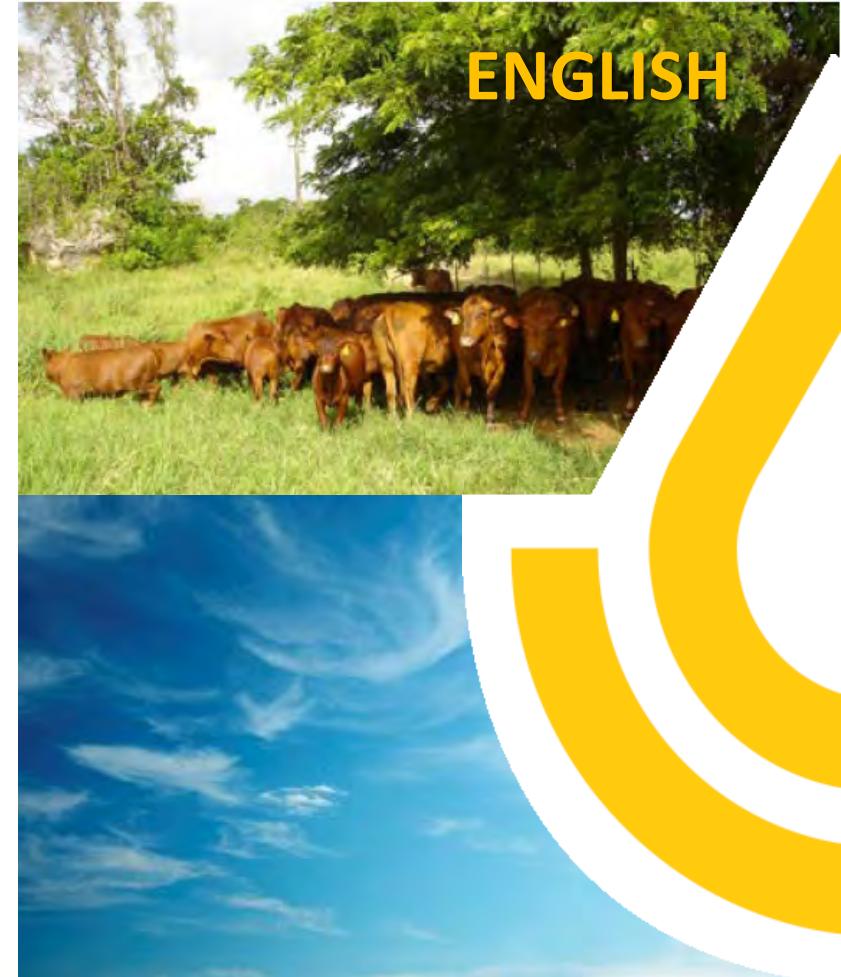




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2024 Caribbean Area Notice of Funding Opportunities CIG

USDA-NRCS-PR-CIG-24-NOFO0001376



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Objectives

- To **Inform** about the Caribbean CIG NFO and its priorities
- To **educate** about the specifics within local priorities and needs
- To **persuade** applicants to present project proposals to compete
- To **motivate** those not yet convinced into submit projects and ventures

SUMMARY INFORMATION

- **FAAN:** U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC)
- **NFO Title:** Announcement for Program Funding for NRCS' Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) for Federal fiscal year (FY) 2024 – Caribbean Area
- **NFO Number:** USDA-NRCS-PR-CIG-24-NOFO0001376

SUMMARY INFORMATION

- The Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program is authorized as part of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-8).
- **To stimulate the adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies on farms, ranches and forest lands**

SUMMARY INFORMATION

- CIG projects are expected to lead to the transfer of
 - conservation technologies,
 - management systems, and
 - innovative approaches (such as market-based systems) to agricultural producers, into government technical manuals and guides, or to the private sector.
- CIG generally funds pilot projects, field demonstrations, and on-farm conservation research.
- Project outcomes **should benefit a region of a state/territory or the entire state/territory** and not just benefit one farm.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applications are accepted from **eligible entities** (Section C) for projects carried out in the Caribbean Area (Puerto Rico (PR) and the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI)).
 - **All U.S. non-Foreign, non-Federal entities and individuals are eligible**
 - **US Federal agencies are not eligible** to apply to this opportunity or impart their work to non-federal portion of the budget.
 - **Individuals that are business owner/operators cannot apply as individuals.**

AWARDS

- A total of **up to \$500,000** is available for the Caribbean Area CIG competition in FY 2024
- The **maximum award** amount for a single award in FY 2024 is **\$100,000**.
 - The estimated funding floor for this opportunity is \$25,000 and the estimated funding **ceiling is \$100,000**.
- Projects may be between one (1) and three (3) years in duration

FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION

- NRCS Caribbean Area expects to award approximately \$500,000
- Projects may be between one and three years in duration on an estimated project start date of September 1, 2024.
- The agency expects to make 5 award(s).

Historically Underserved (HU) Producers

The CIG program provides special consideration to projects substantially involving or benefitting HU producers

- To be eligible for the set aside, applicants must be:
 - A HU producer;
 - A community-based organization working with HU producers
 - An entity targeting historically HU
 - An 1890 or 1994 land grant institution, Hispanic serving institution, or other minority-serving institution,

NOTE: An applicant seeking the HU set aside must identify as such on the cover page

Historically Underserved (HU) Producers

To confirm eligibility for the HU set aside proposals competing for the HU set aside are evaluated against additional criteria to assess the extent to which such proposals will successfully engage and benefit HU producers.

The HU criteria are:

- Description
- Commitment.
- Capacity Building
- Community Involvement
- Measurement.

