



GRANT APPLICATION GUIDE 2025

TOGETHER, LET'S CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUSTAINABLE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE FUTURE

FOREWORD

The International Energy Agency (IEA) ⁽¹⁾ projects that by 2030, 660 million people will still lack electricity access, with 75% of them in Sub-Saharan Africa. Under current policies, many will not achieve universal access by 2030, as only nine Sub-Saharan African countries have reached this goal. To achieve universal electricity access by 2030, an average of 110 million people per year need to gain access, with four out of five of these people in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The UNDP estimates that 2.4 billion people lack access to clean cooking. If current trends persist, the IEA and WHO ⁽²⁾ project that by 2030, 21% of the global population, or about 1.8 billion people, will still lack access to clean cooking, with roughly half of them in Sub-Saharan Africa.

In 2013, Nexans became the first player in the cable industry to create a corporate Foundation working in the public interest.

The creation of the Fondation Nexans was a natural evolution of the Group's commitment to professionalize international initiatives to develop electrification for disadvantaged populations, by placing them in a common perspective.

The purpose of the Fondation Nexans is to:

- support sustainable electrification projects designed to help reduce energy poverty and poverty around the world.
- promote training and education for local people in the technical, energy and environmental fields
- to support environmental projects (climate, energy sobriety, protection of resources and biodiversity, etc.) linked to the challenges of electrification.

The Fondation Nexans will provide **financial support** to the selected projects.

This guide, intended for NGOs, presents the **criteria and essential elements** considered by the Fondation Nexans in its project selection process. This is carried out annually with a Call for Projects. These projects are reviewed by a Selection and Evaluation Committee, who then propose a selection for the Board of Directors' final approval.

¹ IEA Electricity 2024 - Analysis and forecast to 2026

² WHO (World Health Organization) Achieving Universal Access and net-zero emission by 2050: A Global Roadmap for Just and Inclusive Clean Cooking Transition

OUR PROJECT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

By submitting a project, you must:

- Be an international NGO or a recognized association (i.e.: law 1901 in France).
- Exist for at least 2 years.
- Be in possession of a tax ruling.
- Be in line with the Fondation's purpose.
- Submit a project using renewable energy (RE).
- Report on the progress and results of the project by sending regular interim and final activity reports (testimonies, photos, financial reports, details of activities, achievement of objectives, project perspectives, etc.).
- Abide by NEXANS' Code of Ethics and Business Conduct.

To be eligible, the project must:

- Present a detailed budget and timeline for the duration of the project.
- Have obtained or be able to obtain sufficient co-financing: the realization of a financing plan when applying for a grant is essential to distinguish between grants already obtained, and those that are missing or in the process of being obtained. The financial commitment of the Fondation Nexans depends on the ability of the project to have sufficient co-financing to guarantee the feasibility of the project.
- Involve the beneficiaries and have the support of local stakeholders, in a logic of partnership.
- Ensure the sustainability of the project when the NGO carrying out the project disengages.
- Include a "monitoring" component supported by the NGO (monitoring of objectives, activities, results, impacts, etc.).
- Present a "maintenance" component financed and detailed over at least 3 years.
- Contribute to the achievement of at least three Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Be based on an analysis of locally expressed needs in the field, be realistic, achievable and measurable in terms of results and impact.
- Be able to assess the impacts of the project according to social, economic and environmental indicators, which will be predefined with the Fondation Nexans and relevant to the purpose of the project and monitored over time.
- To federate the initiatives of the Nexans Group's sites and employees.

Countries eligible for the call for projects:

The commitment of the Nexans Group's employees to the projects carried out by the Fondation Nexans is essential. This is why we give priority to the countries in which the Group is present:

South America (Chile, Peru, Brazil, Colombia)

Africa (Morocco, Tunisia, Ivory Coast, Ghana)

Near and Middle East (Turkey, Lebanon)

Asia Pacific (Australia, New Zealand, Korea, China)

North America (Canada, USA)

Europe (France, Ukraine)

Projects in countries where we are not present can be still selected at the discretion of the committee if they meet all the other criteria's (e.g. Cameroon; Madagascar; Benin; Senegal; Malawi; Fiji; Papua New Guinea; Solomon Island; Tonga; Cook Island; Ecuador ...).

The following projects will be excluded :

- those carried out by for-profit companies or companies.
- Projects already completed at the time of application.
- Those which fall under individual objectives.
- Those which could pose a risk of conflict of interest.
- Those are part of a private collection process or a commercial approach.

We do not fund:

- Individual projects (scholarships, studies, trips).
- Operating Expenses.
- Filmmaking.
- Event-based activities (shows, galas, conferences, sporting events).

GRANT APPLICATION

APPLICATION FORM

The application must be written in French or English according to the form available on the Fondation's website: <https://fondation.nexans.com/>

In order for the application to be examined by the Fondation Nexans, the grant application must contain all the mandatory supporting documents requested (Dated and signed articles of association, official extract of registration, certificate of civil liability insurance for the organization, activity and financial report (last 2 years)). It is recommended to also attach documents that allow for a more in-depth understanding of the project.

PROJECT LIFE CYCLE



THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PARTNERSHIP

At the end of the Board of Directors' meeting, the associations whose projects have been selected will receive a proposal for an agreement that will establish the terms of the partnership: reciprocal commitments, budget allocated, duration of support, communication actions decided jointly.

The terms of the report, in particular the frequency of meetings and the indicators for monitoring and measuring impact, will be defined between the Fondation and its partner from the start of the partnership and will be subject to regular reviews during the evolution of the project.

OUR PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

1	NGO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience, resources, presence in the field and links with local partners, values, possibility of welcoming one or more volunteer Nexans employees.
2	PROJECT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity and coherence of the project. • Proposed or sponsored by a Nexans employee, opinion of Nexans employees in the country in which the project will be carried out. • Analysis of energy needs, solutions to meet them, quality and installation of equipment, maintenance and supervision. • Project that primarily benefits women (autonomy, equality, entrepreneurship) • Environmental objectives (climate, energy sobriety, protection of resources and biodiversity, etc.) and economic objectives of the project (development of productive uses, generation of added value). • Number of beneficiaries, target population, involvement of beneficiaries, involvement of communities and stakeholders, training and strengthening of local skills. • Sustainability of the project: project "monitored" by the NGO, objective of autonomy of the project, pilot project, possibility of being duplicated, project that ensures good management and maintenance of the installation/infrastructure.
3	SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission by the NGO of an impact study, importance and relevance of the impacts concerned, and the indicators chosen.

4	FINANCING
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coherence and reliability of the financing plan (risk of non-realization?); Co-founders acquired or in the process of research (public or private); Share of the financing requested from Nexans versus the overall amount of the project. Multi-year funding.
5	COMMUNICATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visibility of the project (local, regional, global) and importance of the media coverage provided by the NGO to the Fondation (Website, social networks).
6	Particular attention will be given to projects where
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness-raising activities for a varied public around renewable energies on the issue of the project are envisaged. • A "recycling" dimension, or at least information on what can be done about it in the country concerned, is integrated into the project. • A prospect of replicability of the project is possible in other areas/countries/regions. • A multi-stakeholder dimension allowing a strong local anchoring of the project is established. • An impact assessment is planned approximately 2 years after the end of the project.

It is recommended that you contact the Fondation Nexans beforehand to ensure that your project meets the Fondation's funding expectations and to get to know you and the project you wish to submit better.

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