



## Climate Finance for Development Accelerator (CFDA)

### Addendum 001 to the CFDA General Annual Program Statement (No. 2024-0016-APS)

#### Amendment No. 1

#### Summary of Changes

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WHEREAS, Chemonics' intention for this amendment is to amend Addendum 001 ("Addendum 001") to the CFDA General Annual Program Statement (No. 2024-0016-APS) so unilaterally ordered and notice issued to Applicants, and is effective October 11, 2024.

Chemonics hereby issues Amendment No. 1 to Addendum 001 to clarify language regarding corporate partner definition, geographic scope, current funding, merit review criteria, additional considerations, and additional indicators and requirements.

#### I. THE TEXT OF THE ADDENDUM IS MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

##### A. By adding the following footnote definition of corporate partners to Section II – Program Objectives on page 2:

"For the purposes of this solicitation, a corporate partner is defined as: (a) An off taker with the ability to purchase a sustainably produced agricultural commodity at scale, such as a multinational agrifood company, a larger national supermarket chain; or (b) A large multinational company that offers financing through its philanthropic arm (such as a foundation), corporate social responsibility investment, or Beyond Value Chain Mitigation (BVCM) and other climate commitments (e.g., a technology company investing in a landscape for restoration, to stop deforestation, and preserve biodiversity)."

##### B. By deleting the following text from page 2:

"Awardees are expected to support nature-based solutions that build resilience in agrifood systems as well as reduce deforestation and degradation of critical landscapes and native vegetation and promote adoption of regenerative agriculture, climate- and water-smart agriculture, and/or landscape-level approaches for conservation. While regenerative agriculture practices generally tend to support biodiversity, priority will be given to concepts that go deeper on conservation outcomes - for example, integrating regenerative agriculture with efforts to actively conserve high-value ecosystems and promote land restoration."

And replacing it with,

"Awardees are expected to support nature-based solutions that build resilience in agrifood systems as well as reduce deforestation and degradation of critical landscapes and native vegetation and promote adoption of regenerative agriculture, climate- and water-smart agriculture, and/or landscape-level approaches for conservation. While regenerative agriculture practices generally

tend to support biodiversity, priority will be given to concepts that go deeper on conservation outcomes - for example, integrating regenerative agriculture with efforts to actively conserve high-value ecosystems and promote land restoration. Priority will be given to concepts that have identified a committed corporate partner to offtake the agricultural commodity and/or co-finance the implementation of the concept.”

**C. By deleting the following text under “Geographic Scope” on page 3:**

“CFDA will prioritize concepts in countries where USAID operates with geographies/landscapes under threat of biodiversity loss. Preference will be given to concepts that align with U.S. Government Feed the Future geographies and USAID’s biodiversity conservation priority areas. Relevant countries can be [accessed here](#). Concepts may be proposed at the global, regional, multi-country, or individual country levels.”

And replacing it with,

“CFDA will prioritize concepts in countries where USAID operates with geographies/landscapes under threat of biodiversity loss, especially the degradation or loss of intact ecosystems. Preference will be given to concepts that align with U.S. Government Feed the Future geographies and USAID’s biodiversity conservation priority areas. Relevant countries can be [accessed here](#). Concepts may be proposed at the global, regional, multi-country, or individual country levels. More information about USAID’s biodiversity priorities can be [found here](#).”

**D. By deleting the following text under “Current Funding” on page 3:**

“Under this funding window, CFDA anticipates issuing three or more grant awards valued at \$500,000 USD each. Outstanding, impact-driven, scalable, multi-stakeholder concepts will be considered for funding of \$1,000,000 USD or more. US-based firms are restricted to awards up to \$500,000.”

And replacing it with,

“Under this funding window, CFDA anticipates issuing three or more grant awards valued at \$500,000 USD each. Applicants should present a budget that best fits their submitted concept (not inclusive of leverage commitment obtained). Outstanding, impact-driven, scalable, multi-stakeholder concepts will be considered for funding of \$1,000,000 USD or more. US-based firms are restricted to awards up to \$500,000. There is no specific budget limit on grant applications from non-US entities.”

**E. By deleting the following text under “Concept Note Merit Review Criteria” on page 4:**

“3) Management approach: Includes a sound and realistic management approach with comprehensive measuring and monitoring of climate and biodiversity impacts. The selection process will consider the capacity of the applicant and any implementing partners to successfully implement the concept in the target geographies. Priority will be given to management approaches that include significant participation of local partners based in target geographies”.

