

Cleantech Innovations for Natural Gas Production

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a Round at NGIF?
NGIF solicits new ideas and opportunities from applicants through a competitive call or open challenge for submissions. A competitive call for submissions by Applicant is referred to as a Round.
2. How do you define an innovative technology?
An innovative technology should be new (e.g.s pre-commercial or early commercial) and better than incumbent technologies. In addition, the technology should represent a strong value proposition relative to other new technologies.
3. Do I need to be a company incorporated in Canada to apply to NGIF?
No. The applicant must be incorporated and technology can come from any country; however, the project must occur in Canada, at a qualifying natural gas production site.
4. Is it mandatory for my technology to generate environmental benefits?
Yes, environmental benefits shall be established at the project demonstration site. Applicants must also be able to demonstrate that their technology will be able to generate substantial environmental performance improvement over business as usual when deployed commercially.
5. For calculating environmental performance reductions, what timeline should we consider (e.g., savings per year and cumulative to 2030?) or another date?
NGIF will base its assessment on annual environmental performance for the project life and forecasts of commercial deployments. Applicants are encouraged to include estimates of cumulative benefits by 2030 and 2050 benefits as well.
6. Does my project IP go to the investors at the completion of the project?
No, all project IP remains vested with the applicant. NGIF will require data, reports, and project document through the course of the project and information will be aggregated into an annual report.

7. What types of demonstration host facilities are eligible?
This funding opportunity requires that the project demonstration site occur at natural gas production site (e.g., wellsite, compressor station, gathering system, gas processing plant) in Canada. NGIF has listed the natural gas producers that qualify in its guidelines document. Applicants shall engage and partner by themselves with any of the listed producers to secure demonstration site for their technologies.
8. Can NGIF's industry funding support be used as project support for Federal or Provincial funding programs?
Yes, NGIF can fund projects in partnership with other organizations and requires matching dollars. NGIF may choose to share applications with trusted partner organizations such as Federal or Provincial funders. In addition, this funding also represents an important opportunity for federal, provincial and industry collaboration and leverage. The "Trusted Partner" relationships that the NGIF has developed with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), Emissions Reduction Alberta (ERA), Alberta Innovates (AI) and the Province of British Columbia Innovative Clean Energy ICE Fund (ICE Fund) will open the doors for further funding for NGIF projects. Refer guidelines document for more details.
9. If an application is shared with a trusted partner who decides to fund the project, would the funding be additional to NGIF's funding?
Generally, funding from NGIF's trusted partners will be in addition to the amount awarded by NGIF. However, there could be situations where a trusted partner's funding is used to offset a portion of the funding request to NGIF, for example, if NGIF is unable to fund the entire requested amount.
10. If NGIF approves our funding, do we get approved for the full amount?
Generally, yes, however, NGIF reserves the right to award less funding than was asked.
11. What criteria are used for decision making at Investment Intake Stage 1? Does NGIF share the relevant Key Performance Indicators?
Investor Decks are assessed on the criteria described in the Guidelines document that is posted on NGIF's website. Specific targets for key performance indicators are not used due to the diversity of proposals expected and the need for all proposals to stand on their own merits in addition to competing amongst each other.
12. Are project details kept confidential throughout the entire application process?
Project applications, reports and other proprietary details are kept confidential. When a project is announced, NGIF will publicly share a non-confidential summary of the project. At the end of the project, public reporting of outcomes and learnings is required.

13. How can I stay apprised of NGIF funding opportunities?

Please check regularly our website at www.ngif.ca.

14. Where do I go if I have any further questions?

If you have reviewed the NGIF website and documentation online and you still have unanswered questions, please contact us at info@ngif.ca.

15. Can I meet with the NGIF Investment Committee to discuss my project prior to being shortlisted?

The NGIF Investment Committee does not meet with applicants. If you wish to discuss your project prior to the shortlist process, please contact info@ngif.ca.