



**ASPEN NETWORK  
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# **ANDE Gender-Smart Investing Capacity Building Facility**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Eligibility**

[Do I have to be an ANDE member to apply for this funding?](#)

No. Both ANDE members and non-members are welcome to apply.

[Is there a geographic focus for this fund?](#)

Yes. Eligible projects must be working in one of the following countries/regions:

- India
- Brazil
- Andean: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela
- East Africa: Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda
- East and Southeast Asia: Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Burma, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam

One winning application will be selected per region.

[Does the cost of NICRA or other indirect costs come out of the total funds?](#)

US-based applicants need to submit their USAID-approved Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) along with their application. NICRA is “a document published to reflect an estimate of indirect cost rate negotiated between the Federal Government and a Grantee/Contractor’s organization which reflects the indirect costs (facilities and administrative costs) & fringe benefit expenses incurred by the organization that will be the same across all the agencies of the United States.

[What type of company constitutes a small and growing business \(SGBs\)?](#)

[Small and Growing Businesses \(SGBs\)](#) are defined by ANDE as commercially viable businesses with five to 250 employees that have significant potential, and ambition, for growth. Typically, SGBs seek growth capital from \$20,000 to \$2 million USD.

I'm an SGB or capacity development provider, can I apply?

An investor must be the lead applicant, while an SGB is the beneficiary and the third-party capacity builder is the sub-awardee.

As a capacity development provider how do I get to partner with an investor?

Capacity development providers partner with investors as the third-party subwardee, or the [organization/individual providing gender-smart advisory services](#) to the investor's priority pipeline SGBs.

My organization is not registered in any of the markets stated, but has operations in at least one of them. Am I still eligible to apply?

Yes - so long as the SGBs are working in the eligible countries, you are eligible to apply.

Can one organization put in more than one application?

Yes, an organization can put in more than one application but only one will be selected as a winner.

My organization has previously received funding through an ANDE grant. Am I still eligible to apply?

Yes, organizations that have received previous funding through ANDE are eligible to apply. However, you are less likely to be selected, as ANDE aims to award different applicants for each funding opportunity in order to provide opportunities to a range of investors and entrepreneur support organizations.

As an investor, can I still apply even if I do not know yet which SGBs I would be supporting?

Yes, you can still apply. However, investors who do not know yet which SGBs they would be supporting at the time of application must provide the general sector and countries where proposed work will take place as well as a clear process on how they plan on identifying the potential beneficiary SGBs. Note that SGBs must be identified, if invited for an interview.

Are for-profits eligible to apply?

Yes, if selected, non-profits will receive grant agreements while for-profits will receive fixed-fee contracts.

## **Application**

When is the application window and when will we find out if we have been selected to receive the funding?

Expressions of interest are due by September 30th and semi-finalists will be invited to interview in October. Winners will be announced in November.

**Use of Funds**

Does ANDE have a list of capacity development providers that investors can work with?

If investors do not have in-house capacity, ideally applicants identify a capacity development provider they aim to work with in their expression of interest. If applicants do not yet have an identified provider, they may turn to the [Gender-Smart Capacity Builder Directory](#). If invited to an interview, the investor must be able to identify the capacity building service provider.

**Evaluation**

How will ANDE assess the quality of applications?

ANDE has adapted the [Kellogg Foundation’s Racial Equity 2030 Scoring Criteria](#) for the purposes of evaluating Gender-Smart Capacity Building facility applications focusing on the following four categories:

<b>GAME-CHANGING</b>	Is the proposed solution designed to transform the internal and/or external policies of the investors and SGBs involved?
<b>EQUITABLE</b>	Is the approach inclusive of communities most impacted by the issue in decision-making?
<b>SUSTAINABLE</b>	Is the model applicable and replicable across sectors and geographies?
<b>ACTIONABLE</b>	Does the team have the skills, capacity, knowledge or lived experience to implement the proposed strategy?