

# **CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS**

## **GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITY SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME Barbados**

### **Background:**

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Programme (SGP) implemented by UNDP provides civil society organizations (CSOs) with technical and financial support in the form of grant funding, to projects focused on environmental conservation and restoration, while enhancing people's livelihoods and well-being. Barbados based CSOs (including national non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, professional associations, academic organizations, faith-based organizations, youth groups, business civic organizations, hotel and resort associations and foundations) are invited to apply for grants to the Global Environmental Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF SGP). All projects should fit within the following thematic areas:

- Community landscape/ seascape conservation
- Climate smart innovative agro-ecology
- Low carbon energy access co-benefits
- CSO - Government Policy and Planning Dialogue Platforms

Projects should also have viable sustainable livelihood components. Projects that facilitate the participation of poor and vulnerable groups as well as youth and women will be given priority. All projects should contribute to environmental sustainability; alleviate poverty; and build capacity in communities. Project proposals should address the priorities identified in the Barbados Country Programme Strategy (CPS) (2015 – 2018). The CPS can be viewed or downloaded via the following link: [http://www.sgpbarbados.org/images/pdf/GEF\\_SGP\\_OP6\\_Barbados\\_Country\\_Programme\\_Strategy\\_CPS\\_.pdf](http://www.sgpbarbados.org/images/pdf/GEF_SGP_OP6_Barbados_Country_Programme_Strategy_CPS_.pdf).

**Funding:** We offer funding at two levels for normal grants as follows:

- *Planning Grants:* Planning Grants are meant to help applicants initiate a participatory planning process, undertake research, assess their capacity and/or hire consultants to help them define a project and prepare a proposal to access a Full Grant. These grants are up to a maximum of US\$5,000 but most awards usually average US\$2,000. It is only in exceptional circumstances that a planning grant will be awarded for US\$5,000. The exceptions are when a significant amount of research is needed prior to defining and developing a project proposal; and where business plans are required.
- *Full Grants:* These grants are given for project implementation and can be for a maximum of US\$50,000. Traditionally most awards however do not exceed US\$30,000 per project.

- *Total Grant for any project (i.e. Planning and Full Grant) = US\$50,000*

**Project Approval Process:** In order to ensure a swift process we are recommending the following:

- Complete and submit a CONCEPT FORM to the GEF SGP National Coordinator (NC) located in Barbados. A response should be received within 5 working days.
- If your project meets GEF guidelines we may first recommend a Planning Grant. At this time however you may wish to skip this stage and apply for a Full Grant.
- If you apply for a Planning Grant, we expect the Full Grant project proposal to be submitted within 3 months, unless exceptional circumstances arise. Planning Grants are approved within 10 working days.
- During the preparation of a project proposal we are happy to provide feedback, usually within 5 working days.
- Members of the Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) assigned to your application will review your proposal and forward their decision to the National Steering Committee (NSC) for action.
- Experts on our NSC will check the proposal to ensure that it conforms to GEF criteria.
- Project proposals that meet the criteria are usually approved within 4 to 6 weeks.

We accept Project Concepts, Planning Grant and Full Grant Applications at any time during our fiscal year which runs from July to June. To ensure that you are considered for the next round of project reviews please submit your proposal by April 14 2017.

*All concept, planning grant, and project proposal forms are available on our website:*  
<http://sgpbarbados.org>

**Send proposals and all requests for information to the**

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