

JAMAICA SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND

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“INVESTING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT”

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Grant No. GA 19/JAM

The Government of Jamaica has received funding from the Caribbean Development Bank/Basic Needs Trust Fund for the implementation of sub-projects in poor underserved communities islandwide. The main purposes of this fund are;

To assist low-income communities in planning and implementing projects to improve their access to essential services through the provision of social and economic infrastructure and the opportunities for the development of skills to enhance employability. The programme provides funding in five main areas: infrastructure construction, minor maintenance for education and health facilities, skills training and upgrading, institutional strengthening, public awareness and information, and project management and implementation.

As part of the project implementation process the Jamaica Social Investment Fund will be utilising portions of the Grant resources to implement the following **technical assistance consultancy** towards the achievement of the objectives of the project.

Scope of Works

Through the Grant, JSIF now seeks expressions of interest from suitably qualified firms or implementation teams to provide Organisational Strengthening and Institutional Capacity Building for Community Based Organisations (CBOs) that will be partnering with the JSIF for the construction of the following infrastructure projects:

Projects

1. Bellas Gate Basic School PTA Organisational Strengthening – St. Catherine
2. Burke Road Basic School PTA Organisational Strengthening – St. Andrew
3. Hill Top Basic School PTA Organisational Strengthening – St. Catherine

The Organizational Strengthening (OS) Component involves training of the Sponsoring Body/Community Based Organization (CBO) in areas that will improve the achievement of the sub-project goals and objectives. Training will be provided to include but may not be exclusive to the following areas:

- Conflict Resolution
- Financial Management
- Facility Maintenance
- Managing Community Resource
- Organization Development
- Planning and Management.

The consultant or consulting team may, after evaluation, recommend additional training needs for the CBOs. In order to maintain consistency of project output and outcome, One (1) firm will be hired to deliver all interventions to the Three (3) targeted CBOs.

The Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF) now invites firms/individuals/teams to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested persons must provide information indicating that they are qualified to deliver the service and have experience in working with communities. In addition to

resumes, your covering letter should explain exactly why you think you have the necessary skills and expertise to deliver the services.

Expressions of interest (EOI) must be delivered to the address below and emailed to contracting@jsif.org at or before 12:00 noon on Monday, March 9, 2009.

Request for Proposals will be sent **ONLY** to qualified firms/individuals/teams who have responded by the deadline.

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