

# *Environmental Foundation of Jamaica*



## **2006 Congressional Report on Jamaica's Enterprise for the Americas Initiative (EAI) Fund**

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## **Jamaica**

In 1991, the Environmental Foundation of Jamaica (EFJ) was established out of two bilateral debt reduction agreements between the Governments of Jamaica and the United States of America. The two funds created reduced USAID and PL480 debt by \$311 million. The interest on the remaining \$95 million is projected to provide the Fund with a total of \$21.5 million over a 19 year period to 2012. Operations of the EFJ began in May 1993.

### **Mission Statement of the Environmental Foundation of Jamaica (EFJ):**

The mission of the EFJ is to serve the public good by promoting and implementing activities designed to conserve and manage the natural resources and environment of Jamaica in the interest of sustainable development and to improve child survival and child development.

### **Major Achievements in 2006**

This report covers the achievements within the fiscal year August 1, 2005 – July 31, 2006. Guided by its Strategic Plan (2004-2009), the EFJ has accomplished the goals set out in its Annual Work Plan. These include:

- ❑ **An Evaluation of the first 10 Years of its Grant Making.** The evaluation confirmed that the EFJ's grant making has had an impact in many communities across the country;
- ❑ **A Review of our 5-year Strategic Plan** which confirmed the relevance of the EFJ's main strategies and identified new ones which have been incorporated in the 2006-2007 work plan;
- ❑ **A "Call for Proposals"** – in which 305 proposals were reviewed, and 77 approved for funding. For 2005/06, disbursements of **JMD\$274.74M** were made to a total of 147 projects;
- ❑ **The introduction of a Discretionary Grants Programme** which allows grantees to access up to JMD\$200,000 within each fiscal year, outside of the Call System. The programme increases the responsiveness of the EFJ to the needs of our grantees. In the first year, 7 projects were funded for a total of JMD\$1,032,000.00;
- ❑ The EFJ enhanced its grant making programme with the introduction of the **GIFTS** grant management software, designed to support improved data gathering, response time, analysis, and facilitate easier access to grantees' information in particular in terms of reporting and monitoring;

- In continuing to develop our role in public education and awareness, the EFJ launched its **Annual Public Lecture Series** with the Inaugural Lecture focusing on the environment. It was delivered by Prof. The Hon. Gerald Lalor and was entitled “Earth and Its Environment”. The EFJ also facilitated the participation of its grantees in sharing their work and experiences in a seminar series during the Jamaica Foundation for Children’s **Annual Children’s Expo**;
- As part of an on-going process to improve operational efficiencies and maintaining fiscal prudence, the EFJ continued to revise and update all internal policies, particularly in the areas of human resources, procurement, asset acquisition and management.

### **Secretariat Management**

The Board of Directors of the EFJ continued their active involvement in the organization and commitment to fiscal prudence and sound management of the Foundation throughout the year. The administrative expenses of JMD\$55M amounted to 20.06% of grant disbursements, well within the allowable ceiling of 25%. Towards this end:

- The Grant Management Committee met 9 times during 2005/06; the Finance Committee 5 times; The Human Resources and Compliance Committee 4 times and the Board of Directors 7 times.
- A new Chief Executive Officer was hired in June 2006.

### **Grant-Making Activities**

Since 1993, the Foundation has approved funding for 931 projects totalling JM\$1.702B. The 10-Year Evaluation pointed to successes and lessons learned, and has reinforced the EFJ’s goal of continuing to adopt a programmatic approach to grant making and to improving its impact assessment. The themes for the March 2006 Call were:

#### **a. Environmental Management and Natural Resource Conservation:**

- Biodiversity, with a focus on:
  - Habitat conservation and management
  - Public awareness and education
- Alternative Energy

#### **b. Child Survival and Development:**

- Children in challenging circumstances, with a focus on:
  - Abuse and Violence Prevention
  - Abandoned and Institutionalised Children
  - Children Affected by STI’s, including HIV/AIDS

