

European City Facility – Call 8

LIFE

● PENDING

Scope

International

Location

Europe

Curator

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type

Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate

100%

Budget

3.7M€

Eligible Project Value

Up to 60K€

DATES & DEADLINES

Publication Date

December 21, 2026

Opening Date

October 26, 2026

Phase 1

December 21, 2026 at 05:00 PM GMT+1

DESCRIPTION

Objectives

The European City Facility Call 8 aims to support municipalities and local authorities in transforming actions identified in their climate and energy plans into credible and investment-ready concepts. Through targeted financial and technical support, the EUCF helps local authorities prepare sustainable energy investments and strengthen their capacity to mobilise subsequent public and private financing. EUCF aims to support especially small and medium-sized municipalities and, if feasible, encourages them to team up, groupings are appreciated in the evaluation process.

Under Call 8, applicants are required to have a climate and/or energy plan or a Local and Heating Cooling Plan. This includes SECAPs (Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans), developed within the Covenant of Mayors initiative, or other climate and/or energy plans with mitigation targets. For the first time It also includes all Heating and Cooling plans developed in line with Article 25(6) of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EU) 2023/1791, or similar.

Eligible applicants include municipalities, local authorities and groupings located in EU Member States, Iceland, Ukraine, Moldova, Montenegro or North Macedonia. Moldova, Montenegro and North Macedonia are newly eligible under Call 8.

Funding

The programme will allocate a total budget of 11.1 million EUR for the initial call, supporting up to 185 beneficiaries with grants of 60,000 EUR each. The call applies a lump-sum model with each funded project receiving up to 60,000 EUR. Project funding is provided on a non-refundable grant basis, supporting full development of investment concepts.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Personnel Costs
- Subcontracting
- Feasibility studies
- Engineering analyses
- Legal analyses
- Social studies
- Market studies
- Financial analyses
- Energy audits

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Sectors

Energy & Environment

Company Typologies

Public entities

Application Mode

Individual or Consortium

Action Types

- Preparation of investment concepts for sustainable energy and climate actions
- Development of local heating and cooling plans
- Design of energy efficiency or renewable energy investment projects

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

EU Contribution

60000 EUR per beneficiary (fixed lump sum)

Expected Projects

62

Funding Rate Rule

100% grant funding for all selected beneficiaries
(fixed lump sum per project)

OFFICIAL LINKS

Official Regulation

<https://eucityfacility.eu/news/european-city-facility-announces-new-calls-support-city-investments-green-transition>

Grantavia page

<https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/european-city-facility-call-8>

Schedule a meeting

<https://calendly.com/filipa-silva-epsa/reuniao>