

International Grant Funding Opportunities



Sustainable Finance Workshop

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The Bahamas

The Bahamas is the richest country in the Caribbean community ranked by gross national income per capita, according to a new report. The islands have a gross national income per capita of \$21,280, according to the World Bank 2014 World Development Report.

- The Tribune, October 2013





Opportunities

- NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program
- USFWS International Affairs
- MacArthur Foundation
- GEF

NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program

- **International Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreements** – build local reef management capacity & support coral reef monitoring in priority geographies
- 2017:
 1. Understanding the ecology & social perceptions of fisheries for the development of long-term education and enforcement strategies to support sustainable fisheries in Bahamas and DR (\$65K+) – Institute for Socio-ecological Research Inc.
 2. Consolidating MPA management capacity building in the Wider Caribbean Region (\$173K+) - GCFI

NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program

- **Coral Reef Conservation Fund** – competitive grant program administered jointly by NOAA & NFWF to support reef conservation projects in the US and internationally
- 2017:
 - \$323K+ for domestic and international projects

<https://coralreef.noaa.gov/conservation/fundingOpps.html>

USFWS International Affairs

- **Marine Turtle Conservation Fund** – financial support for projects that conserve nesting populations and habitat and address other threats to the survival of marine turtles in foreign countries
- ≤ \$50,000 per year
- 1- to 5-year grants
- <https://www.fws.gov/international/grants-and-reporting/how-to-apply.html>

USFWS International Affairs

- **Combating Wildlife Trafficking**— financial support for projects that advance counter-wildlife trafficking activities. Priority given to projects which address:
 - CITES capacity development
 - Good governance & anti-corruption for combating trafficking
 - Social & behavior change communication framework for combating trafficking
 - Critically endangered species threatened by illegal trade
- ≤ \$100,000 per project
- 1- to 2-year grants

MacArthur Foundation

- Multi-purpose, international foundation with grants in multiple fields
- Priorities – Justice reform, climate change, nuclear risk, increasing financial capital for the social sector
- 2016 budget for climate solutions - \$46.2 Million
- 2016 budget for conservation & SD - \$19 Million
- Project examples:
 - Earthworks (Washington, DC), 2017, \$3 Million – To reduce methane emission from oil & gas operations through community empowerment
 - Center for Study of Science, Technology & Policy (Bangalore, India), 2016, \$550K – To develop an accurate tool to help consumers make informed decision on the viability of rooftop photovoltaic installations
- <https://www.macfound.org/>



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GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

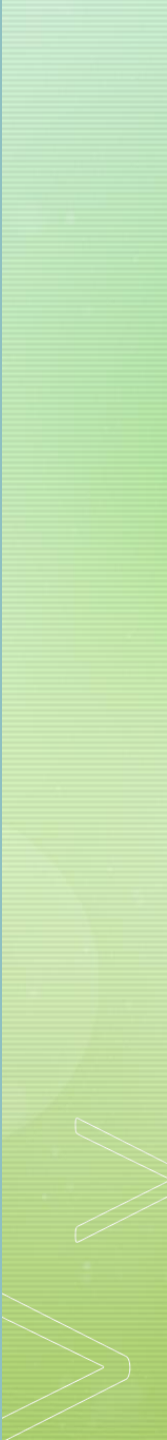
- Established in 1991
- Purpose - To help developing countries by funding projects that protect the global environment.
- Funding window for CBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD, Montreal Protocol and Stockholm Convention
- Focal areas – Biodiversity, Climate change, International waters, Land Degradation, Chemicals & Waste, Sustainable Forest Management
- Website – www.thegef.org

GEF Project Types

- Full Sized Projects (FSP)
>\$2 Million
- Medium Sized Projects (MSP)
</= \$2 Million
- Small Grants Projects (SGP)
<\$50,000 dollars
- Enabling Activities (EA)
</= \$500,000 dollars



GEF Enabling Activities

- National level
 - Assessment of priorities for conventions
 - Grants to help countries to prepare national inventories, strategies and action plans (e.g. Bahamas BEA)
 - Countries may subsequently pursue FSPs
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GEF STAR

- System for Transparent Allocation of Resources
- IW, POPs, Ozone, Climate (A) and Focal Area Set-aside (FAS) excluded
- GEF-6 (2014 – 18) STAR for Bahamas:
 - Biodiversity \$4.18 Million
 - Climate Change (M) \$2.00 Million
 - Land Degradation \$1.36 Million
 - TOTAL \$7.54 Million**

BD	CC	IW
Improving financial sustainability and effective management of the national ecological infrastructure	Promote conservation & enhancement of carbon stocks in forest & support climate smart agriculture	Water/Food/Energy/Ecosystem security nexus
Prevention, control & management of IAS	Promote integrated low-emission urban systems	Foster sustainable fisheries
Integration of biodiversity & ecosystem services into development & finance planning	Promote timely development, demonstration & financing of low-carbon technologies * mitigation options	Prevent the loss & degradation of coastal habitat

LD	C&W	SFM
Sustainable land management for climate-smart agriculture	Develop & demonstrate new tools & economic approaches for managing harmful chemicals & waste in a sound manner	Identification & maintenance of high conservation value forests
Land management & restoration (forest landscapes)	Reduction & elimination of POPs	Development & implementing model projects for PES
Mainstreaming sustainable land management in development	Support regional approaches to eliminate & reduce harmful chemicals & waste in LDCs & SIDS	Building technical & institutional capacities to identify degraded forest landscape & monitor forest restoration

GEF & the Private Sector

- GEF Earth Fund – a PPP initiative; enables private sector to access GEF funding in BD, CC and IW focal areas
- Earth Fund uses grant and non-grant instruments to accelerate new technologies. It includes:
 - Biofuels Prize Initiative (\$14M) and
 - Sustainable Energy Facility Fund (SEF) II (\$40M),
 - Supply Chain Energy Efficiency Program (\$20M) and
 - Cleaner Technologies Venture Capital Project Fund (\$60M).
- Co-financing requirement is 1:3 (GEF:other donors)

GEF & the Private Sector

- Fund managed by IFC (International Finance Corporation) of the World Bank.
- Investments range from \$1M - \$100M; sometimes provide funding of \$100,000 - \$1M but this is limited. Investments must be repaid in full.
- Offers some grants but these tend to be smaller.
- Typically will fund no more than 25% of a new project and 50% of an expansion project.

GEF Project Cycle

PIF – CEO Review

PPG

MSP/FSP

Council Approval

CEO Endorsement



Challenges



- Knowledge
- Numbers
- Skills
- Geography
- Foundation
- Co-financing