- Children with Special needs and disabilities, with a focus on:
  - Training for child development facilitators

**Table I - Comparative Grants Approved by Themes and Year of Award 04/05 – 05/06**

<b>Themes</b>	<b>Number of Grants Approved 2004/2005</b>	<b>Value of Grants Approved 2004/2005</b>	<b>Number of Grants Approved 2005/2006</b>	<b>Value of Grants Approved 2005/2006</b>
<b>Environment</b>	70	\$187,417,463.00	46	\$159,961,439.00
<b>Child Survival &amp; Development</b>	75	\$146,834,347.08	31	\$ 81,485,562.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>\$334,251,810.08</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>\$241,447,001.28</b>

In addition, seven (7) Discretionary grants totalling J\$1,032,000.00 were awarded. Note that the 2004/05 total included JMD\$45M in grants made available to deal with Hurricane Ivan.

**Table 2 Comparative Approval and Disbursement Rates Since Inception**

	<b>Received</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Amount Approved (JMD\$M)</b>	<b>Amount Disbursed (JMD\$M)</b>
1993/1994	108	30	17.90	10.30
1994/1995	228	95	77.51	27.50
1995/1996	218	94	57.70	49.35
1996/1997	134	81	44.68	36.90
1997/1998	90	39	18.35	40.32
1998/1999	48	30	25.52	24.94
1999/2000	87	52	79.38	45.81
2000/2001	106	40	92.46	59.10
2001/2002	76	45	69.82	97.57
2002/2003	80	52	112.40	100.50
2003/2004	*442	148	526.76	261.55
2004/2005	*394	**148	**334.25	390.1
2005/2006	*305	77	245.29	274.74
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,316</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>1,702.02</b>	<b>1,418.68</b>

\*Includes proposals from second call to be assessed in next financial year.

\*\* Additional hurricane approvals

## Grant Awards

### PL480 GRANTS – Environmental Conservation & Management

**Theme: Coastal Habitat Protection**

**\$J28,166,019.00**

Organization	Project Name	Amount Approved
BREDS: The Treasure Beach Foundation	The Treasure Beach Destination Management & Sustainable Development Project: A Focus on Solid Waste and Coastal Zone Management	\$5,202,640.00
Cockpit Citizens Association	Restoration of Mangrove/Salt Marsh Through Public Education and Participation	1,424,060.00
Discovery Bay Marine Lab	Enhancing Coral Reef Fish Habitat and Aiding Beach Replenishment Through Coral Restoration	1,041,700.00
Natural History Society Of Jamaica	Printing and Distribution of the Book, "Reefs Mangroves and Hurricanes"	808,000.00
Negril Coral Reef Preservation Society	Technical Assessments and Environmental Mitigation Framework to Support the Rehabilitation at Long Bay and Bloody Bay, Negril	5,911,000.00
University of the West Indies Department of Life Sciences	St. Thomas Coastal Habitat Protection Project: Ecological Assessment of the Morant Wetlands	5,280,319.00
University of the West Indies Department of Life Sciences	Status and Conservation of Sea Turtles in Jamaica	4,631,200.00
University of the West Indies Department of Geography & Geology	Beach Erosion and Other Coastal Hazards: Ensuring Safety at the Community & Management Levels	3,867,100.00

**Theme: Hazardous Waste Management**

**\$10,427,160.00**

Organization	Project Name	Amount Approved
Friends of the Cornwall Regional Hospital	Replacement of Asbestos Boiler Steam Pipes - Cornwall Regional Hospital	\$4,000,000.00
University of the West Indies Department of Chemistry	Asbestos Removal from Succaba Pen Old Harbour	\$6,427,160.00

**Theme: Solid Waste Recycling** **\$9,119,000.00**

Organization	Project Name	Amount Approved
Association of Development Agencies	Building Capacity in ADA in Sustainable Development & Waste Management	\$5,890,000.00
Negril Chamber of Commerce	Solid Waste & Environmental Management For Sustainable Development in Negril	\$3,229,000.00

