Water Services Trust Fund

Application for funding

For applications to be successful, it is necessary that they undergo the following seven stages:

Stage 1: Applications are submitted to the respective WSB.
Stage 2: Applications from CBOs in WSTF target locations are assisted by Support Organizations to improve proposals.
Stage 3: The WSB appraises the proposals and makes recommendations to WSTF.
Stage 4: WSTF reviews and approves the proposals.
Stage 5: WSTF and applicant sign the funding agreements and transfer of first payment is made.
Stage 6: Project is implemented with the supervision of the WSB.

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❂ The owners should meet the costs of survey and design of the facilities. The designs should be economically and technologically sound, with suitable management structures.
❂ Health improvement, poverty eradication and wealth creation are the main themes of the financial assistance.
❂ Communities receive funding through legally registered community based organizations or non-governmental organizations.
❂ Support for improvement of facilities is given on condition that the owners contribute to the project implementation by sourcing locally available materials, labour as well as cash.
❂ Users are expected to meet the cost of operation and maintenance of the facilities after project completion. A well-structured revenue collection system for the services should be provided.
❂ Projects should be environmentally sound and should demonstrate gender equity and good governance.
❂ The cost per user must be affordable to all.
❂ Proposals must be accompanied by complete engineering designs certified by the respective Water Services Board (WSB).
❂ Projects falling within the WSTF target locations receive priority.

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Introduction

The Water Act (2002) is the framework upon which the national water sector reforms are being implemented by the government of Kenya through the Ministry of Water and Irrigation.

Under the framework, various institutions were set up to provide harmonized and streamlined management of water resources, supply and sanitation services.

One such institution is the Water Services Trust Fund (WSTF), established in May 2004 to mobilize resources and provide financial assistance towards capital investment costs of providing water and sanitation services in areas that are underserved. A board of trustees manages the Fund.

Vision

To become a dynamic and innovative leader locally and in the region in the financing of the water sector.

Mission

To substantially contribute towards facilitating targeted communities in areas of Kenya that are underserved to successfully apply for financing, implement and sustainably manage their quality water and sanitation services through capacity building and wide stakeholder partnership with coordinated resource mobilization.

Core Values

The achievement of the Fund’s mission is based on community ownership, sustainability, partnership, governance and open approach.

Source of funds

The Fund mobilizes resources through government budgetary allocations, development partners, grants and donations from institutions and individuals.

Functions

The functions of the Water Services Trust Fund are:

- To mobilize resources from bilateral and multilateral development partners and from organizations and individuals in Kenya and abroad.
- To apply resources so raised in funding the provision of water supply and sanitation in areas of Kenya that are currently underserved.
- To establish strong linkages with Water Service Boards to ensure pro-poor targeting and implementation of projects, transparency, accountability and equity, while mainstreaming good governance, gender, HIV/AIDS and environmental conservation in the financing process.
- To strengthen the Fund’s institutional capacity to effectively function and upgrade staff skills.

Project selection criteria

Through the Participatory Community Project Cycle (PCPC), the Fund ensures that underserved communities have an opportunity to develop quality proposals and provides limited financing for implementation of projects in such areas.

The Fund offers assistance for development of water and sanitation facilities of appropriate technologies, ranging from wells, spring protection, pans or dams, pipelines, roof catchment, VIP latrines, hygiene education as well as training and other forms of capacity building. Selection of projects for funding is based on the following guidelines:

- Projects should be located in any part of Kenya and must be initiated by communities or non-governmental organizations working closely with them. They must be demand-driven and managed by the communities themselves.