

“INVESTING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT”



INNER CITY BASIC SERVICES PROJECT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – MICRO FINANCE SERVICES

The Government of Jamaica has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) toward the cost of the Inner City Basic Services Project (ICBSP). This project will be implemented by the Jamaica Social Investment Fund. The project aims to improve access in targeted poor inner-city communities to basic services and financial services; strengthen community capacity to develop, manage and maintain basic infrastructure; and facilitate a reduction in the incidence of crime and violence in targeted inner city communities. Project implementation commenced in May 2006. The twelve communities identified for inclusion in this project are:

- **Kingston & St Andrew** - Whitfield Town, Passmore Town/Browns Town (Dunkirk), Federal Gardens, Jones Town
- **St. Catherine** - Tawes Pen, Africa (March Pen), Central Village (Andrews Lane, Little Lane, Big Lane, Detroit), Dempshire Gardens/Jones Pen (Shelter Rock), Lauriston, Knollis (Bogwalk)
- **Clarendon** - Bucknor
- **St. James** - Flankers

The project has a Micro-finance component, aimed at providing increased access to micro-credit in the ICBSP communities listed above.

JSIF is seeking expressions of interest from:

- i. Institutions that are capable and interested in providing sustainable micro-finance services on a contractual basis to these communities. Interested institutions will be invited to submit bids for output-based support based on the volume of lending to new clients in these communities over the next two years. Eligible institutions include, any institution which:
 - Is a legally registered entity under the laws of Jamaica
 - Has conducted small business or micro-lending in Jamaica for a minimum of two years
 - Has a minimum asset size of Ja\$10,000,000.00
 - Has audited financial statements for the past two years.
- ii. A consultant/auditor to conduct due diligence review of the selected micro finance institution.

The expression of interest should include a detailed profile of the institution/consultant as well as the name and contact information of the institution's authorized representative.

Expressions of interest may be submitted in hard copy or by email at or before **12 noon on Monday, February 11, 2008** to:

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