

JAMAICA SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND



CALL FOR BUSINESS PROPOSALS Targeting Agri-Business and Community Tourism Enterprises For Matching Grant Support



Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF) on behalf of the Government of Jamaica with funding 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 the following component:

1. Climate Resilient Agriculture and Community Tourism Investments for Rural Enterprises (average investment amount JMS\$35,000,000.00), for activities including but not limited to:

- Counter-seasonal Production Methods e.g. green houses for vegetable crop production
- Health, Safety and Security Measures in Light of COVID-19
- Virtual, Digital or Technology Enhanced Products, Marketing or Service Delivery
- Value added production and Value Chain Development e.g. Honey bottling and value-added honey products
- Business Planning, Mentorship & Coaching
- Community Tourism Enterprises (Agro Tourism, Nature or Eco Tourism, Cultural Heritage Tourism)
- Technical Assistance and Capacity Building to include Required Training
- Fisheries Development e.g. equipment and fish cleaning or filleting facility
- Small Ruminant Production such as goats and sheep e.g. breeding stock improvement.
- 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 / Cool Storage Infrastructure
- Water Harvesting and Drip Irrigation Systems

Eligible applications must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Applications should be from **eligible organizations** e.g. Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Cooperatives, Benevolent Societies, Non-Governmental Organizations, Tour Operators or other Limited Liability Companies, Tourism Cluster Associations, Producer Organisations
NB: Applications from individuals and private companies are not eligible. However, projects that demonstrate collaboration between communities and private sector are encouraged
2. Proposed projects should have an **identified and defined market** and demonstrate **economic & financial feasibility** and have the potential to enhance **climate resilience**
3. Applying groups are encouraged to 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 copy of proof of ownership or lease agreement
5. Applying groups must **contribute at least 5% to 60% of amount being requested** in cash
6. Apply using the REDI II Application Form or Online at www.jsif.org

APPLICATION PERIOD

Only applications submitted on **Wednesday, November 25, 2020 before 4:00 pm** will be considered for this Call for Proposals. Hard-copy application forms and copies of all required support documentation are to be placed in a sealed envelope and labelled **“REDI II Call for Business Proposals”**

Application forms and Application Guidelines are available at the **JSIF, RADA Parish Offices, TPDCo Regional Offices and SDC Offices** OR on the JSIF website www.jsif.org

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