

The Guidelines for Applicants hereafter GfA.

	Country	Question	Answer
1		Are pilot projects eligible for funding consideration?	Yes, pilot projects are very much encouraged to participate in the call if it aligns with the project priorities and action eligibility (Eligibility criteria for the action and costs are outlined in Sections 2.1.3 and 2.1.4 of the GfA). Please be advised, that Section 2.1.3 of the GfA foresees restrictions for types of actions which are not eligible, which include “actions focusing exclusively on infrastructure without accompanying capacity building or service delivery components”, therefore planning any actions focused on pilot projects, be mindful of the requirements.
2	St. Lucia	Can more than one project be approved for funding within the same country?	Yes, more than one project can be funded in the same country, as there is no country-level limit and applications are selected based on eligibility and their evaluation score. Actions implemented in more than one of the 6 target countries are encouraged and have a better chance to receive higher points during the evaluation on regional coverage. (Evaluation and selection of applications grids are outlined in Section 2.3. of the GfA). Please be advised there are limitations on number of applications and grants per applicants (refer to section 2.1.3 of the GfA).
3		What factors might decrease a country’s likelihood of securing the funding approval?	Actions must take place in and be addressed to one or more of the following countries: Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent & the Grenadines. The call does not apply country quotas nor does it favour any specific country among these six.

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			The likelihood of receiving a grant depends on the quality of the proposal. After confirming that the action and the applicants meet all eligibility requirements, (Please see section 2.1.1. and 2.1.3 of the Guidelines for applicants) the contracting authority evaluates both the Concept Note and the Full Application. The higher the score, the better the chances of being awarded a grant. You can consult the detailed scoring criteria in Section 2.3 of the Guidelines for Applicants. To minimise the risk of rejection, applicants are advised to carefully follow the GfA and use the checklist in the application form. (https://cpva.lt/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/5.-Checklist-1.docx).
4	-	Will organizations like The Inter American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) is eligible to apply in an effort to support CBOs, Faith Based Organisation and NGOS who are not capable of writing and coordinating projects of this magnitude.	Please refer to article 2.1.1 of the GfA 2.1.1. on thee of applicants (i.e. lead applicant and co-applicant(s)). Please be mindful on the requirements linked to geographical focus, participation of international entities, and exclusion of entities which already receive funding under EU-Caribbean Regional Food Security Programme (i.e. <i>Entities that are currently receiving direct EU funding from the European Commission or from the European Union Delegation to Barbados (or from any other EU Delegation) under the EU-Caribbean Regional Food Security Programme are not eligible to apply under this call for proposals. However, organisations that receive funding indirectly through these direct beneficiaries remain eligible.</i>).
5	-	Institutions like IICA can submit a proposal?	According to the part “Further information about the applications” of the section 2.2 of the GfA, Contracting authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of lead applicants and co-applicants, an action or specific activities.
6	-	Can I apply since I will be retired in 2026	Under GfA Section 2.1.1, only legal persons may apply as lead applicants or co-applicants; individuals cannot apply in their own name under this call. This call does not foresee any age restrictions for project team members which are legally

			employed (or contracted for service) by the applicants as long as this contractual relationship complies with applicable legal acts.
7	-	Are all value-added food products included e.g. cocoa products, fruit-based like juices? Circular economy products which help soils like compost? Climate-resilient practices like agroforestry, permaculture? Renovation to make a commercial kitchen? Purchase of agroprocessing equipment? A farm vehicle and equipment?	In general activities and items you listed could be eligible if they clearly support the action's objectives, contribute to sustainable and inclusive food security, and are part of a coherent package of activities. The likelihood of receiving a grant depends on the quality of the proposal. After confirming that the action and the applicants meet all eligibility requirements (Please see section 2.1.1. and 2.1.3 of the Guidelines for applicants), the Contracting authority evaluates both the Concept Note and the Full Application. The higher the score, the better the chances of being awarded a grant. Please note, that equipment purchases are allowed but cannot exceed 30% of the total eligible budget. Infrastructure or renovation works may be included only when directly linked to service delivery and cannot be standalone activities. According to the part "Further information about the applications" of the section 2.2 of the GfA, Contracting authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of lead applicants and co-applicants, an action or specific activities.
8	-	Will beneficiary organizations be required to show how the proposed interventions either avoid duplication or build on existing system to optimize the use of the resources.	Yes, applicants must indicate in their applications how the proposed intervention avoid duplication and complement, build on, or create synergies with existing initiatives and systems in the application form. See to section 2.2 "Evaluation and selection of applications" of the GfA to understand how this information could impact scoring of the Concept note and Full Application.
9		My project is not community led but community involved. Would it still be eligible for funding? Re: we	Yes, the community-involved organization could be eligible if it is a non-profit organization and fulfil other eligibility requirements set in GfA section 2.1 Eligibility criteria.

