



JAMAICA VIOLENCE ACTION FUND (JAVA FUND)

(IMPLEMENTED BY THE JAMAICA SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND - JSIF)

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR GRANT FUNDING

The Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF) has extended its call for proposals for Grant Funding for two (2) weeks under the Jamaica Violence Action Fund (JAVA) from eligible organizations that meet the criteria outlined below:

JAVA'S THEMATIC AREAS

Sub grant proposals should fall within the following thematic areas:

- 1) Conflict mediation and dispute resolution activities, including (but not limited to):**
 - Training and mentoring of youth at risk (12-24 years old);
 - Conflict prevention, mediation and dialogue services for groups vulnerable to and affected by community-based social conflict (eg. corner youth)
 - Training efforts to build civic skills and law-abiding cultural practices and attitudes;

- 2) Crime and violence prevention social development activities targeting youth and young adults (12-29 years old) at the greatest risk of engaging in violent and illicit or criminal conduct associated with high risk behaviors, including (but not limited to):**
 - Educational and recreational activities;
 - Home work and after schools programs;
 - Summer camps;
 - Vocational and job skills training;
 - Guidance counseling;
 - Mentoring programs;
 - Youth leadership and engagement programs;
 - Second chance programs;
 - Youth offender re-entry services;
 - Training in core competencies in youth violence prevention.

- 3) Family support social services to targeted families and individuals at the greatest risk of participating in and being victims of crime and violence, including but not limited to:**
 - Life skills and good parenting programs;
 - Family mediation services;
 - Drug abuse and alcoholism prevention and rehabilitation;
 - Reproductive health services;
 - Early childhood development, education and day-care services.

TARGETED GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS

Areas targeted by the JAVA Fund are high-risk areas along the Kingston-May Pen metropolitan corridor in the southeastern region of the island (districts of Eastern and Western Kingston, South St. Andrew, Spanish Town and May Pen). The following communities, which are already covered by the Inner-city Basic Services Project (ICBSP)

may not be targeted in the proposals: Whitfield Town, Dunkirk, Federal Gardens and Jones Town in Kingston and St Andrew Parish; Tawes Pen, Africa, Central Village, Shelter Rock, Lauriston, and Bog Walk in St Catherine; Bucknor/Rectory lands in Clarendon; and Flankers in St James.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Activities must target at-risk groups; be implemented within a timeframe of maximum 12 months; include goods and services, but no civil works; and must be supported by the targeted local community.

ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS

Organizations duly registered in Jamaica that are non-profit and non-governmental, including community based organizations (CBO), non-governmental organizations (NGO) and public service associations. The JAVA Fund management will, prior to determining the eligibility of a proposed organization evaluate the legal status, mandate, ownership, management and fiduciary capacity of the applying organization.

Applying organizations must also have at least 3 years of experience in the proposed activities.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Sub grant proposals that focus on the areas described above are welcomed. Sub grant proposals should be aligned with national priorities, and produce replicable and/or sustainable results. Proposals should also demonstrate contribution from the applying organization (financial or otherwise). Budgets must be appropriate and only a maximum equivalent to US\$150,000 can be approved per sub grant.

Projects must address a clear problem and identify measurable indicators of success.

APPLICATION PERIOD

Proposals for the call has been extended for two (2) weeks and will therefore only be accepted during the period Monday **28th September, 2009 to Thursday 8th October, 2009**. No proposals received outside of this designated period will be considered.

Applicants having already submitted proposals and wishing to make revisions to their proposals are free to withdraw and resubmit their applications within the revised application period.

Application Forms must be submitted during JSIF office hours, Monday to Thursdays 8:30 am to 4:45 pm and Fridays at 3:45 pm. All forms must however be submitted **no later than 12 noon on Thursday 8th October, 2009** and may be submitted by mail, by hand or e-mail to contracting@jsif.org. Incomplete proposals **will not** be considered.

APPLICATION FORMS

For a proposal to be considered for funding, it must be submitted on the sub grant application form. Forms **will not** be accepted by FAX.

Copies of the Application Forms and Guidelines for application may be obtained at the offices of JSIF, or on the JSIF web site at www.jsif.org. Proposals must be addressed to the following:

The General Manager - Technical Services

JAVA Fund

The Jamaica Social Investment Fund

Second Floor

1c-1f Pawsey Road

Kingston 5

Jamaica, W.I.

Following the selection of proposals, potential grantees will be invited to attend a JAVA Proposal Workshop being planned by the JSIF. Candidates will be advised of the date and venue at a later time prior to the workshop.