

The private sector in Malawi is encouraged to apply for an open call for applications for funding from Enterprise Development for Jobs, which is a funding scheme for private sector development, run by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad).

In a letter, NORAD said Malawi is one of nine prioritised countries in the project. The following five sectors will be given priority in this round:

- Energy
- Agriculture, including agro-processing
- Fish and marine resources
- Maritime sector
- Information and Communications Technology

These are some of the key requirements for the applicants:

- The applicant must cover at least 50% of the costs for the applied project with own funds.
- The minimum grant size is NOK 500 000, approx. USD 60 000.
- The applicant must document access to the necessary and sufficient financial resources to implement and follow up the investment.
  - Applicants without audited accounts for the last three years must otherwise demonstrate access to the required financial resources.
  - As a general rule, the applicant must have an annual turnover of at least NOK 10 million.

The full call text is available here: <https://grants.mfa.no/#call/1181>