		are establishing an Outgrower Programme with small and medium scale farmers that will grow crops for our processing operations. We in turn will turn these crops into primary products like raw pulps and juices for other food manufacturers in the region to use for tertiary production.	Please note that the action should focus on and must show clear added value for farmers and the wider community, while not be solely profit orientated. Please be advised to check the GfA sections 2.1.3 and 2.1.4 on the eligibility of the action. According to the part “Further information about the applications” of the section 2.2 of the GfA, Contracting authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of lead applicants and co-applicants, an action or specific activities.
10	-	Ofr how long will.thjd grant run?	If the question is understood correctly, according to the GfA section 2.1.3., the duration of the implementation period of an action may not be lower than 6 months nor exceed 12 months.
11	-	Can private sector firms also submit applications?	Only non-profit organisations that meet all other eligibility requirements may apply. For full details on applicant eligibility, please refer to Section 2.1 ‘Eligibility Criteria’ of the Guidelines for Applicants.
12	-	What are the reporting requirements for this grant? Types of reports, frequency, etc.	Annex G of the GfA refers to the Grant Contract and its annexes. According to the Annex II General Conditions, Article 2 Reporting Obligations, the beneficiary will be obliged to provide the final narrative, and financial reports will all the supporting documents within 2-3 months after the project implementation period end. Additional interim minor reports, necessary to track the ongoing action progress and financial health could be introduced depending on the properties of the action and would be agreed with awarded grantees during the contract development stage.

			Also, Monthly or bi-monthly calls and briefs could be agreed with the grant beneficiary upon the need.
13	-	Will there be a guide in filling the application?	Yes, during the information event, the demo will be provided to clearly show how to apply through Submittable.com system. After the information event, the recording will be placed here: https://cpva.lt/en/calls-for-proposals/social-protection-and-nutrition-for-sustainable-agri-food-systems-in-the-caribbean-eucan-facility-nourishing-futures-together For more clarity it is possible to review the following videos: • https://submittable.help/en/articles/4926006-what-notifications-should-i-expect-to-receive-from-submittable-as-a-submitter • https://submittable.help/en/articles/7940128-getting-started-as-a-new-submitter • https://submittable.help/en/collections/185534-help-for-applicants
14	-	How does the evaluation committee view capital investments in durable agricultural assets, like raised garden beds, as part of a project's sustainability plan?	In general, the activities and items you listed could be eligible if they clearly support the action's objectives, contribute to food security, and form part of a coherent package of activities. Capital investments are viewed positively when they strengthen long-term sustainability, improve climate resilience, or enhance food production capacity, provided they are not stand-alone infrastructure investments but are integrated into broader interventions (e.g., training, capacity building, nutrition-sensitive agriculture). The likelihood of receiving a grant depends on the overall quality of the proposal. Once the eligibility of the action and applicants is confirmed (please see Sections 2.1.1 and 2.1.3 of the Guidelines for Applicants), both the Concept Note and the

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			Full Application are evaluated. The higher the score, the better the chances of being awarded a grant. Please note that equipment purchases are allowed but cannot exceed 30% of the total eligible budget. Infrastructure or renovation works may also be included, but only when they are directly linked to service delivery and cannot be implemented as stand-alone activities. Please note that according to the part “Further information about the applications” of the section 2.2 of the GfA, Contracting authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of lead applicants and co-applicants, an action or specific activities.
15	-	We currently have a coalition of farmers from Dominica, St. Lucia, and Guadeloupe working independently via our efforts on farmer development and standardization of regional farm produce. Can we apply for this project?	According to the part “Further information about the applications” of the section 2.2 of the GfA, Contracting authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of lead applicants and co-applicants, an action or specific activities. Please be advised to check the GfA sections 2.1.1 on the eligibility of the applicants, and sections 2.1.3 and 2.1.4 on the eligibility of the action. Section 2.1.1 requires, that lead applicant, who submits the proposal, apart other requirements must be an established legal person of non-profit status. Part “Location” of section 2.1.3 of the GfA identifies 6 eligible countries where action activities can take place. While Dominica and St. Lucia are part of that list, unfortunately, Guadeloupe is not.
16	-	Can I apply for the two Lots?	According to the GfA Section 2.1.3. Eligible actions, The lead applicant may not submit more than two applications. However, may not be awarded more than one grant under this call for proposals per lot.