**Theme: Upper Watershed Reforestation** **\$J31,670,500.00**

Organization	Project Name	Amount Approved
Friends of the Sea/Hills United Development Organization	Feasibility Investigation for the Bogue Forest Estate Eco Tourism Attraction	6,000,000.00
Huntley Farmers Association	Huntley Carrot Puree Factory	2,251,000.00
Jamaica Conservation and Development Trust	Community Education for Upper Watershed Management in the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park	6,252,000.00
La Zin Farmers Association	Upper Rio Cobre Reforestation Project Phase 3: Protect Our Natural Resources for A Better Life	5,997,000.00
Reckford JAS Branch	Pilot Reforestation of the Upper Watershed Of the Rio Minho	5,967,000.00
Yallahs Development Area Committee	Pilot Reforestation of the Upper Watershed of Yallahs River	5,985,500.00

**Theme: Waste Water Recycling and Reuse** **\$23,276,290.00**

Organization	Project Name	Amount Approved
Edwin Allen High School	Edwin Allen Biodigestors and River Water Project	\$6,310,000.00
Jamaica 4H Clubs (Central Region)	Upgrading Waste Management Systems at Two Jamaica 4H Clubs Centres	\$2,171,290.00
Technical & Environmental Committee of the St. Andrew High School for Girls Board of Management	Creating Green Spaces Through Water Conservation and Innovative Waste Management	\$3,464,000.00

**Theme: Waste Water Recycling and Reuse cont'd.** **\$23,276,290.00**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
Time and Patience Primary School PTA	Environmentally Friendly Sewage Disposal System	832,000.00
University of the West Indies (Bursary)	The Extension of the Existing Waste Recycling and Reuse System	6,296,000.00
United Way of Jamaica	Technical Assistance Support Fund For Project Development and Implementation	3,828,000.00
Valley Christian Ministries Basic School	Basic School Upgrading	375,000.00

**Theme: Habitat Conservation and Management** **\$15,078,400.00**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
Accompong Maroon Council	The Original Trails of the Maroons	637,400.00
Jamaica Conservation And Development Trust	BJCMNP Enforcement & Compliance Programme Support II	6,261,000.00
Michael Manley Foundation	Michael Manley Awards for Community Self-Reliance and Environmental Conservation	4,000,000.00
Windsor Research Centre Ltd.	Forest Restoration in Cockpit Country: A Community Based Project to reestablish Ecological Processes in abandoned pasture	4,180,000.00

**Theme: Biological Diversity** **\$10,849,000.00**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
Natural History Society	Publication of Map of The Blue And John Crow Mountain National Parks	\$ 200,000.00
Cornerstone Ministries	National Heroes Park Redevelopment	\$6,000,000.00
University of the West Indies, Department of Life Sciences	The Impact of Marine Invasive Species on Jamaica's Biological Diversity Through the Ballast Water	\$3,449,000.00
Jamaica Association on	Occupational Therapy of the Mentally	\$1,200,000.00

Mental Retardation

Retarded Through Agricultural and  
Environmental Management of Land

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**Theme: Public Awareness and Education** **\$9,490,275.00**

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<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
Jamaica Environment Trust/ Joint Board of Teacher Education	Advancing Biodiversity Education in Teachers' Colleges Islandwide	\$4,493,275.00
University of the West Indies, Biotechnology Centre	Production and Dissemination Of Medicinal Plant Monographs	\$4,997,000.00

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**Theme: Alternative Energy** **\$12,808,295.00**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
College of Agriculture Science And Education	Demonstration of Alternative Energy Hybrids for Small Farmers in Jamaica	\$4,500,000.00
Irwin High School	Solar Energy Supply for Irwin High School	\$6,123,000.00
University of the West Indies, Department of Physics	Enhancing Education in Alternative Energy	\$2,185,295.00

