

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What kind of projects does USTDA fund and how much funding does USTDA provide?

A: USTDA assesses projects based in emerging markets according to their viability, including proven technologies, as well as their social and environmental impact and potential for U.S. exports. In general, USTDA provides grants to fund project planning services for large-scale infrastructure projects. The hallmark of our work is providing grants to fund U.S. technical assistance in the delivery of feasibility studies, environmental and social impact assessments, and other types of project preparation, thereby developing the detailed analyses needed to allow a project to attract financing and reach financial close.

While there are no firm caps, USTDA typically reviews projects that have capital expenditure costs of \$10 million and upwards for grants ranging from \$300,000 to \$1 million U.S. dollars. For examples of project preparation support that USTDA has provided in the past – including feasibility studies, technical assistance, or pilot projects – please refer to [USTDA's website](#) and to the following USTDA [cleaner coal success story](#).

Q: I represent a U.S. firm who has a project idea or a project under development in an emerging market overseas. Can I submit a proposal?

A: Yes. Please submit a preliminary proposal (no longer than five pages) and USTDA will review the project to determine whether it meets USTDA's priorities.

Q: Can we submit a proposal that is more than five pages? What about annexes or additional pages containing valuable information?

A: Please keep all initial proposals concise and at five pages or under. We will reach out for additional details if needed or request a full proposal if we choose to move forward with your project idea.

Q: Can we submit more than one proposal?

A: Yes, although USTDA encourages firms to focus on higher quality proposals that are most likely to meet USTDA requirements. We ask U.S. firms submitting more than one proposal to prioritize opportunities based on progress towards financial close and implementation.

Q: How does USTDA disburse its grant funds?

A: USTDA directly pays the U.S. contractor for completed services, i.e., work that the U.S. contractor has performed and that has been approved by the grantee. Neither the grantee nor grantee affiliates receive USTDA funds.

Q: Does USTDA fund equipment?

A: No