



St. James Parish Council
 19a Union Street, Montego Bay
 St. James, Jamaica, West Indies
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Where To Send Applications

All completed applications should be sent to:

The Secretary Manager
 c/o St. James Parish Council
 19a Union Street, Montego Bay
 Jamaica

Applications forms are available at the St. James Parish Council and from all Parish Councillors in addition to Social Development Commission (SDC) and the Montego Bay Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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Community Development Grants

The St. James Parish Council's Community Development Grant aims to provide well-needed resources to community-based groups to assist in improving the quality of life for all residents in rural and urban communities across St. James.

Background

The Community Development Grant (CDG) is a dedicated fund approved by the Council's Finance and Administration Committee. The amount is apportioned from the St. James Parish Council's Grant received from the Ministry of Local Government, Community Development & Sport for Property Tax collected in the parish annually.

The programme established on April 1, 2004 is aimed at enhancing the capacity of communities throughout St. James for self-actualization; bridging the existing divide between our citizenry and their elected representatives, while deepening the democratic process and achievement of a more effective local government.

Management Of The Programme

The programme will be managed by the St. James Parish Council, with the Finance and Administration Committee having responsibility for its administration. Successful community groups will be required to make a presentation to Council on the project, while officers in the Roads and Works Department and the Public & Community Relations Unit will work with the groups to ensure successful implementation.

Stakeholders

Our primary stakeholders are:

- Community-based organizations in St. James
- Landowners in the parish who pay Property Tax
- Social Development Commission (SDC)

Amount Of Funding Per Project

The total amount of funding available per project is one hundred and fifty

thousand dollars (J\$150,000). Community groups will not be given the cash upfront, but will be required to submit invoices to Council for payment.

Who Can Qualify?

Target: Community-based organizations and youth groups. Access to funding is limited to formally constituted groups of not less than five persons. These groups should be active and recognized by the Social Development Commission (SDC).

These groups should be able to provide:

- Proof of being in operation for at least twelve months.
- Proof that project is not for the sole benefit of the group.

Applications will be screened and assessed based on the following criteria:

- Application forms properly completed.
- Evidence of individuals with the ability to execute the project.
- Projects demonstrating continuity and/or sustainability.

What Kind Of Projects Will Be Funded?

The Community Development Grant will only support projects that satisfy any of the following programme areas:

- Capacity Building (training, public education, adult literacy)
- Education (equipment for schools)
- Micro-Enterprise (business and employment opportunities)
- Environmental & Shelter (community centers, river & beach clean-up)

What Kind Of Projects Will NOT Be Funded?

Funding is **not** available for:

- Road work
- Drain cleaning
- Bushing of lots
- Scholarships for full-time study
- Projects only involving research
- Recurrent costs not sustainable beyond the life of the project

Examples Of Projects Which Could Qualify

1. Adelphi Sorrel Farmers Project
2. Adult Literacy Training Programme in Somerton Division
3. Purchasing Computer for a school