

Funding Opportunity
Nexa - Climate and Health Innovation:
Africa and Latin America & the Caribbean (June 2026)

PROOF OF CONCEPT

NOTE: The application questions are being shared here for ease of reference only. All applications MUST be submitted through the Fluxx portal at gcc.fluxx.io. Please review the Funding Opportunity for additional details.

IMPORTANT: BEFORE YOU START YOUR APPLICATION

Application Deadline

Refer to the relevant [Funding Opportunity](#) for all deadline information.

Browser

Google Chrome is the recommended browser.

Saving Your Work

You can save your application at any time. Log into your account, go to **Drafts**, and click **Edit** to continue working.

Submitting your Application

- Click **Submit** when your application is complete.
- You cannot edit your application after submitting, so review carefully.
- You **must** click **Submit** before the posted deadline for your application to be considered.
- If you cannot submit, you may be missing required information. Ensure all questions are answered before contacting Technical Support.

To help ensure you receive a timely response, please direct your question to the appropriate team by following the guidance below:

Content-Related Questions

For key details about the Funding Opportunity, visit the [Apply for Funding](#) page where you will also find Guidance on How to Apply, Our Investment Approach, and Innovator Resources.

For anything not addressed in these resources, email OpenCompetitions@grandchallenges.ca

Technical Help (Fluxx Portal)

Start with the [Fluxx Reference Guide](#). If you still need technical support, contact Fluxx

Support: <https://www.grandchallenges.ca/fluxxsupport/>

Proposed Investment Details

PROJECT LEAD CONFIRMATION

To be eligible, the Project Lead must:

- Be formally affiliated with the applicant organisation.
- Be an active and key member of the project team.
- Be listed as Project Lead on only one (1) application

[checkbox] **I confirm that I meet the above eligibility criteria**

I, **[Applicant Project Lead]**, certify that I am the person submitting this application on behalf of **[Applicant Organization]**, to which I am formally affiliated. I confirm that my serving as Project Lead for this application aligns with the requirements of the Funding Opportunity. I also confirm that I will monitor **[Applicant Project Lead email address]** as a channel for communications by Grand Challenges Canada (via email or notification through Fluxx) for the duration of the application and review process.

APPLICANT ORGANISATION: [Applicant Organization]

Project Title

Create a clear and concise project title. There is a 100-character limit for the title.

Amount Requested

Applicants can request up to \$200,000 USD. Applications requesting larger amounts will not be reviewed.

Project Duration (in months)

- 18, 21, 24

The investment period available is up to a maximum of 24 months. Start and end dates will be confirmed should the proposal be selected for funding.

Collaborators (Optional)

List any additional project collaborators/partner organizations. Include a very brief note about how they will contribute to the proposed innovation, whether it be as a research or implementation partner, a key service provider, etc.

The country of incorporation is where your organization was legally formed and officially recognized as a legal entity. While your organization may be registered in a different country for operational or tax purposes, the country of incorporation refers specifically to the country listed in your incorporation documents.

NOTE: To be eligible for Proof of Concept funding, applicant organizations MUST be incorporated or equivalent in Africa or Brazil.

The country of incorporation that we have on file for your organization, as provided during registration, is: [Organization incorporation country]

Confirm this is the country where the applicant organization is legally incorporated:

- Yes, this is correct
- No, this is not correct
 - Provide the organization's correct country of incorporation and we will update our records accordingly.

To be eligible for this funding opportunity, the applicant organization must be a legally formed and incorporated entity. For clarification on institutional eligibility criteria, consult Section 1 of the Funding Opportunity. Documentation to validate legal incorporation, including the certificate of incorporation or equivalent legal documents, will be requested should your application be successful.

The legal entity type that we have on file for your organization is: [Organization entity type]

Confirm this is the legal entity type of the application organization:

- Yes, this is correct
- No, this is not correct
 - Provide the organization's correct legal entity type and we will update our records accordingly.

[checkbox] I will ensure that our organization will supply the necessary documentation upon request at the relevant point in the application process, though it is not required at this stage.

Please indicate the country/countries where you will be implementing your project.

Highlight your selections in the Available Fields list box (left), click the button to move your selections to the Selected Fields list box (right).

