



The Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Conservation Fund (SVGCF)

CALL FOR PROPOSAL

FOR

PROTECT AND ENHANCE ECOSYSTEMS

AND

EDUCATE AND CREATE RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITIES

The Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Conservation Fund (SVGCF) is seeking applications from eligible registered government agencies, local universities or colleges, registered local or regional (Caribbean) non-governmental organizations (NGOs), private businesses, local community associations, and other appropriate local entities of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines under its Grant-Making Framework.

Types of projects to be supported:

The call for proposal will focus on projects with activities that directly support (i) Biodiversity conservation programs (e.g., trainings on climate change adaptation for marine and terrestrial ecosystems) (ii) implementation of restoration activities, (iii) Habitat, species, and natural resources conservation and management (e.g. habitat management, control of invasive species), (iv) Survey and assessment of coral reef health and regeneration (including establishment of regular coral reef ecosystem monitoring), (v) Promote community awareness about PAs, (vi) biodiversity and conservation Workshops (e.g., to raise awareness of climate change and Protected Area regulations)

The grant-making process will conform to the grant-making policies and procedures in the Operations Manual of the SVGCF and the Grant-Making Framework. This Request for Proposals is financed with resources from The Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF) under the management of SVGCF.

Projects to be supported should contribute to the realization of the two (2) Grant-Making Goals of the SVGCF, which are:

Grant-Making Goal 1 – Protect and enhance ecosystems: Protect and enhance critical ecosystems in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines against threats inclusive of pollution, unsustainable development, climate change.

Projects to be supported which will contribute to the realization of this Grant-Making Goal will include:

Increased capacity for conservation, restoration, and climate change adaptation planning and implementation, Decreased pollution from land-based sources in ecosystems, Ecosystems and habitats restored

This intervention category covers a range of activities that directly restore or rehabilitate habitats in order to reduce climate risks. Illustrative activities include:

- Biodiversity conservation programs (e.g., trainings on climate change adaptation for marine and terrestrial ecosystems) implementation of restoration activities
- Habitat, species, and natural resources conservation and management (e.g. habitat management, control of invasive species)
- Survey and assessment of coral reef health and regeneration (including establishment of regular coral reef ecosystem monitoring)
- Provision of ecosystem surveying and monitoring equipment

Grant-Making Goal 3 – Educate and create responsible communities: Educate, raise awareness and empower citizens of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to support conservation efforts, with a focus on youth and gender mainstreaming.

Projects to be supported which will contribute to the realization of this Grant-Making Goal will include:

Increased collaboration between communities, agencies/ministries, and individuals to respond to, withstand, and recover from adverse situations

This intervention category covers activities on community engagement to raise awareness about PAs and climate change. Illustrative activities include:

- Promote community awareness about PAs
- biodiversity and conservation Workshops (e.g., to raise awareness of climate change and Protected Area regulations)

Projects size:

Approximately \$350,000.00 XCD is allocated under this Call for Proposals. Grant size may range from \$5,000 - \$50,000 USD.

Project duration:

Funded projects may be implemented within a maximum of 24 months.

How to apply:

A two-step application process will be followed: (i) the submission of Concept Notes, and (ii) applicants with selected Concept Notes will be invited to submit full proposals.

Applicant organizations must complete the Concept Note template downloadable at the SVGCF Website. It is recommended that the Concept Note template is followed and completed fully. The Concept Note template has instructions on what is expected from the projects and indicate important references, such as the Log Frame.

Concept Notes will be accepted only in English. Full proposals after the concept selection phase will only be accepted in English.

The applicants must submit Concept Notes and other required attachments to the SVGCF, through the following email: to onlineapplication@svgcf.org

Applicant requirements:

Applications for funding from the SVGCF may be received from the following entities:

- Public sector agencies of the government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines responsible for natural resource, protected areas and biodiversity conservation. Public sector agencies must provide a 1:1 match of funds through in-kind or cash contributions for all proposals; in-kind contributions may be no more than 50% of the match.
- Local universities or colleges conducting activities relevant to the vision, mission, goals, and strategies of the SVGCF.
- Local or regional (Caribbean) NGOs established, legally-registered and existing in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for no less than 5 years and with an established track record and complementary source of funds.
- Private corporations or other companies from relevant industries involved in marine/terrestrial ecosystem and biodiversity clean-up, protection, conservation, and/or monitoring. Private corporations must provide a 2:1 match of cash funds for all proposals, and they must not generate a profit through project activities.
- Local community associations/community bodies with direct impact on marine and/or terrestrial biodiversity and ecosystem resources (e.g., fisherfolk associations, youth groups, church groups).
- Other appropriate local entities of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines working toward the vision, mission, and goals of the SVGCF.

Selection process:

A two-step application process will be followed. Concept notes will be evaluated and selected according to the aspects required in the Concept Notes template. Applicants with selected Concept Notes will be invited to submit a full proposal. The scoring of concepts will be guided by the Evaluation Scoring Sheet for Concept Note.

Full Proposal templates will be provided to applicants of selected Concept Notes. Selected Full Proposals will be awarded an SVGCF project grant and applicants will sign a grant agreement with the SVGCF.

Timelines:

The timeline for the complete selection process is estimated to follow the following timelines:

Selection process phases	Timeline
Submission of Concept Notes	January 15, 2020
Short Listing of Concept Notes	January 31, 2020
Submission of Full Proposals	March 1, 2020
Selection of Full Proposals to be awarded	March 16, 2020
Grant agreement signature	March 31, 2020

Questions & Answers:

Applicants may submit questions to the SVGCF up to December 20, 2019 for this Call for Proposals. Question must be submitted through the following emails:

onlineapplication@svgcf.org

Find out more about SVGCF and the call for proposal including the guidelines to apply at <https://svgcf.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/SVGConservationFund/>

Application forms and other relevant documents can be found at <https://svgcf.org/index.php/grants/the-application-process/>