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**Theme: Capacity Building** **\$11,150,000.00**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
Dolphin Head Trust	Dolphin Head Trust Consolidation 2006: A Strategic Initiative to Existing Livelihood Initiatives	5,850,000.00
Jamaica Conservation and Development Trust	JCDT Organizational Sustainability	\$2,000,000.00
University of the West Indies, Caribbean Regional Conference on Development & Endowment Fund	Philanthropy II	\$3,300,000.00

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**Discretionary Grants****\$J836,345.00**

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<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
Community Organisation for Management & Sustainable Development	Training in Community Development	196,500.00
Dolphin Head Trust	Special Event	195,000.00
Hills United Development Organisation	Outfitting of Administrative Offices	175,345.00
Marlon Beale	Completion of Ph.D.	70,000.00
Negril Coral Reef Preservation	Completion of Non-motorized zone	199,500.00

## **AID DEBT GRANTS – Child Survival & Development**

**Theme: Early Childhood and Development** **\$3,657,500.00**

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<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
University of the West Indies, Section of Child Health	The Development of a Parenting Education Strategy for the Early Childhood Years	\$3,657,500.00

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**Theme: Early Stimulation** **\$9,904,044.28**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
University of the West Indies, Child Development Group Research	Caregiver Training and Early Childhood Stimulation in Places of Safety	3,419,340.00
Dudley Grant Memorial Trust	Early Childhood Resource Centre Upgrading Project – Roving Caregivers Programme Year II	3,861,494.28
Gravel Hill Basic School	Training of Parents and Staff in Early Stimulation of Children	1,238,700.00
Majesty Gardens Basic School	Improvement of Majesty Gardens Basic School Home/School Environment	1,384,510.00

**Theme: Training of Professionals** **\$12,650,225.00**

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<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
3D Projects	Facilitation of the Development of Children with Learning Disabilities In Basic Schools	5,999,400.00
Dudley Grant Memorial Trust	Early Childhood Resource Centre Upgrading Project – Training	4,600,000.00
Janice A. Blake	MSc. Varying Exceptionalities	780,000.00
Parenting Partners Caribbean	Strengthening the Delivery of Parenting Education and Support Programme	1,270,825.00

**Theme: Enrichment Programmes** **\$12,670,893.00**

Organization	Project Name	Amount Approved
Clifton and Mount Peace Citizens Association	A Pilot for the Early Reading Stimulation Programme and Infrastructural Improvement of the Mount Peace Basic School	1,567,500.00
Council of Voluntary Social Services	International Volunteer Day 2005	1,080,000.00
University of the West Indies, Department of Educational Studies, School of Education	Promoting Young Children's Social and Emotional Competence and Preventing Aggression in Basic Schools	3,472,603.00
Dudley Grant Memorial Trust	Early Childhood Resource Centre Upgrading Project – Evaluation	2,320,000.00
Jamaica Christian Boys' Home	A Reliable Motor Vehicle to Transport Children to and from School	3,000,000.00
Patrick Gardens Citizens' Association	Park and Playfield Development Phase 1	1,230,790.00

**Theme: Abandoned and Institutionalized Children** **\$3,500,000.00**

Organization	Project Name	Amount Approved
Home of Charlottes Children Foundation (HCCF)	Psychological Intervention, Support and Development for Children Exposed to Violence	\$3,500,000.00

**Theme: Abuse and Violence Prevention** **\$8,829,000.00**

Organization	Project Name	Amount Approved
Association of Clubs	Intervention Today for a Violence Free Tomorrow	2,499,000.00
Children First Agency	Preserving Our Children for a Better Jamaica	2,850,000.00
Hope for Children Development Company	Community Response for the Protection of Children from Violence and Abuse Phase II	3,480,000.00