Country(ies) of Implementation

Proposed innovations must be **implemented in countries in Brazil or in countries in Africa**. Eligible countries are listed in Appendix B of the Funding Opportunity. *Innovations that are implemented outside of these countries of focus will NOT be considered.*

Select the most applicable description of your organization's connection to the target community:

- Community owned – leadership team from and based in affected/target community
- Community led – leadership team from but not based in affected/target community OR members of management team from and based in affected/target community
- Community partnered – local presence and collaborative or consultative engagement with affected/target community / community organization(s)
- Community linked – local presence and affected/target community informed OR no local presence, but partnership with affected/target community organization(s)
- Not meaningfully connected to community

Select the specific area of focus to which you are applying (refer to Section 2 of the Funding Opportunity):

- Climate-informed early warning and monitoring systems
- Climate-responsive patient care delivery

[checkbox] **I confirm I am submitting my application in either English or French language. (Applications submitted in any other language will be deemed ineligible.)**

Proposed Investment

Important: Read Before Proceeding

- *Applications must include all required information and respond to all questions. Only complete applications, submitted in English or French, will be considered for review. Note that we aim to accommodate applicants who are not native or fluent in English or French. We will not penalize applicants for grammar issues or unconventional phrasing.*
- *Character counts (not word counts) will be used for responses to the application questions. A character count refers to the number of letters and spaces within a written passage. As you type your answer, the field will automatically display the remaining characters available. This ensures you stay within the character limit for each question.*

Innovation Overview

Please note that only the Innovation Overview (the seven question below) will be reviewed for the first stage of the evaluation process (the Innovation Screen). At this stage, applications will be assessed based on the Innovation Screen Criteria described in the Funding Opportunity (i.e., Innovation and Relevance) to determine if they will proceed to the next stage of review, where the full application will be evaluated.

Typically, over 80% of applications are declined at the initial innovation screen. Therefore, it is critical that the Innovation Overview clearly describes the innovation and that the innovation aligns with the focus of this Funding Opportunity.

1. What is the specific gap or problem addressed by your innovation? [1,500 characters]
 - Describe the climate-driven health problem that your innovation addresses, providing details on the specific context you propose working in. How does it support local actors in adapting and building resilience to the health impacts of climate change?
2. What is your proposed innovation? [2,000 characters]
 - Consider Nexa's focus on climate-driven health innovations that are intentionally designed to address a health-related impact of climate change. How does the proposed innovation address the health impacts of climate change? How does the innovation relate to Nexa's areas of focus and priority outcome(s)?

3. How will your proposed innovation be designed to positively impact the population of focus? [1,500 characters]
 - Describe the climate-vulnerable population of focus of your innovation and why they are particularly in need in this context, as well as how they would access and use the innovation.
4. What makes your proposed solution innovative in your target setting? [2,000 characters]
 - Describe why your proposed innovation is a better alternative to current approaches in addressing the climate-driven health problem(s) in your target setting.
 - If relevant, describe how your proposed solution incorporates different innovation type(s) and/or approach(es) (scientific/technological, social and/or business). [For more insight into GCC's perspective on integrated innovation, see [Our Investment Approach](#)]
5. Describe how your proposed innovation has the potential to meaningfully improve priority outcomes. [2,000 characters]
 - Describe which of the priority outcomes (as outlined in Section 2 of the Funding Opportunity) your innovation seeks to address and how it will fundamentally transform how these are addressed.
6. Describe how the health impacts of climate change influence the design, functioning, and deployment of your innovation. [1,500 characters]
 - Indicate whether the innovation was developed in response to a climate-driven health risk or adapted from an existing health solution. If adapted from an existing solution, describe the specific changes made to the design, functioning, and deployment of the innovation to address the climate-driven health risk.
 - Consider Nexa's focus on climate-driven health innovations that are intentionally designed to address a health-related impact of climate change. Considerations around health adaptation and resilience to climate risks should be central to the innovation's design, functionality, and deployment.

7. Describe the project team and collaborators' connection to and/or lived experience in the implementation context, population of focus and the issues your innovation seeks to address. [1,500 characters]
- Please note that in GCC's assessment of connection to community, we consider the following:
 - i. Do key members of the innovation team identify as being part of the affected local community?
 - ii. Are key members of the innovation team based in or around the affected local community/region?
 - iii. What role(s) in the organization is/are held by any local staff?
 - iv. Does the implementing organization have an active local presence in the affected community?
 - v. Does the organization partner with the affected community and/or with local community organization(s)?
 - If so, is this an active and established engagement or a new partnership?
 - Is this partnership equitable, collaborative, and/or consultative?

Innovation details

Execution plan

1. What is your proposed innovation execution plan? [3,000 characters]
- Describe the innovation execution plan for the selected investment period (up to 24 months), including an outline of the proposed activities, implementation strategy, key milestones, and timelines. As learning and refinement are part of the innovation process, you should also include how your team intends to improve the approach within the scope of the Proof of Concept grant based on lessons learned.

