



BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTHENING SUB-PROJECT

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards targeted poverty reduction initiatives through the Belize Social Investment Fund Loan III Project (BSIF III). The Belize Social Investment Fund, the executing agency, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to an eligible organization for a social development and organizational strengthening sub-project proposal for which this call is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOB and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOB shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing. .

This Call for Proposals (CFP) is for one (1) sub-project to be implemented within a period of twelve (12) months by a formally incorporated and registered non-governmental organization (NGO) or community-based organization (CBO). The funding modality for this sub-project is a grant format with the indicative amount of BZD \$200,000.00 made available under this CPF.

The objective of this CFP is to support one of the following: (i) a social development sub-project in the fields of either education, health, water and sanitation and/or citizen security with a strong participatory governance component; (ii) a sustainable livelihood sub-project (particularly in the fields of tourism, agriculture and/or alternative energy), and/or (iii) a capacity development sub-project with a strong information and communications technology (ICT) orientation that contributes to the fight against poverty in Belize and improves community resilience.

Expected Outcomes of the sub-project are:

- Increased performance of development partners to deliver gender-equitable and inclusive initiatives in support of the Growth and Sustainable Development Strategy (GSDS) Critical Success Factors 1: Optimal National Income and Investment; 2: Increasing Social Cohesion and Resilience; 3: Sustaining National Environmental, Historical and Cultural Assets; 4: Citizen Security and 5: Governance.

The Belize Social Investment Fund invites interested eligible organizations to submit proposals. In order to be eligible, applicants must:

- be a formally constituted non-governmental organization or community-based organization;
- have their headquarters or a local country office in Belize;
- be registered locally in Belize prior to the publication of this call for proposals;
- be able to demonstrate that they have been constituted and registered in accordance with the legislation in force in Belize at the time of the submission of an application;
- have at least a three-year record in the formulation and/or implementation of social protection, poverty reduction and/or sustainable livelihood activities in development projects, for which they will have to demonstrate their relevant expertise;
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the sub-projects (including with their partners), not acting as an intermediary;
- be able to demonstrate their experience and capacity to manage activities corresponding in scale and complexity to those for which a grant has been requested and
- have stable and sufficient sources of financing to ensure the continuity of their organization throughout the implementation of the proposed sub-project.

Applicants can operate within a partnership and act with partner organizations as specified hereafter. Established non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community-based organizations are considered eligible partners if their composition meets the following criteria:

- Partnerships must involve at least two (2) organizations (the project proponent and one other entity). There is no upper limit to the number of members in a partnership. The number of Belizean partners in a partnership should be either equal or the majority of entities in the arrangement. A partnership should be composed in such a way as to allow for the achievement of sub-project objectives in the most efficient manner.
- Applicants' partners participate in designing and implementing the action, and the costs they incur are eligible in the same way as those incurred by the grant beneficiary. They must therefore satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the grant beneficiary itself.

An applicant may not submit more than one application under this CFP.

Applications will be internally examined and evaluated by BSIF as the Contracting Authority according to standard steps and criteria. The BSIF as the Contracting Authority reserves the right not to award the sub-project and cancel the Call for Proposals (CFP) or to award all available funds allocated as part of the CFP.

Application packages (Application Form along with the Sub-project Application Guide) are available at the Belize Social Investment Fund Headquarters in Belmopan. Applications must be submitted in accordance with the instructions, in English. Applications must be submitted in one original and two copies in A4 paper size, each bound. The complete application form, budget and logical framework must also be supplied in electronic format (via flash drive) in a separate and unique file (e.g. the application form must not be split into several different files). The electronic

format must contain exactly the same application as the paper version enclosed. Applications must be submitted in a sealed envelope at the address below:

Postal address

Executive Director
Belize Social Investment Fund
1902 Constitution Drive
Belmopan City, Cayo District
Belize

The deadline for the submission of applications is **Friday, May 29, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. Belize time.** Any application submitted after the deadline will automatically be rejected.

BSIF invites a maximum of 2 representatives of interested organizations to attend an orientation presentation at the Belize Social Investment Fund Headquarters' conference room, 1902 Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Cayo District on March 2, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pertinent questions on the application process will be answered at this meeting. To register for this presentation, send an email to arlette.sheppard@sifbelize.org by February 28, 2020. Attendance is not compulsory.

In addition, questions indicating clearly the reference of the CFP may be sent by e-mail to ruby.pascascio@sifbelize.org no later than fourteen (14) days before the deadline for the submission of applications.