			<i>A co-applicant may not be the co-applicant in more than 1 application under this call for proposals per lot. A co-applicant may not be awarded more than 1 grant under this call for proposals per lot.</i> Therefore yes, you can submit 2 applications in total – 1 per each lot.
17	-	Is a nutrition education and policy advocacy project eligible under priority 2?	Yes, nutrition education and nutrition-focused policy advocacy are eligible under Priority 2, provided they clearly contribute to improving equitable access to healthy and nutritionally adequate diets and support behaviour change. For the specific action eligibility, please be advised to check the GfA sections 2.1.3 and 2.1.4 on the eligibility of the action.
18	-	Is this prrequired to be a joint venture amount the different islands or can everyone apply individual a d for the full amount if needed?	No, it is not required to be a joint venture among different islands. Multi-country actions can receive additional points, but single country proposals are fully eligible (please see section 2.1.1. of the Guidelines for applicants). Please be advised that few individual applications by a single implementers cannot have direct inter-dependence with each other, and each must be a standalone project, which can be implemented without reliance on any other proposal/project. However, mutual synergies between future grantees will be encouraged.
19		Would a nutrition awareness campaign focused on children and an accompanying curriculum/school based online portal be eligible?	As indicated in the GfA section 2.1.3. Eligible actions, awareness rising campaigns on healthy diets and school/community feeding programmes are eligible under this call. However, please keep in mind that the action and the applicants must also fulfil the other eligibility conditions set out in Sections 2.1 and 2.2 of the GfA.

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20		Does this project cover mental and holistic wellness?	The project does not fund mental or holistic wellness as stand-alone themes. However, wellness-related activities could be eligible if they are clearly linked to the call’s objectives, particularly nutrition, social inclusion, or support to vulnerable groups and form part of a coherent, food-system-related intervention. The likelihood of receiving a grant depends on the overall quality of the proposal. Once the eligibility of the action and applicants is confirmed (please see Sections 2.1.1 and 2.1.3 of the Guidelines for Applicants), both the Concept Note and the Full Application are evaluated. The higher the score, the better the chances of being awarded a grant (please see Section 2.3. of the Guidelines for Applicants). Please note that according to the part “Further information about the applications” of the section 2.2 of the GfA, Contracting authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of lead applicants and co-applicants, an action or specific activities.
21		Can a proposal cover multiple countries ?	Actions must take place in and be addressed to one <u>or more</u> of the following countries: Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent & the Grenadines. Actions implemented in more than one of the 6 target countries are encouraged and have a better chance to receive higher points during the evaluation on regional coverage. (Evaluation and selection of applications grids are outlined in Section 2.3. of the GfA).
22			According to the GfA Section 2.1.1., profit-making companies/organizations cannot be lead or co-applicants under this call. However, profit-making

		So <i>[company name]</i> transform local produce into natural, nutritious, healthy foods in such instance, can the company collaborate with a non profit organization to submit an application?	companies/organization could be eligible as contractors involved in the implementation as service provider or associates.
23		What is Criteria to include property development?	Please note, that equipment purchases are allowed but cannot exceed 30% of the total eligible budget. Infrastructure or renovation works may be included only when directly linked to capacity building and (or) service delivery, and cannot be standalone activities, meaning that large construction or commercial real estate development is not permitted. Any property-related work must support broader activities and comply with budget rules. As per requirements of “Ineligible costs” of section 2.1.4 of the GfA, investment into land or buildings is not eligible, except where necessary for the direct implementation of the action, in which case ownership must be transferred in accordance with Article 7.5 of the general conditions of the standard grant contract (annex G). According to the part “Further information about the applications” of the section 2.2 of the GfA, Contracting authority cannot give a prior opinion on the eligibility of lead applicants and co-applicants, an action or specific activities.