

PROCEDURE FOR ACCESSING GRANT FUNDING

4.0 APPLICABILITY

4.1 Grants will be awarded to entities within the public and private sectors engaged in meeting the needs of persons from lower socio-economic and vulnerable groups, including youth, youth-at-risk, women, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons impacted by HIV/AIDS.

4.2 Entities that are eligible to access the resources of the Fund will be in the following categories:

1. Non-State Actors (NSAs):

- i. Community Based Organisations (CBOs)
- ii. Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)
- iii. Humanitarian and Charitable Organisations
- iv. Churches and Service Clubs
- v. Foundations set up for charitable purposes
- vi. Institutions catering to the disabled
- vii. Groups that have been organized to assist the poor and vulnerable

2. Public Sector Entities

4.3 Entities eligible to receive the resources of the Fund will:

1. Be in existence for a minimum of 3 years and have sound management structure to implement and manage projects;
2. Possess a defined governance structure and accountability framework;

3. Where there are other entities, e.g. partners, involved in the implementation of the project, the lead entity should meet the requirements in (i) and (ii);
4. Possess the capacity to effectively implement projects where the benefits will accrue to the targeted beneficiaries;
5. Demonstrate their potential to contribute to poverty reduction and ultimately national development;
6. Demonstrate the ability to implement project within the given timeframe.

On a case by case basis, the Fund may waive or modify the requirements stated above.

4.4 Eligible Projects

The eligible projects are those which are consistent with the following:

- (i) Initiatives which seek to promote community development and employment opportunities; support for expansion of economic opportunities for the poor to attain sustainable livelihoods;
- (ii) Initiatives aimed at the development of human capital – training, educational opportunities, self-development;
- (iii) Initiatives aimed at food security;
- (iv) Initiatives which promote entrepreneurship and capacity building for micro and small businesses and for institutions which primarily serve the poor;
- (v) Initiatives which promote cultural exchanges and other activities aimed at strengthening relations with the people of Venezuela;
- (vi) Initiatives which promote the development of renewable energy.

Each year the Fund shall establish priorities for funding based on evidence of areas of greatest need and human development national priorities¹.

¹ National Priorities will be ascertained based on data from the Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions, Economic & Social Survey Jamaica etc.