Supporting a Healthy Environment & Green Growth in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region

Expanded Project Eligibility
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During its meeting in December 2021, the Board of Directors of the North American Development Bank (NADBank) agreed to expand the Bank's lending program to include investments in a wider variety of environmental infrastructure projects that will help tackle climate change and promote a green economy, while at the same time maintaining its dedication and attention to priority projects in the core sectors of water, wastewater and municipal solid waste.

Projects in the following categories may now be eligible for NADBank financing.

Mobility

Projects that promote the clean and efficient mobilization of people and cargo, such as:

i. public transportation systems, including vehicles and the infrastructure needed for their proper operation and access, such as bus rapid transit (BRT), light rail and subways;

ii. infrastructure for non-motorized transportation, such as bicycle lanes, pedestrian walkways and bicycle stations;

iii. infrastructure for efficient cargo transportation such as railways, transfer stations, low-emission cargo vehicles and efficient logistics merchandise distribution systems;

iv. international border crossings;

v. multimodal passenger and cargo systems designed to help interconnect various means of transportation to create a more efficient system;

vi. infrastructure for using cleaner fuels, such as natural gas fueling stations for natural-gas powered vehicles (NGVs) and recharge stations for electric vehicles; and

vii. clean and efficient vehicles such as converting gasoline- and diesel-powered vehicles into NGVs, as well as financing for electric vehicles and non-motorized modes of transportation.

Energy Storage

Projects that enhance power grid stability, resiliency and reliability by storing energy produced during periods of high production and/or low demand for later use or that reduce the intermittency of renewable energy generating assets, such as wind and solar. Projects may include battery storage, pumped hydropower, compressed air systems and thermal energy storage, among other technologies.

Urban development

Projects that promote comprehensive and sustainable urban planning, design and development, including, (i) urban infrastructure and services, such as low-impact and green infrastructure and sustainable land developments; (ii) mixed-use development, transport-oriented development and re-densification; and (iii) "smart city" elements to improve sustainability

Sustainable buildings

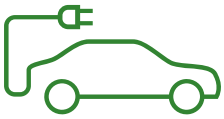
Projects that replace traditional design, sourcing and construction techniques with sustainable design and building principles. Projects may include the construction or retrofitting of residential, institutional (e.g., schools, hospitals and government buildings), commercial or industrial buildings.

Sustainable industrial parks

Industrial park projects that incorporate practices for the efficient use of energy and resources, such as the construction or retrofitting of industrial parks and complexes through the installation of more efficient technologies that reduce energy or water consumption, greenhouse gas emissions or waste generation.

Green manufacturing

Establishment of manufacturing practices with reduced environmental impact or the "greening" of production processes to use resources more efficiently and produce less pollution and/or waste. Projects may include efforts to increase energy efficiency, conserve or reuse water, reduce or recycle waste and minimize pollution.



Manufacturing of green products

Manufacture of products that use fewer natural resources or produce less pollution during their life cycle, when compared to conventional products. Projects may include, but are not limited to, investments in the manufacturing of more sustainable consumer goods or in equipment to produce renewable energy, electric vehicles or other green products.

Sustainable food value chains

Projects that support and advance sustainable food value chains by promoting a more efficient use of resources and/or the reduction of pollutants, throughout their lifecycle. Projects may include investments:

i. in agricultural practices or equipment that reduce the use of water, energy, fertilizers or pesticides;

ii. in agricultural practices or equipment that reduce erosion, runoff, GHG emissions and/or other forms of pollution or environmental degradation; and

iii. to reduce the use of resources or generation of waste during food processing, packaging, storage, transportation, distribution and commercialization.

Climate change adaptation and climate resilience

Projects that help communities increase resiliency to the effects of climate change, including changes to long-term weather patterns (e.g., precipitation), as well as the increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather-related events (e.g., droughts, floods and heat waves). Projects may include, among others: (i) investments in low-impact, green or gray infrastructure designed to diversify and/or drought proof water supplies, increase flood protection and/or adapt to more severe heat waves; and (ii) retrofits of existing infrastructure to operate in extreme weather conditions.

NADBank offers financing to public and private entities to support the implementation of environmental infrastructure projects in the U.S.-Mexico border region. Financing may be provided in a number of ways, depending upon the characteristics of the project and financing needs of the sponsor.