



**DANUBE
WATER
PROGRAM**

Smart policies, strong utilities, sustainable services

Call for Applications for Competitive Grants

The Program

The Danube Water Program (www.danube-water-program.org) is a joint initiative of the International Association of Water Supply Companies in the Danube River Catchment Area (IAWD) and the World Bank, initially funded by the Government of Austria, to support the water supply and waste water sector in improving operational practice improvement within the Danube Region.

Call for applications is now open for actions to support local, national, and regional utility management and operational practices improvement. The value of the grants should be between 30,000 – 50,000 Euro, whereas 30,000 Euro is a recommended minimum.

Eligibility

Organizations (Government Agency, Utility Association, Municipal Authority, Academic, Utility, NGO etc.) in the following countries are eligible: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, FYR Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, and Ukraine.

The funding (which will be administered on behalf of the applicant by the Danube Water Program) can be used to finance consulting services, operational costs, minor goods and training expenses. The grant cannot finance works. The duration of the activities under the grant must be one year or less. Proposal which are similar in nature or target group may be asked to be combined to create maximum benefit and reduce the costs of the project.

Evaluation Criteria

The Criteria for acceptance of the grants will be based upon the following key elements:

- ✓ The grant application is coming from an institution active and involved in water supply and waste water treatment in the country or region;
- ✓ Connection of the proposed activity to other activities associated with utility management and operational practices improvement in the country or region
- ✓ Relevance of the action regarding the Pillar of the Danube Water Program to which it is related and alignment with the Danube Water Program Work Plan;
- ✓ Endorsement of the activity by the national WSS Association(s);

- ✓ Potential for achieving sustainable impact and replicability and extension of the action outcomes;
- ✓ Lead Applicant and his Partner(s) have the professional competencies and qualifications to successfully complete the proposed action;
- ✓ Co-financing or in-kind support for the activity from local organizations or institutions.

The Applicant should refer to the detailed evaluation criteria (Evaluation Grid) which is the integral part of the Grant Application Form.

The deadline for submitting Applications is April 8th, 2016.

The application (see Attached Grant Application Form) should contain a project concept and outline of the proposed activities and estimated budget. The application should be submitted in English only.

The application should be submitted by e-mail to Violeta Wolff: wolff@iawd.at with a copy of the mail to Philip Weller: weller@iawd.at