The Inter-American Foundation & USAID

Partnership: Eastern & Southern Caribbean
IAF-USAID Partnership: Eastern & Southern Caribbean

Building Community Resilience in the Eastern & Southern Caribbean

Focus on providing small grants directly to grassroots and community organizations

3 year initiative - total of $5 million
USAID/Eastern and Southern Caribbean
Geographic Reach
The Challenge

$27 billion

in losses and damages in the Caribbean from 2000-2017 from natural hazards. Social and economic stressors such as the effects of poverty, inequalities, and a lack of economic diversification affect the ability to prepare for and respond to these risks.
What is Resilience?

For USAID, resilience is the ability of people, households, communities, countries, and systems to mitigate, adapt to, and recover from shocks and stresses in a manner that reduces chronic vulnerability and facilitates inclusive growth.
Building Capacity

**INSTITUTIONAL**
- Established institutions
- Effective governance
- Policies and strategies
- Laws and regulations
- Horizontal coordination
- Vertical coordination

**HUMAN AND COMMUNITIES**
- Stable livelihoods
- Secure housing and tenure
- Basic services (water, sanitation, electricity)
- Security
- Public health
- Civil society
- Cultural norms
- Equity and inclusion

**FINANCIAL**
- Stable funding for core operations
- Capital financing
- Emergency response financing
- Insurance mechanisms

**KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY**
- Data and information
- Technical expertise
- Workforce
- Decision support systems
- Early warning systems
- Education and training

**RESILIENCE CAPACITIES**
USAID’s Commitment

● **Current initiatives:**
  ● CDEMA - Improving and integrating regional, national and community level disaster management systems
  ● CIMH - Enhancing forecasting and response capabilities
  ● IAF - Support for community-led resilience initiatives
The Inter-American Foundation

- Independent agency of the U.S. Government
- Created by Congress in 1969 to channel development assistance directly to grassroots groups in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Promotes and invests in grassroots development to help communities thrive
Where do we work?

26 Countries in Latin America and the Caribbean

Argentina
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Eastern & Southern Caribbean
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador

Guatemala
Haití
Honduras
Jamaica
México
Nicaragua
Panamá
Paraguay
Perú
Uruguay
Multi-Country Projects
Vision

A just, peaceful, and prosperous Latin America and Caribbean region in which all people have meaningful opportunities to thrive
Guiding Principles

- Facilitate self-reliance.
- Channel funds directly to grassroots groups and NGOs.
- Treat partners with respect and dignity.
- Support people, organizations, and processes.
How is the IAF different?

- Responsive to ideas.
- Promote social inclusion as well as economic progress.
- Minimal overhead costs.
- Required counterpart contribution from grantees maximizes program returns and ensures sustainability.
We work with communities as partners, not simply as beneficiaries.
IAF-USAID in the Eastern Caribbean

5 ACTIVE PROJECTS

$1.8 M IAF-USAID INVESTMENT

+ 1400 DIRECT PARTICIPANTS
Active Projects IAF-USAID in the Eastern Caribbean

Antigua and Barbuda
Barbados
Dominica
Grenada
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Trinidad & Tobago
Raise Your Voice Saint Lucia

- Provide training and income generation opportunities to survivors of gender-based violence
- Institutional Strengthening
- Provide psychosocial support to survivors of gender-based violence
- Community mobilization
Community Development Projects

The IAF does not identify problems or suggest projects, but responds to initiatives that are presented.

The projects are not selected by sector but by their intrinsic value.

Funding will support grassroots and community organizations working in the area of resilience.
Criteria
1. Agency
2. Feasibility
3. Sustainability
4. Innovation
Criteria

- Presents innovative solutions to development problems.
- Includes a diversity of community voices in the design, execution, and monitoring of the project.
- Shows creative use of community resources.
- Builds alliances and strengthens participating organizations.
Criteria

● Demonstrates shared long-term vision.
● Improves the capacity for self-governance.
● Shows the possibility of multiplier effects.
● Generates knowledge and measurable results.
Eligible Countries

Antigua & Barbuda
Barbados
Dominica
Grenada
Guyana
Saint Kitts & Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
Suriname
Trinidad & Tobago
Amounts and Duration

US $ 25,000 - US $ 400,000

AVERAGE FUNDING PER PROJECT

US $220,000

DEPENDS ON THE CAPACITY AND EXPERIENCE OF THE ORGANIZATION

2 to 3 years AVERAGE DURATION OF THE PROJECTS
Proposal Development
Proposal Submission to IAF
Proposal Evaluation
Pre-Selection Visit
Notification

Locally Led Design
proposals@iaf.gov
Proposals are reviewed shortly after they are received
Proposals selected for Pre-Selection
Continuation or rejection

Priority given to proposals received by March 15, 2021
Proposal Format

1. Part One: Cover Sheet
2. Part Two: Narrative Description, maximum of 10 pages (Arial Size 12)
3. Part Three: Budget

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Questions?
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