**Theme: CHILDREN AFFECTED BY STIs (incl. HIV/AIDS) \$6,470,000.00**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
Jamaica Aids Support for Life	Strengthening the Support of Children Infected and affected by HIV/AIDS	3,650,000.00
Joint Board of Teacher Education	JBTE HIV Children's Institution Outreach Project	2,300,000.00
South St. James Social & Economic Development Trust Company Ltd.	Providing Counselling and Lifestyle Modification and Healthcare to Children Affected by HIV/AIDS	520,000.00

**Theme: Children with Special Needs and Disabilities \$17,524,500.00**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
Community Based Rehabilitation Disability Agency	Merger of Community Based Rehabilitation Agencies	2,385,500.00
Community Based Rehabilitation Disability Agency	Parenting Training and Development: Key to Successful Childcare and Protection - Disability Sector	3,858,000.00
Jamaican Association on Mental Retardation	Training of Child Care Facilitators and Teachers for Persons with Mental Retardation	5,000,000.00
Rural Services for Children with Disabilities (RSCD)	Support for Implementation of the Strategic Plan of Action	5,121,000.00
St. Christopher's School for the Deaf	Resource and Learning Centre Brown's Town Schools	1,160,000.00

**Theme: Capacity Building \$5,379,400.00**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
Jamaica Society for the Blind	Enhancing the Life of Blind Children	3,175,000.00
Dudley Grant Memorial Trust	Dudley Grant Memorial Trust – Strengthening Institutional Capacity	2,204,400.00

**Theme: Scholarship** **\$900,000.00**

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Organization	Project Name	Amount Approved
Lisa Marie Playfair	Ph.D. – General Psychology – Specialization Educational Psychology at Walden University	\$900,000 .00

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**Discretionary Grants** **\$150,000.00**

Organization	Project Name	Amount Approved
Jamaica Foundation for Children	Sponsorship at Children’s Expo 2006	\$150,000.00

## **SUMMARY**

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Environmental Conservation & Management	(46)	\$163,653,284.00
Child Survival & Development	(31)	\$ 81,635,562.28
<b>Total - 77 Projects</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>\$245,288,846.28</b>

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## **Impact Assessment**

The EFJ’s grant making has had impacts in several areas within the Child and Environment sectors.

### **Child Survival and Development**

The EFJ is the largest donor in the area of children with special needs and disabilities. Within the 2005/06 fiscal year, the amount of grants funded in this theme totalled JMD\$17,524,500. Notable grantees in this category included :

- **The Jamaica Association for People with Mental Retardation** (Developmental Disabilities) - JMD\$5,000,000; **3Ds project**, a rural NGO providing valuable research, testing and support to children with disabilities and their parents – JMD\$5,999,400; **St. Christopher’s School for the Deaf** – JMD\$1,160,000.00. These three organizations alone reached in excess of 10,000 children. A diversity of support has been made available for education equipment, training for caregivers, parents and teachers and social development.

- The use of the programmatic approach, through the Call system, aligned with the organization's strategic plan, and national priorities are the hallmarks of the EFJ's successes in the Child Survival and Development area. This approach can be particularly demonstrated in our partnership with the **Dudley Grant Memorial Trust (DGMT)**, an organization dedicated to impacting national policies and programmes related to Early Childhood Development.

So far, in a three year partnership with the Dudley Grant Memorial Trust, 200 early childhood practitioners have received training to upgrade their qualifications through a nationally accredited programme; 50% of Parishes in Jamaica now have Early Childhood Development Resource Centres for use with students, parents and by teachers, with the others to come on stream. This is in addition to research carried out that has informed government policies and programme.

