

BIRD Energy Call for Proposals 2026

Advancing U.S. - Israel Energy Innovation through Risk Sharing Partnerships



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BIRD Foundation's Approach in a Nutshell



Joint fund, established in 1977 as a joint initiative between the U.S. and Israeli governments



Mission

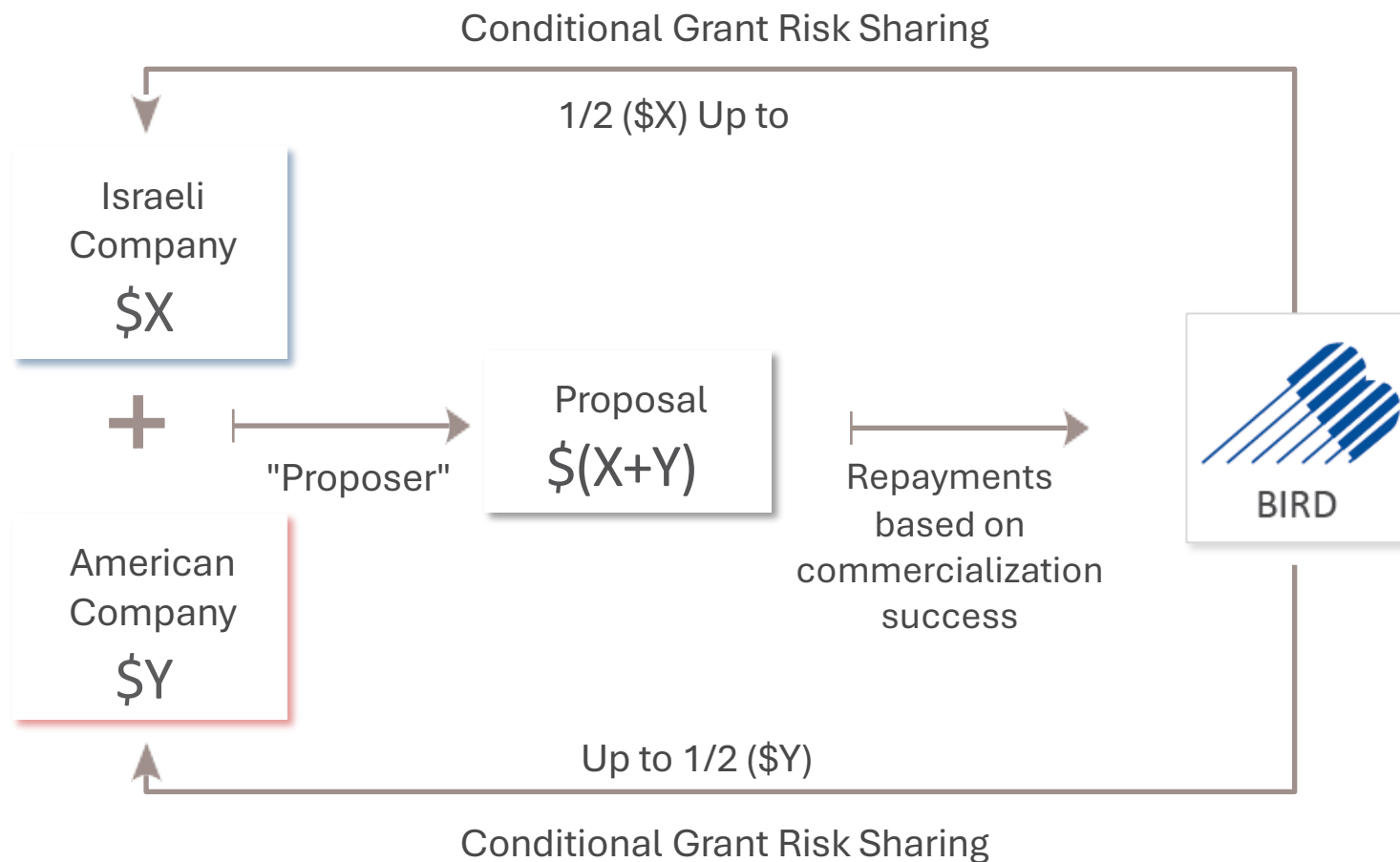
To stimulate, promote and support joint (non-defense) industrial R&D of mutual benefit to Israel and the United States helps identify strategic partners through matchmaking



Funding

BIRD provides conditional grants (up to 50% of project budget), max \$1.5M for joint development on a risk-sharing basis, with private sector cost-sharing

The BIRD Energy Model



- Maximum conditional grant of up to \$1.5 million per project
- Every dollar invested by the governments generates at least two dollars of additional activity through private sector cost sharing
- Repayment is required only upon successful commercialization, through royalties of 5 percent of sales, capped at 150 percent of the original grant and adjusted for CPI

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AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT U.S. - ISRAEL JOINT ENERGY PROPOSALS



Executive Summary
July 8, 2026

Final Proposal
October 6, 2026

Decisions
December 2026

BIRD Energy Scope



BIRD Energy follows the same rules and procedures as BIRD

See BIRD's website for submission details: www.birdf.com

To be considered, a project proposal should include:

- ◆ R&D cooperation between two companies or cooperation between a company and a university or research institution (one from the U.S. and one from Israel)
- ◆ Innovation that improves energy reliability, affordability, and resilience across the energy system, including grid optimization, AI-integrated data centers, digital and AI-enabled energy solutions, advanced manufacturing, industrial affordability and resilience, and the water-energy nexus
- ◆ Innovation that enhances economically viable energy production, secures supply of critical minerals and materials, and supports the deployment of reliable energy solutions
- ◆ Innovation in emerging energy technologies that improve system performance
- ◆ Innovation that enhances cybersecurity for energy infrastructure and critical energy assets
- ◆ Significant commercial potential; the project outcome should lead to commercialization

The maximum conditional grant is \$1.5M per project, and no more than 50% of the joint R&D budget.

Who Can Apply?



- ◆ **U.S. Partner:** Company (US-based operations & R&D) or Research Institution (University/National Lab)
- ◆ **Israeli Partner:** Company (Israeli-based operations & R&D) or Research Institution/University
- ◆ **Crucial:** Must be a joint development project with clear roles for both partners
- ◆ **Innovation & Commercialization:** Projects must involve significant R&D leading to a commercialize product/technology

Submission information
on www.birdf.com

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Guidelines and Stages

Choose your stage



Guidelines



Submission



Agreements



Reporting

BIRD Energy 2026 - Submission Timetable



Why Apply to BIRD Energy?



- ◆ **De-Risked Innovation:** Non-dilutive funding, No equity, no IP taken
- ◆ **Strategic Binational Partnership and Global Market Access:** Leverage U.S.-Israel R&D strengths to accelerate joint technology development
- ◆ **Solve Critical Challenges:** Address urgent needs in energy resilience, efficiency, and security.
- ◆ **Validation & Stamp of Approval** effect attracting private capital

- ➔ **Find Your Partner: (If you don't have one, BIRD can assist!)**
- ➔ **Prepare Your Executive Summary**
- ➔ **Visit: www.birdfoundation.com/bird-energy**
- ➔ **Contact Us at www.birdf.com**

Don't Miss the July 8, 2026, Deadline!



Thank you



Let's build the next generation of
U.S.-Israel energy innovation

