

Eligibility Criteria

Registered non-profit

The organization is a registered nonprofit organization that operates independently of any government and not for the profit, personal gain, or other benefits of particular people. We ask all organizations for a registration certificate at a later stage in the onboarding.

Focus on specific SDGs/causes

Organizations that implement initiatives focused on environmental and/or climate challenges (6, 13, 14, and 15) and support causes that in the long term contribute to achieving sustainable development.

- SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation - Ensure access to water and sanitation for all
- SDG 13: Climate Action - Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
- SDG 14: Life Below Water - Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources
- SDG 15: Life on Land - Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss

English proficiency

Have one or more representatives that are proficient in the English language, meaning they can read/write and verbally communicate in English. We need to have at least one contact point that can use English to communicate in updates and reports.

Tech readiness

The organization expresses an interest in using digital tools to communicate and increase transparency around their work. This means that the organization should either have or be willing to have a social media presence and be willing to post updates about their work on the Milkywire application.

Agree to Milkywire policies

Have no current or future engagement in violence, organized crime, or terrorism, including but not limited to, providing financial support to any entity that engages in such activities.

Selection Criteria

Financial systems

L1: The organization has internal financial controls in place to ensure the grants received will be disbursed for the purposes stated.

L2: The organization is audited annually by an external auditor in accordance with ISA standards.

Risk management

L1: The organization has identified potential risks connected to its operations (internal and external, including corruption), and takes an active approach towards managing those risks.

L2: The organization can demonstrate that they work systematically with risk management (including corruption), for example through a written policy or document.

Local ownership and human rights

The organization demonstrates strong local ownership in terms of decision-making, implementation, and the long-term results of its operations. International human rights laws and principles are taken into account in the organization's operations.

L1: The organization uses a participatory methodology to involve local stakeholders in the development of their activities. It shows awareness and respect for human rights principles.

L2: The organization uses a participatory methodology, with a variety of tools (2-3), to involve local stakeholders, on different levels, in the development of their activities. Human rights principles guide the organization and its operations include a Rights-Based Approach.

Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation systems

L1: The organization has a system in place for planning and following up on activities carried out, and is able to report on their activities throughout the initiative

L2: The organization has the capacity and a robust system for planning its operations, monitoring of the activities, and evaluation of the operations including results, connected to their objectives. Additionally, the organization documents its work in an annual narrative report.