- Other EFJ funded research in the Early Childhood Development area include the **University of the West Indies – Child Development Research Group** – JMD\$3,419,340.00 and the **Section on Child Health** – JMD\$3,657,500.00. These projects have impacted the programme of work of the newly established Early Childhood Commission.
- The EFJ has funded the development of a comprehensive manual on parenting, entitled **“Pathways to Parenting – A Caribbean Approach”**, used by organizations, schools, agencies and parents in Jamaica and the wider Caribbean.
- JMD\$14,479,013 were awarded in 2005/06 to the benefit of Basic Schools. This included grants to NGOs/CBOs, such as the **Gravel Hill Basic School** (JMD\$1,680,000) and the **Clifton and Mount Peace Citizens' Association** (JMD\$1,567,500) for infrastructure improvements, educational materials and teacher training.
- The EFJ continues its partnership with the **Bernard van Leer Foundation's** “Kingston Inner City Child Support Project” dedicated to the training and accreditation of Early Childhood Development practitioners.

## **Environmental Conservation and Management**

Within the Environment Sector, there has been noticeable impact, within the different themes. Examples include:

- **Habitat Conservation and Management** - the work done by grantees such as the **Jamaica Conservation and Development Trust (JCDDT)** in the John Crow and Blue Mountains (JMD\$6,261,000), has resulted in local farmers abandoning the ‘slash and burn’ mode of farming in favour of sustainable farming practices and alternative livelihoods such as eco-tourism (opening of the historic Maroon Trail the Cunha, Cunha Pass). Another grantee in the sensitive Dolphin Head Mountain area of Hanover, **Dolphin Head Trust (DHT)**, has successfully engaged farmers in the buffer zones to also adopt sustainable farming practices, and alternate livelihoods such as the creation of hiking trails and a bamboo furniture business;

- Funding towards **Public Education and Awareness** within the Environment sector has had a major impact at the national level. Multi-year funding to one of our grantees, **Jamaica Environment Trust (JET)** to develop and implement a Schools Environment Programme (SEP) – JMD\$4,493,276 in 2005/06, has resulted in that programme being integrated into the national education system. JET now works in partnership with the Ministry of Education and the Joint Board of Teacher Education (JBTE) towards system-wide implementation of the programme;
- Outputs of grantees engaged in the area of **Biodiversity and Watershed Management**, have resulted in the successful reforestation of critical watersheds such as the Dunn’s River Watershed (240 hectares of reforestation), which also saw the creation of a strong Community Based Organization, **Hills United Development Organization** by communities in the buffer zone. Within 2005/06, funding to organizations such as **LaZin Farmers** (JMD\$5,997,000) in the Rio Cobre Watershed, and to the **Yallahs Development Area Committee** (JMD\$5,967,000) in the Upper Watershed of Yallahs River are well on the way to duplicating this success.
- **Water and Sanitation** issues continue to plague a number of urban and rural communities. The EFJ has successfully supported water and sanitation projects, which allowed communities to act in partnership with the Ministry of Water and local government authorities. Through these projects, in 2005/06 year alone, in excess of **7,000 people** have been positively affected with access to safe water and appropriate sanitation. This is key in supporting Jamaica’s commitments to achieving the Millennium Development Goals target of halving the population without safe water and appropriate sanitation by 2015.

### **NGO Strengthening – Capacity Building**

The EFJ continues to facilitate the capacity building of its grantees in several ways. These include:

- Strengthening their governance structures through board development and strategic planning;
- Strengthening technical skills, through sponsoring participation in education and training programmes;
- Strengthening project management processes;
- Proposal writing; and more recently
- Support towards financial sustainability.

In 2005/06, the EFJ supported training activities administered by grantees to a number of NGOS/CBOs. These include:

- A grant in the amount of JMD\$5,890,000 to the **Association of Development Agencies (ADA)**, was used to successfully administer a training programme in partnership to 50 NGOs/CBOs, in partnership with the University of the West Indies. Certificates were awarded for a course in project management, monitoring and evaluation (within the environment) and one credit was earned through the UWI's accreditation system;
- The **University of the West Indies, Development and Endowment Fund** received support in the amount of JMD\$3,300,000 to facilitate the strengthening of NGOs/CBOS in resource mobilization, at its 2nd Conference on Caribbean Philanthropy.

