi) potential to transform a status quo, to be replicated and scaled up, leverage finance or lead to a Bank operation or investments by a third party or the city itself.
- (vii) support of measures already being taken by the country with respect to appropriate prioritization of urban development within the National (urban) Development Strategy, Country Diagnostic Notes, Country Strategy Papers or similar.
- (viii) ownership of the beneficiary and commitment through active participation in the activities proposed for technical or financial assistance.

## **Envelope:**

Current UMDf approvals range between 100.000 and 1.2 million \$US, with an average size of approximately 500.000 \$US. It is advisable to stay in this range. For submissions for projects that are already part of the Bank's IOP for 2024/2025, please reach out to the UMDf team to discuss the specific envelope.

## **3 Submission**

You are invited to submit your request by completing the Project brief or by sending a letter of request depending on the instrument with a letter from one or more Governments/Private entity

endorsed by a national Government. The request must be in French or English and will have to be submitted through email only to [umdf@afdb.org](mailto:umdf@afdb.org), with copy to [m.savadogo@afdb.org](mailto:m.savadogo@afdb.org), with copy to [a.cuadradogalardi@afdb.org](mailto:a.cuadradogalardi@afdb.org), and [y.ouattara-coulibaly@afdb.org](mailto:y.ouattara-coulibaly@afdb.org) , not later than **15th October 2023**, indicating '2023 UMDf Call for Proposals' as the subject of the email. The UMDf will accept submission in Microsoft Word, or Adobe pdf formats.

Applicants are advised to take note of these dates and ensure that their project proposals are submitted within the specified timeframe. We particularly recommend contacting the Urban Division Focal Points for the respective region to help with the development of the proposals.

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