



Millennium Foundation Kosovo is launching the call for WEE – ADVANCED grants, consisting of financial grants for investments in machinery, equipment, renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency measures for the buildings where the enterprises operate. With the grant programme, MFK will help women entrepreneurs invest in energy efficient measures and enable them to grow their businesses through a more efficient use of energy.

GRANT LIMITS

- Maximum: €10,000
- Applicants own contribution: 20% or the equipment grant

Eligibility Criteria

1. 51% women ownership: The company should be at least 51% women owned (evidenced by the company registration) and/or individual women entrepreneurs. The woman-owner should also be actively involved in the **leadership of the company**. This will also be assessed in a **detailed interview** that will be conducted with each of the applicants that meet all eligibility criteria and that have submitted a viable application.
2. There is no restriction on the number of employees.
3. More than 1-year-old: the business should have been registered on or before 30th December 2019, evidenced by the company registration. If your company changed the status of registration, please provide us with evidence that it is the continuation of the same business.
4. Submit evidence from the Tax office (extract from the TAK website) that the business has no obligation or debts to governmental institutions.

Call For Grant Applications
For Women Entrepreneurs

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Information Package to be Submitted

Evidence of Eligibility Criteria as listed above (points 1-4)

Completed Application Form, including:

- Company/Business History (see Application Form for details – Annex B)
- Company/Business Development Plan (see Application Form for details – Annex C)
- Motivational Statement (see Application Form for details – Annex D)
- List of equipment planned investments (note: retroactive financing of equipment is not possible), including indicative equipment cost (should not be more than €10,000).
- Three independent and competitive offers for the equipment or energy efficiency measure you want to invest in. Please also see the file 'TRANSPARENT PURCHASING' to ensure you follow the correct processes in obtaining the competitive supplier offers.
- Company/Business registration
- Confirmation letter from the company's bank that the company can finance the 20% own contribution either through own resources or a bank loan
- 6 months Employment Contribution Payments for your employees (if you have any).
- Signed statement that the company will fulfill all EHS requirements (Workplace Risk Assessment and, where required, Environmental Permit) prior to project verification. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of the grant.
- Evidence from the Tax office (extract from the TAK website) that the business has no obligation or debts to governmental institutions.

Next Steps

Deadline for Submissions:

Your Application should be submitted by email by **31st January 2021** at **18:00**. Submit your email to: wee@millenniumkosovo.org

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Get Prepared:

Download the Application Form by clicking on the Complete the Application Form.

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ADVANCED - Information Workshop on 11th January 2021 at 14:00:
Join our online workshop to learn more about the **ADVANCED**
application process and requirements. To register, send an email to:
wee@millenniumkosovo.org or call: **+383 49 722 411**

Compile the full information required as listed in this **CALL FOR APPLICATION** (see above)

If you cannot find your preferred equipment, technology choice or energy efficiency measure on the **INDICATIVE LIST OF TECHNOLOGIES**, email us with your questions. You can download the list for the **ADVANCED** from the website and you may also find this at the end of the Application Form!

To get more ideas on additional energy saving opportunities that exist in your business sector, you may find one of our Sector Workshops of interest (see below for scheduled Sector workshops).

Sector Workshops: to learn more about energy saving opportunities in your business sector, join our workshops where different investment ideas are discussed:

- 12.01.2021 Beauty treatment services
- 12.01.2021 Hotels, restaurants and catering
- 13.01.2021 Non-food and food retail
- 13.01.2021 Food production
- 14.01.2021 Education
- 14.01.2021 Manufacturing
- 15.01.2021 Medical services
- 15.01.2021 Other services
- 16.01.2021 Textiles and fashion
- 16.01.2021 Agriculture

The first webinars on each day start at 10:00 in the morning and, the second webinar commences at 15:00. To register, send an email to: wee@millenniumkosovo.org or call: +383 49 722 411

Evaluation of Applications:

The evaluation process consists of several steps, including initial review of applications, detailed interviews with eligible applicants and assessment of the Application Documents and interview results by the decision making panel.

The list of eligible applicants, interview results and the full application packages will be submitted to the decision-making panel on 10th February 2021

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The decision from the panel is expected between 15-20th February 2021. All applicants will be informed by telephone and email as soon as the panel decision is available.

The evaluation criteria that will be applied are shown below:

Eligibility And Evaluation Criteria – Group Advanced

MFK calls on women entrepreneurs and women-business owners to submit proposals that address the following criteria:

Basic Eligibility Criteria (mandatory criteria to be fulfilled):

- At least 51% women owned
- Business registration
- At least 1 year in business
- Investment grant required is not more than €10.000

Evaluation Criteria

The applications will be assessed by a panel of judges based on the following:

Business Development Impact - 30% of the evaluation score: This takes into consideration forecast of sales/turnover increase as a result of the planned investments against historic sales/turnover and factors such as increases in capacity of production or services provided, and/or expansion of the product/service range.

Benefits of the investment - 20% of the evaluation score: improving quality or safety of the products/services resulting from the investment, greater level of comfort of employees and/or customers, possibility of hiring additional employees.

More efficient use of energy - 50% of the evaluation score: Please note, this will be calculated by the MFK consultants, based on the type of equipment requested and takes into consideration the more efficient use of energy with regards to the capacity increase resulting from the equipment investment. Where required, consultants will calculate energy savings based on the unit of output to take into consideration any capacity increases resulting from the investment.

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