The EFJ continues to support the needs of grantees through workshops on proposal writing, building their project management skills through connecting them with resource persons (e.g. financial management, evaluation) and with governance related issues (e.g. strategic planning).

### **Fund Management**

The EFJ is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of nine representatives. The membership includes representatives from the U.S Government, the Government of Jamaica, and the University of the West Indies (UWI), the Child Survival Sector, and five environmental NGOs. The Board operates through five standing Committees: Executive; Finance and General Purposes; Grant Management; Human Resources, Compliance and Compensation; and Membership.

Due to Jamaica's common law heritage, the Foundation's governance is structured like that of a corporation. There are 42 member NGO organizations that subscribe to the principles of the EFJ as its "shareholders." The membership is served by a Secretariat with staff of 20. It operates through three departments under the direction of the Chief Executive Officer: the Program and Grant Management Department, the Finance Department and the Human Resources and Administration Department.

### **Leveraging EAI Funds**

As reported last year, the EFJ is the first and only environmental Fund to participate in the USAID's Development Credit Authority (DCA) program. The U.S. Government, RBTT Bank Jamaica Limited, and the EFJ formally launched the DCA, Loan Portfolio Guarantee Project in late 2004. The EFJ provides 40% (US\$2M) of a US\$5M loan pool, targeted at small and medium sized enterprises in the hotel/tourist and manufacturing sectors. The venture is known as the "Go Green Facility" and US\$1.2M in loans have been approved by RBTT to six (6) small and medium sized private sector enterprises for use in environmentally friendly projects.



Dividends continue to accrue on the equity investment in Walkerswood Partners Limited (WPL) and the first payment of JMD\$11M becomes due at the end of February 2007.

### Sustainability

The EFJ's Finance Committee and Board continue to monitor investment yields from all accounts and a financial analyst is employed do so on a full-time basis. Negotiations for a second generation of funds are underway, as well as plans to capitalize the EFJ's Endowment.

### Partnerships

As the selected Fund Administrators for the new **Forest Conservation Fund (FCF)**, established under the Tropical Forest Conservation Act (TFCA), the EFJ has embarked on a partnership with the Jamaica Protected Areas Trust (JPAT). In addition, a new partnership has been established with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) – Small Grants Programme. The EFJ is a member of its National Committee and the goal is to engage in a number of co-financed projects. EFJ continues its partnership with the Bernard van Leer Foundation (BvLF) in Phase Two of the BvLF's Kingston *Inner City Child Support Project*.

**Summary Table**

					<b>Total</b>
<b>Fund Data</b>	<b>2002/03-</b>	<b>2003/04</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	
No. of proposals submitted	80	442*	394*	305*	1221
No. of proposals approved	52	148	148**	77	425
Total approved funding for grants (TFCA)	1.9M	8.6M	5.4M**	3.7M	19.6M
Total of counterpart match (grantee cost-	-	-	-	-	-
Other leveraged matches (e.g. co-	-	-	-	-	-
Total matching funds as % TFCA grant	-	-	-	-	-
Amount spent on administrative costs	984,542	845,456	854,250	838,420	3.52M
Administrative costs as % of grants	57%	19.8%	13.59%	20.06%	
Interest and capital gained on TFCA	4.4M	4.2M	3.1M	1.8M	
Fund balance at the end of the year	25.3M	23.8M	20.75M	16.3M	

\*Includes proposals from second call to be assessed in next financial year

\*\* Additional Hurricane Approvals

All figures in the above table are stated in U.S. Dollars (US\$), converted from the Jamaican equivalent using the following average rates of exchange:

2003 J\$58.93: US\$1.00

2004 J\$61.37: US\$1.00

2005 J\$62.06: US\$1.00

**2006 J\$65.73: US\$1.00**

<b>Account Balances:</b>	<b>JMD\$M</b>	<b>US\$M</b>
PL-480	657,103	9,997
US AID	411,526	6,261
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,068,629</b>	<b>16,258</b>