

Environmental Foundation of Jamaica

INFORMATION ON CALL FOR PROPOSALS

CALL 2024: February 9 – March 29, 2024

The Environmental Foundation of Jamaica (EFJ) is a grant making institution established to provide funding to NGOs involved in the management and sustainable use of Jamaica's natural resources, and in issues of child survival and child development.

The Call

The EFJ will be issuing a CALL for proposals which is a public Request for Proposals (RFP) for eligible organisations to submit applications for grant awards. Applications must fit within a theme of the current call.

Application Forms

The Application Form (GA1 Form) is available at the offices of the EFJ, and on the Internet at www.efj.org.jm

Processing of Proposals

Receipt and Appraisal of proposals involves a four-phase process:

1. **Receipt Notification** - Applicants will be notified of receipt of proposals within five (5) working days of submission.
2. **Screening** - to determine
 - a) If the proposal fits within the theme(s) of the call, and
 - b) If the applicant organisation is eligible for funding.
3. **Review** - to determine suitability for recommendation by the Grant Management Committee.
4. **Approval** by the Board of Directors.

The Environmental Foundation of Jamaica (EFJ) invites proposals for Grant Funding from eligible organisations that meet the criteria outlined below:

FOREST CONSERVATION FUND

Alternative Livelihoods:

- Activities that provide sustainable livelihood opportunities and income generating initiatives for local communities dependent on forest resources

Climate Change Resilience

- Activities to enhance the resilience of forest ecosystems to changing climate conditions

Community Based Conservation

- Engaging local communities in protection and sustainable use of forest resources
- Funding projects that empower forested communities to actively participate in conservation efforts

Eco-Tourism Development

- Creation of nature-based tourism activities in any of our 11 Priority sites

Education and Awareness

- Supporting educational programmes that raise awareness about the importance of Jamaican forests
- Developing educational apps and games that teach children about forest ecosystems (**individuals who wish to apply must be aligned to an NGO**)
- Empowering young people to actively participate in forest conservation through awareness campaigns and educational materials tailored for children

Invasive species control

- Activities to monitor and control invasive plant and animal species in the 11 Priority sites

Research and Monitoring

- Supporting research and initiatives that address the impacts of climate change on Jamaican forests
- Monitoring of biodiversity, ecological health and threats to forests

Water Resources Protection

- Implementing measures to safeguard watersheds and freshwater resources in forested areas

Special Climate Change Adaptation Fund (SCCAF)

Climate Smart Building - Sustainable building practices and facilities for extreme climate events and structural adjustments that increase climate change resilience, etc.

- Roof insulation and/or envelope improvements
- Climate change resilient additions to existing storage infrastructure

Climate Smart Agro-businesses

- Rehabilitation/Retrofitting/Expansion of infrastructure for storage or processing of agricultural products

Climate Resilient Cropping Systems

- Propagation/Use of climate resilient crops

Renewable Energy Systems for increasing resilience to Climate Change

- Applications of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as a part of a wider project for increasing resilience to climate change

Water Management

- Water conservation
- Water recycling systems
- Rain water collection
- Small water systems to support water-deprived communities
- Establishment/Rehabilitation of small water systems to support sustainable agricultural practice in isolated communities for income generation.

Demonstrated co-funding and independent income generation is an asset for all proposals. All relevant permits are required for final approval of projects. Participatory and other Pre-Programme Planning activities will be considered in proposals

Approval Criteria

Project proposals should be aligned with national priorities, deal with systemic issues, and produce replicable and/or sustainable results.

Projects, which demonstrate collaboration and partnerships, (financial or otherwise) are strongly encouraged.

Budgets must be appropriate. (Note: for Climate Change Adaptation projects only, a maximum of J\$5,000,000.00 can be approved per grant.)

Project duration should be:

- no more than 1 year (12 Months for Climate Change Adaptation projects)
- no more than 3 years (36 months) Protected Areas/Watershed Conservation projects.

Guidelines for Application

- ✓ Applicants must prepare proposals in accordance with the EFJ format shown on the GA1 form **Call 2024**.
- ✓ Forms used in previous Calls will not be accepted.
- ✓ **Forms will not be accepted by FAX.**
- ✓ Proposals received outside of the designated Call Period or outside of the themes and sub-themes (as outlined on page one) **will not** be considered.

All sections of the Call 2024 GA1 form must be completed for consideration and where a word limit is indicated on the form, the limit is **NOT** to be exceeded.

Proposals, which do not meet the guidelines, will not be considered.

Additional Information

Proposals must be signed and submitted to the EFJ office address, or by email (grants@efj.org.jm) *no later than 3:30 pm* on the last date published for the Call (**Friday, March 29, 2024**). As Grant awards are made on the merit of the proposals, please ensure that the information recorded is clear, accurate and justifies your request.

You are welcome to discuss your queries or needs with any of the following Programme Staff at the Foundation:

- Charmine Webber
- Mark Constable

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