

World news story: Call for bids: Peru Project Funding Opportunity Now Open!

British and local private organisations are invited to submit proposals for projects in Peru. Deadline: 3 September 2017.

Overview

Increasing access to clean energy, especially in remote areas, as well as reducing carbon emissions in line with Paris Agreement commitments are key economic development challenges in Peru. The UK has shown global leadership on this and wants to do more in Peru.

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Peru is the third most vulnerable country to climate change in the world. To-date, the country has faced numerous effects, including melting of around 40% of its glaciers and intensification of natural disasters. This has affected, and will continue to affect, the Peruvian economy and we aim to support Peruvian government to build sustainable, clean and inclusive growth driven by UK expertise, leadership and technology.

What We're Looking For

- The British Embassy looks to fund practical and high-impact projects that help to:
 1. Increase access to clean energy, especially in rural areas;
 2. Reduce Peru's reliance on fossil fuels, maximising Peru's potential to be a leading clean energy producer (solar, wind, hydro and others);
 3. Support the promotion of low carbon energy technologies and related support, management and infrastructure;
 4. Support the creation of policy, regulatory and legislative frameworks conducive to transition to a low carbon economy;
 5. Investigate and resolve operational obstacles to renewable energy projects (community stakeholders, environmental permits/ regulations, project financing, etc.);
 6. Increase the sustainability of extractives industries; and/or
 7. Help Peru meet its Paris Agreement commitments.

- Project bids should demonstrate clearly how they will make a difference – research and reports are important, but we're looking to fund initiatives that lead to real world changes and improvements.
- We would welcome co-funding opportunities, where the addition of UK skills and expertise could make a difference to larger, on-going initiatives.
- All bids should have a clear link to the UK, whether that be using UK experience, knowledge, technology or best practice.

How To Bid

Project proposals will be up to £25,000. All activity must be completed, and impact demonstrated, by the end of the UK financial year on 31 March 2018. Interested implementers will prepare the full bid and the activity based budget (ABB) according to the authorized forms. The full bid in word format and ABB in excel format should be submitted in English via email with the title 'Peru GBF: project title-name of implementer' to the email address: BEProjectsPeru@fco.gov.uk. The deadline for submission is 3 September 2017. Implementers will be advised by email if the proposal has been accepted.

What to Include in the Bid Form?

- Overview of project
- How the project fits with the above priorities.
- How the project will lead to transformational change (outline impact and main changes that the project will impulse)
- Rationale for project – Including why the project should take place now
- Why UK is the partner of choice for such project? This might be due to profiling UK commercial or policy expertise, replicating/adapting a British policy, experience of British implementer, link to highest UK policy priority.
- Support from Peruvian Government: evidence that relevant Peruvian Government Ministry (or Ministries) have been consulted and are supportive of the proposal and its alignment with their own growth plans. Or if not, the bid should explain how the project has sufficient buy-in from the necessary stakeholders to deliver the expected outcomes.
- Communication Strategy, including stakeholders, beneficiary organizations and relevant public communications strategy actions.
- Sustainability once the project has been completed
- Demonstrate with supporting evidence that relevant Country Government Ministry (ies) have been consulted and are supportive of the proposal. Or if they have not, the bid should explain how the project has sufficient buy-in from the necessary stakeholders to deliver the expected outcomes
- Demonstrate that UK and local partnerships are already established.

About Budget

Project proposals must be presented along with a detailed project budget. FCO Project Management Procedures require the delivery of the budget using the Activity Based Budget form. Budgets should list the activities needed to deliver the outcomes (results) of the project. Outcomes should be aimed at promoting transformational change.

85% of the total budget must be spent before December 2017.

Indicative timetable (subject to change)

Dates	Activities
3 September 2017	Deadline to submit proposals
11 September 2017	British Embassy Lima notification to implementers (by email) announcing results
25 September 2017	Contracts and financial arrangements completed

Documents for Downloading

- [Proposal Form](#)
(MS Word Document, 224KB)
- [Activity Based Budget \(ABB\)](#)
(MS Excel Spreadsheet, 83KB)
- [Value for money and budgeting guidance](#)
(MS Word Document, 32.9KB)

[Press release: Warning for anglers after illegal cast net seized](#)

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The warning follows the seizure of a cast net from an angler caught using it to catch salmon on the River Wear at Durham. The seizure was a first for the area and Environment Officers want it to stay that way.

Fisheries Enforcement Technical Specialist Kevin Summerson is leading the investigation against the angler. He said:

Even though these nets can be purchased from a number of UK outlets it is illegal to use them in North East rivers. Anyone caught and prosecuted could face a hefty fine and even a custodial sentence.

We take illegal fishing very seriously. Whether anglers use illegal equipment or fish without a licence, it's not fair on other anglers and endangers the future of the sport.

"Our work is intelligence led and we work closely with our partners at the police and Angling Trust to target known hot spots and where illegal fishing is reported to us.

We carry out enforcement work all year round and will be continuing throughout the coming weeks, including the upcoming Bank Holiday weekends. I'd urge people to help us protect the health of our fisheries by reporting any suspected illegal activity to us.

It is illegal to use cast nets to catch freshwater fish, eels, trout, migratory trout or salmon in the North East. They are also illegal if used to catch migratory trout, salmon or freshwater eels up to six nautical miles from the coast line.

The maximum penalty for this offence if convicted before a magistrate is an unlimited fine and/or three months in custody, or an unlimited fine and/or up to two years in custody before the crown court.

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Testing will take place on Friday 25 August between 10am and 12pm. If you hear the sirens during this time, you do not need to take any action. If flooding is expected on the day, the test will be rescheduled and flood warnings will be issued through the Environment Agency's free Flood Warning

System.

Environment Agency staff will be present together with representatives from North East Lincolnshire council at Freshney Place shopping centre in Grimsby between 9am and 5pm on 25 August. They'll be able to answer questions about the sirens and provide information about your own flood risk, including what steps you can take to prepare for an emergency.

The sirens in Grimsby and Cleethorpes are a secondary flood warning tool to the Environment Agency's free Flood Warning Service, which provides targeted flooding warnings via phone call or text to mobile landlines or through email.

Luke Dawson, Flood Resilience team leader with the Environment Agency, said:

The flood sirens we own and operate in Grimsby and Cleethorpes help us warn over 25,000 households and local businesses. It's important that we conduct these annual tests to make sure the sirens will work during an emergency.

We'd like to remind people in the area that our free Flood Warning System provides as much notice as possible ahead of a potential flooding incident. While the sirens are a vital secondary flood warning tool, we encourage everyone to check their flood risk and sign up for flood warnings. You can sign up for our free, targeted flood warnings by calling 0345 988 1188 or by visiting www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings.

Our flood defences reduce the risk of flooding to thousands of homes and businesses in Grimsby and Cleethorpes, but we cannot remove the risk of flooding entirely. This is why it is important that everyone plays their part to protect themselves from the risk of flooding. If you are in the area on 25 August, please do come along to Freshney Place to learn more about flood risk and how you can protect yourself and your property.

Cllr David Watson, portfolio holder for environment and energy at North East Lincolnshire Council, said:

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