

Supplementary Sustainable Water Fund Grant Programme for COVID-19 Activities – New Opportunities

Frequently Asked Questions

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The questions and responses below explain more about the Supplementary Sustainable Water Fund Grant Programme for COVID-19 Activities – New Opportunities.

1. What is the subsidy for?

The Supplementary Sustainable Water Fund Grant is for partnerships with ongoing FDW projects. The subsidy offers support for the development and implementation of new COVID-19-relevant plans that are based on the available project capacity. The subsidy helps deal with the local impact of the COVID-19 crisis.

Plans should focus on strengthening and adjusting available PPP capacity to help the community at the project location become less vulnerable to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The total available budget for the subsidy is 500,000 euros. Applicants can apply for up to 100,000 euros.

Please note: Only new plans and activities are eligible for this subsidy.

2. Who can apply for the subsidy?

The lead applicant of the FDW project. The lead applicant is responsible for the ongoing FDW project and must submit the FDW COVID-19 Support subsidy request.

The subsidy request considers the whole partnership and may cover parts or the whole FDW project. Costs related to this subsidy can be made by any member or members of the partnership, depending on the specific plan submitted with the subsidy request.

3. What criteria must you meet for this subsidy?

1. The FDW project has a final implementation date no sooner than 1 June 2022.
2. The FDW project can demonstrate a significant risk of impact from the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. The FDW partnership has clear, relevant and realistic new plans to reduce the COVID-19 risks and impact. You cannot apply with a proposal for extra funding for already planned FDW activities.
4. You have completed and sent the mandatory documents:
 - a. Request Form FDW COVID-19 Support
 - b. A completed COVID-19 Risk and impact Management Tool (CRMT) form or similar overview of COVID-19 risks and impact. If your organisation or PPP has a similar COVID-19 impact tool, you can use this instead of the CRMT.
5. You have submitted your complete subsidy application, including mandatory documents in English, before 27 August 2021 15:00 CEST.

4. What is the best approach when applying for this subsidy?

Register the COVID-19 risks and impacts on your project while developing your proposal.

If your partnership plans to work with third parties, get their written commitment before applying.

Please note: Your Netherlands Enterprise Agency project advisor may be able to offer advice on your idea. If you want advice from your project advisor, contact them as soon as you start preparing your application.

5. Who should benefit from this subsidy?

The groups that should benefit from this subsidy include low-income households, SMEs and smallholders in the project location. The partnership may benefit by developing and delivering COVID-19-related services to these groups.

We discourage proposal ideas that only benefit the FDW partnership and do not have a measurable positive impact on the target groups.

6. Is co-financing compulsory for the subsidy?

No. The subsidy is for improving COVID-19 resilience at the community level in FDW projects and the project location. Own contribution is not compulsory but recommended to increase the impact of the subsidy goals further.

7. Is co-financing possible?

Yes. Where possible, we recommend that FDW partnerships contact local counterparts for mutual financial or capacity support. Relevant third parties may help develop COVID-19 resilience at the project location.

The Netherlands Enterprise Agency encourages partnerships to enter into a strategic partnership for maximum impact. This could be with local authorities, development cooperation NGOs or emergency relief organisations.

8. My project does not offer drinking water or sanitation services. Is it eligible for the subsidy?

Yes. As long as your FDW project builds on available capacity and aims to increase COVID-19 resilience at your project location with new plans, it may be eligible. Your plan should benefit low-income and vulnerable households, SMEs and smallholders.

9. What are the rules for planning, costs and accounting?

The original FDW subsidy framework applies to the FDW COVID-19 Support subsidy.

If you have questions, your FDW project advisor can advise on planning, costs and accounting for this subsidy.

Due to the urgency of the COVID-19 crisis, we expect the subsidy to be spent within 9 months of you receiving it. You must include accounting for what you have spent the subsidy on so far in your next annual narrative report.

If you make high hardware costs, your accounting for the purchased or developed hardware must be part of an RMCC investigation. In this case, the FDW project advisor will verify the hardware at the end of the implementation period as part of the project verification visit.

10. What if my files are too large to send via email?

Please note that the Request Form FDW COVID-19 Support should be no longer than 10 A4 pages. We expect your complete subsidy request with all the mandatory documents to be less than 10 MB.

If you want to submit a file larger than 20 MB, please use [Wetransfer.com](https://www.wetransfer.com) or another file transfer option. Send all files to FDW@RVO.nl.

11. I expect significant results with the subsidy. Can the Netherlands Enterprise Agency help me share my results?

If your plans and effort lead to significant results, please contact your FDW project advisor for advice. In some cases, the Netherlands Enterprise Agency can help you develop professional articles for digital platforms. This support is free of charge to the partnership, but it does require significant project results.