2. To what extent will members of the affected community(ies) of focus be engaged in the design, testing, evaluation and iteration of the proposed innovation? [2,000 characters]
 - Innovations should consider a human-rights based approach, including gender equality considerations, that takes into account the voices of those who are particularly marginalized and vulnerable in the design and implementation of the innovation to ensure that their needs are addressed appropriately. Marginalized and vulnerable groups are those facing specific social, economic, or political circumstances that increase their risk of harm, exclusion, or inability to access essential services. This may include children, older persons, people with disabilities, migrants, refugees, religious and ethnic minorities, and those affected by poverty or crisis.

3. What are the key implementation risks and challenges? How will you manage and mitigate these risks? [2,000 characters]
 - Identify and describe the key risks and/or challenges that may arise and how the team will manage and mitigate these risks. Consider the local context (political, social and economic) and include any type of risk your team deems relevant to the proposed innovation, such as technical, execution, legal, and/or political risks. This should also include any safety, security, safeguarding, protection, anti-corruption, anti-bribery, data privacy or ethical considerations in implementing your innovation. Describe how you plan to address these, including any existing protocols and policies in place or in development.

Impact

4. What is the expected impact you anticipate over the proposed implementation period? [2,000 characters]
 - Indicate the expected results in terms of reach, health & wellbeing impacts and demonstrated progress against priority outcomes as a result of your innovation. Describe any key assumptions.

5. What is the Proof of Concept you are trying to establish and what specific results will determine if the innovation has successfully demonstrated this within the timeframe of the grant? [2,000 characters]
 - Describe the specific Proof of Concept you are trying to establish and provide 4-6 key objectives intended to demonstrate its successful achievement. These objectives should be measurable outcome indicators that you will be able to monitor and assess throughout the pilot period.

6. What is your monitoring and evaluation plan? [2,500 characters]
 - Describe your monitoring and evaluation plan, including your approach to measurement, as well as the (quantitative and qualitative) measurement tool(s) and data analysis methods you will use to track and evaluate the impact of your intervention. Are there limitations to your approach?
 - If your innovation intends to deliver certain results cheaper/quicker/of better quality, how will you assess your innovation's performance in these areas as compared to existing approaches?

7. How is this proposed innovation designed so as to consider issues of sustainability at this early Proof of Concept stage? [2,000 characters]
 - Consider current and future needs related to sustaining quality impact and financially sustaining operations. Describe any barriers to sustainability and how your innovation will seek to address them.

Project team

8. Describe the relevant experience and professional backgrounds of the Project Lead and key team members. [1,500 characters]
 - Describe how the project team is best positioned to implement and evaluate the proposed activities. If you have additional project collaborators, explain their role(s) in the project execution.

9. Have the project team and collaborators previously worked with diverse partners, including private, public and/or health sector actors? [1,500 characters]
- Describe the types of partners the team has worked with, the context of the collaboration and some of the key outcomes of the collaboration(s)

Budget

10. Complete table

Budget category	Amount	Description of cost
Remuneration		
Subcontractor Fees		
Travel Costs		
Goods and Supplies		
Equipment Costs		
Project Administration Costs		
Sub-grants		
Indirect costs (max. 10% of direct costs)		

I certify that the budget information above is complete and comprehensive for this project

I certify that a majority of the reflected activities and expenses will be carried out/spent in the selected, eligible implementation country

Additional Information

Has the Project Lead or team members previously applied for funding from Grand Challenges Canada?

- Yes
- No

Has the Project Lead or team members previously been awarded funding from Grand Challenges Canada?

- Yes
- No

Previous Funding:

Clearly indicate how this proposal differs from the previous funding awarded.

Previous grant IDs:**Citations and References (Optional):**

List any relevant citations and/or references for the work or the work of others that support the proposed innovation. References must include the title, names of all authors, book or journal, volume number, page numbers, and year of publication. Only cite or reference research that is recent, relevant, and of high quality. Where possible, provide a webpage link to the reference.

Do any third parties own intellectual property rights (patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, etc.) in technical components, content, or datasets that form part of the innovation for which you are seeking transition-to-scale funding?

- Yes
- No

Describe the third-party intellectual property rights at issue

(i) Describe the third-party intellectual property rights at issue. (ii) Indicate whether you have a license agreement in place for those rights that will permit you to scale the proposed innovation in low- and middle-income countries, if proof-of-concept is demonstrated. (iii) Indicate whether the third-party owner is willing to sign an undertaking to comply with the Grand Challenges Canada Sharing and Access for Impact Strategy available at <https://www.grandchallenges.ca/innovator-resources>

Certification

[checkbox] By submitting, I certify to Grand Challenges Canada that I have read and agreed to the terms of the applicable Funding Opportunity, as well as these [Terms and Conditions](#), and read and understood the [Privacy Policy](#). I also certify that I am authorized to submit an application to this Funding Opportunity on behalf of the listed applicant institution.