And replacing it with,

“3) Management approach: Includes a sound and realistic management approach with comprehensive measuring and monitoring of climate and biodiversity impacts. The selection process will consider the capacity of the applicant and any implementing partners to successfully implement the concept in the target geographies. Priority will be given to management approaches that are led by local partners or partners new to USAID. Significant participation of local stakeholders based in target geographies is expected.”

**F. By deleting the following text under “Additional Considerations” on page 4:**

“Concepts that support relevant solutions in U.S. Government Feed the Future countries and USAID biodiversity conservation countries and regions are encouraged ([see list here](#)), though concepts are welcome for all USAID presence countries. Please note that concepts that work with certain crops such as sugar, soy, palm oil, cotton, and others require U.S. Government approval. Please refer to USAID ADS 225 and 312, and the [USAID Commodity Eligibility Listing](#) for more information.”

And replacing it with,

“Concepts that support relevant solutions in U.S. Government Feed the Future countries and USAID biodiversity conservation countries and regions are encouraged ([see list here](#)), though concepts are welcome for all USAID presence countries. Please note that concepts that work with certain crops such as sugar, soy, and palm oil require U.S. Government approval. Please refer to USAID [ADS 225](#) and 312, and the [USAID Commodity Eligibility Listing](#) for more information. Concepts related to soy production will need to demonstrate that USAID support will not have a significant impact on U.S. exporters and/or cause substantial injury to U.S. producers. Further, the Bumpers Amendment explicitly restricts USAID from supporting the cotton sector; concepts that include cotton are not eligible.”

**G. By deleting the following text under “Section IV – Additional Indicators and Requirements” on page 6:**

“Successful applicants must also provide data for relevant climate change, sustainable agriculture, and biodiversity outcome indicators. A list of USAID priority indicators for this solicitation is provided below. Applicants **must select at least two (2) indicators from this list** relevant for their proposed activity.

- EG 11.5 Number of people supported by the USG to adapt to the effects of climate change
- EG.3-2 Number of individuals participating in USG food security programs
- EG.3.2-24 Number of individuals in the agriculture and food system who have applied improved management practices or technologies with USG assistance
- EG.13-7 Projected GHG emissions reduced or avoided from adopted laws, policies, regulations, or technologies related to sustainable landscapes as supported by USG assistance (NOTE: This indicator is required for all activities with an expected climate change mitigation outcome)
- EG.3.1-15 Value of new private sector investment leveraged by the USG to support food security and nutrition
- EG.3.2-27 Value of agriculture-related financing accessed as a result of USG assistance
- EG.10.2-2 Number of hectares of biologically significant areas under improved natural resource management as a result of USG assistance

- EG.10.2-3 Number of people with improved economic benefits derived from sustainable natural resource management and/or biodiversity conservation as a result of USG assistance”

And replacing it with,

“Successful applicants must also provide data for relevant climate change, sustainable agriculture, and biodiversity outcome indicators. A list of USAID priority indicators for this solicitation is provided below. Applicants **must select at least three (3) indicators from this list** relevant for their proposed activity. Applicants must include one climate change indicator, one biodiversity indicator, and one agriculture indicator.

#### Climate Change

- EG 11.5 Number of people supported by the USG to adapt to the effects of climate change
- EG.13-7 Projected GHG emissions reduced or avoided from adopted laws, policies, regulations, or technologies related to sustainable landscapes as supported by USG assistance (*NOTE: This indicator is required for all activities with an expected climate change mitigation outcome*)

#### Agriculture and Food Security

- EG.3-2 Number of individuals participating in USG food security programs
- EG.3.2-24 Number of individuals in the agriculture and food system who have applied improved management practices or technologies with USG assistance
- EG.3.1-15 Value of new private sector investment leveraged by the USG to support food security and nutrition
- EG.3.2-27 Value of agriculture-related financing accessed as a result of USG assistance

#### Biodiversity

- EG.10.2-2 Number of hectares of biologically significant areas under improved natural resource management as a result of USG assistance
- EG.10.2-3 Number of people with improved economic benefits derived from sustainable natural resource management and/or biodiversity conservation as a result of USG assistance”

## II. CONCLUSION

All other terms and conditions remain in effect.

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