



The Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Conservation Fund (SVGCF)

## **VOLCANO RECOVERY GRANT**

### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**FOR**

#### **RESTORATION AND STABILIZATION OF THE LEEWARD AND WINDWARD ACCESS TRAILS OF THE LA SOUFRIERE VOLCANO**

With funding from the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF), the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Conservation Fund (SVGCF) is seeking applications from eligible registered government agencies, registered local non-governmental organizations (NGOs), private businesses, local community associations, and other appropriate local entities of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, for the restoration and stabilization of the leeward and windward access trail of the La Soufriere Volcano.

#### **Project Background and Context:**

In April 2021 the La Soufriere Volcano erupted explosively. The eruption was devastating and far reaching. Volcanic ash blanketed the island and destroyed the flanks of the volcano along with the access trails. The beautiful landscape and the thrill of hiking the Volcano has long been an attraction for locals and visitors. At present the devastated landscape created by the eruption presents a challenging environment for anyone wishing to hike the Volcano.

This project focuses on a post volcano recovery for the restoration and stabilization of the windward and leeward access trails for the La Soufriere Volcano, which will include the following Components:

- Trail restoration and stabilization
- Interpretive signs

The restoration work will include, but not limited to, the following:

1. All woody debris, organics, and loose rocks are removed from the trail.
2. Natural drainage features of the landform are fully restored.
3. Erosion control measures be installed prior to restoration work until the site is permanently stabilized. Any active erosion must be contained, corrected and permanently stabilized.

4. Construction of trail Tread. The material used for the tread construction should be compatible with the environment and trail experience.
5. Provide edge protection and handrail where required for safety.

Signs will include the following:

1. Design and install informational, educational and directional signs. Match the information source to the trail environment. The material, colour and style of all signs and information source should be compatible with the trail environment and the intended experience.

**Projects size:**

Approximately XCD\$275,000.00 is allocated under this Call for Proposals.

**Project duration:**

The project may be implemented within a maximum of 4 months.

**How to apply:**

A one-step application process will be followed to submit full proposals.

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

Full proposal will be accepted only in English.

The applicants must submit Full proposals and other required attachments to the SVGCF, using the full proposal form to the following email: [onlineapplication@svgcf.org](mailto:onlineapplication@svgcf.org)

To access the full proposal form, go to: <https://svgcf.org/volcano-recovery-grant-call-for-proposals/>

**Applicant requirements:**

Applications may be submitted by 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 match of funds through in-kind or cash contributions of no less than 30%.
- 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 match of funds through in-kind or cash contributions of no less than 30%.
- 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 grant will be awarded after the Full proposals are evaluated. The successful applicant 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:

<b>Selection process phases</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Submission of Full Proposals	February 28, 2023
Selection of Full Proposals to be awarded	March 15, 2023
Grant agreement signature	March 29, 2023

### **Questions & Answers:**

Applicants may submit questions to the SVGCF up to February 14, 2023 for this Call for Proposals. Question must be submitted through the following emails:

[onlineapplication@svgcf.org](mailto:onlineapplication@svgcf.org)

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