



The Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Conservation Fund (SVGCF)

SMALL GRANT CALL FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

STRENGTHENING DROUGHT RESILIENCE FOR SMALL HOLDER FARMERS and VULNERABLE 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 STRENGTHENING DROUGHT RESILIENCE FOR SMALL HOLDER FARMERS and VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES.

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 following key areas:

Water Management:

- **Water Harvesting Systems:** Implement rainwater harvesting systems to capture and store rainwater for use during dry periods.
- **Irrigation Techniques:** Implement efficient irrigation techniques such as drip irrigation and sprinkler systems to optimize water use.
- **Water Conservation:** Implementing water-efficient practices on farms, such as mulching and soil moisture conservation methods

Soil Management:

- **Sustainable Agriculture:** Implement agriculture practices that enhance soil health, reduce erosion, and improve water retention.
- **Agroforestry:** Integrate trees and shrubs into farming systems to improve soil structure, provide shade, and contribute to overall ecosystem resilience.

Projects size:

Approximately XCD\$80,000.00 is allocated under this Call for Proposals. Grant size may range from XCD\$13,350 - \$26,700 (USD \$5,000 - \$10,000).

Project duration:

Funded projects may be implemented within a maximum of 12 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, 2024
Short Listing of Concept Notes	January 30, 2024
Submission of Full Proposals	February 13, 2024
Selection of Full Proposals to be awarded	February 27, 2024
Grant agreement signature	March 5, 2024

Questions & Answers:

Applicants may submit questions to the SVGCF up to January 7, 2024 for this Call for Proposals. Question must be submitted through the following emails:

onlineapplication@svgcf.org

To access the full document for the call for proposals including the guidelines to apply, go to: <https://svgcf.org/calls/> .

Find out more about SVGCF at: <https://svgcf.org/> , or visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/SVGConservationFund>

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