

JAMAICA SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND



2nd CALL FOR BUSINESS PROPOSALS Closed Call

Targeting Agri-Business and Community Tourism Enterprises For Matching Grant Support



*“Creating Economic Opportunities
in Agriculture and Tourism”*



Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF) on behalf of the Government of Jamaica with funding through a loan from the World Bank invites applications for business proposals that may qualify for technical assistance for business plan development, and eventually to co-financing or matching grant support under the Second Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI II) project under Component 1:

Climate Resilient Agriculture and Community Tourism Investments for Rural Enterprises for activities including, but not limited to the following:

- Health, Safety and Security Measures
- Virtual, Digital or Technology Enhanced Products, Marketing or Service Delivery
- Value Added Production and Equipment
- Community Tourism Enterprises and Clusters (Attractions, Agro-Tourism, Nature- or Eco-Tourism, Cultural Heritage Tourism)
- Local Forest Management Committees or Protected Areas
- Technology-Based Activities that Support and Showcase Agriculture and Community Tourism
- Technical Assistance and Capacity Building
- Tour Operators that Demonstrate Collaboration with Community Tourism Enterprises
- Fisheries Development (e.g., equipment and fish cleaning or filleting facility) or Special Fisheries Conservation Groups
- Introduction of Alternative Energy Sources (solar panels) to improve production efficiency and reduce energy costs
- Introduction of New Crop Varieties and Innovative Production Methods
- Post-harvest Facilities / Cold Storage Infrastructure
- Water Harvesting and Drip Irrigation Systems

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applications should be from **registered organizations** e.g., Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Cooperatives, Benevolent Societies, Non-Governmental Organisations, Tour Operators or other Limited Liability Companies, Tourism Cluster Associations, Producer Organisations
NB: Applications from individuals and private companies are encouraged once collaboration between communities and the private enterprise can be established
2. Proposed projects must have an **identified and defined market** and demonstrate **economic & financial feasibility** and have the potential to enhance **climate resilience**
3. Applying groups must have a composition of at least **40% women** and/or **30% youth**
4. Applications that request construction or rehabilitation of a building **must** attach to the application form a copy of proof of ownership, or lease agreement (*please see Section 2.16 of the Application Guidelines for further details on the minimum period of Land Tenure*)
5. Applying groups must **contribute between 5% to 50% of amount being requested** in cash or in kind
6. Apply using the REDI II Application Form or Online at www.jsif.org

Application Forms and Application Guidelines are available at the JSIF office, or on JSIF's website: www.jsif.org

APPLICATION PERIOD

Only applications (online and hard copy) received **before 4:00 pm on Monday, May 1, 2023** will be considered for this Call for Proposals. Hard copy application forms and copies of all required supporting documentation are to be placed in a sealed envelope and labelled **“REDI II Call for Business Proposals”** and submitted at the Receptionist's Desk at JSIF.

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