Budget Narrative and Table

- In a separate document titled “Budget Narrative,” **explain and justify all requested budget items and costs.**
- The budget narrative **must be in text format** as well as **contain a detailed table**
- If requesting indirect costs, provide the amounts used in applying the base.
 - USDA will not accept an indirect cost agreement that is not a NICRA

NOTE: Errors in the budget narrative regarding classifying costs may be negotiated after selection.

Matching

- The budget narrative must show the amounts and sources of match (including both cash and in-kind contributions).
- This NFO **requires applicants to match at least 50 percent of total project costs** (includes Federal and non-Federal).
- HU Applicants are eligible for a **reduced project match of one-third of the total project budget**, or 50 percent of the Federal request

Innovative Conservation Projects or Activities

Projects or activities under CIG must;

- Use a technology or approach that was **studied sufficiently** to indicate a **high probability for success**;
- **Demonstrate, evaluate, and verify the effectiveness**, utility, affordability, and usability of natural resource conservation technologies and approaches in the field;
- **Adapt and transfer conservation technologies**, management, practices, systems, approaches, and incentive systems to improve performance and encourage adoption;
- **Introduce proven conservation technologies and approaches** to a geographic area or agricultural sector where that technology or approach is not currently in use.

Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) Priorities

For FY 2024, NRCS is only accepting proposals that address **one or more** of the listed priorities:

- Priority 1: Water Quality
- Priority 2: Water harvesting on dry lands
- Priority 3: Climate-Smart Agriculture
- Priority 4: Conservation in Urban Agricultural Systems
- Priority 5: Invasive Species Control
- Priority 6: Innovative Local Scale Waste Management Systems

NOTE: Each proposal must clearly identify a primary priority

Priority 1: Water Quality

must propose an innovation to help farmers, ranchers, or foresters to **improve water quality**

- **Field testing** of conservation practices
- **Community-level or landscape-level strategies**
- Development of **innovative or repurposed planning tools**, guidance documents, or conservation practices implementation scenarios
- Field testing of innovative **production techniques**
- Evaluation of **enhanced nutrient management technologies**
- Leveraging of **community resources**

Priority 2: Water harvesting on dry lands

must propose an innovation to help farmers to **improve access to irrigation water** in a dry context.

- **Field testing** of conservation practices
- Development of **innovative or repurposed planning tools**, guidance documents, or new conservation practices implementation scenarios
- Evaluation of **enhanced water harvesting**
- Leveraging of **community resources**

Priority 3: Climate-Smart Agriculture

3a: Producer adaptation to extreme weather events

- Development of **innovative or repurposed planning tools**, guidance documents, or conservation practices implementation scenarios
- **Field testing** of innovative **production techniques**
- Field testing of **conservation practices** or **implementation** scenario validation
- Community-level or landscape-level **strategies**
- **Communication tools and strategies** that help producers interpret local climate related risks

NOTE: Training approaches should not be the focus of proposals.

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Priority 3: Climate-Smart Agriculture

3b: Building resilience through emerging production systems for climate smart Agriculture

- Introduction of **new or enhanced cropping systems or non-traditional crops**
- Introduction of **new or enhanced grazing management systems**
- Introduction of **new or enhanced forestry management systems**
- Improved **operation management**
- Leveraging of **community resources**
- Integration of **traditional, cultural or indigenous natural farming knowledge**

Priority 3: Climate-Smart Agriculture

3b: **Building resilience** through emerging production systems for climate smart Agriculture

- Must include at least a **partial budget analysis** to demonstrate how management changes and conservation improvements impact a farmer's bottom line
- Should **measure the climate mitigation effects** of activities implemented through their projects
- Include **evaluations demonstrating the full extent of project benefits** to both producers and the environment

Priority 4: Conservation in Urban Agricultural Systems

- Demonstration of the **natural resource impacts or economic benefits**
- **Show conservation benefits with the implementation** of alley cropping, multistory cropping, urban forestry, or integrated/mixed systems.
- Development and evaluation of **the effectiveness of innovative management systems or emerging and innovative technologies**
- **Interpreting existing conservation practices**

Priority 4: Conservation in Urban Agricultural Systems

Projects within this sub-priority may:

- demonstrate **how to improve conservation planning in urban or small acreage settings**, or
- demonstrate **how to modify or adjust conservation practices in urban or small acreage settings**.

NOTE: proposals **may not qualify if they address urban agriculture on public lands or natural resource issues under the purview of municipal regulations (e.g., wastewater treatment).**

Priority 5: Invasive Species Control

must propose innovations for private landowners to more effectively prevent, detect, or combat invasive species to maintain healthy and productive working lands.

- Innovative strategic approaches
- Reimagination of existing strategies
- Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR)

NOTE: species that already have dedicated NRCS funding, such as feral pigs **will not be considered.**

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Priority 6: Innovative Local Scale Waste Management Systems

must propose an innovation to help farmers, ranchers, or foresters to manage their farming by-product, animal waste or natural animal mortality in the Caribbean context

- **Field testing** of conservation practices
- **Community-level strategies**
- **Innovative or repurposed planning tools**, guidance documents, or new conservation practices implementation scenarios
- Evaluation of **enhanced waste management technologies**
- Leveraging of **community resources**

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How to submit an application

- Applications must be submitted electronically through www.Grants.gov
- Submissions must be received by the time and date due.
- Late submissions will not be reviewed or considered.
- The agency will rely on system generated date and time receipt documentation for submission made

Content and Form of Application Submission

- The agency **may choose not to consider applications that fail to comply with the required content**, format, and page limits, or those that are incomplete.
- Attachments must **NOT be password protected**
- **Do Not submit video files**
- **Do Not submit files larger than 10MB**

Content and Form of Application Submission

Application must contain the following;

- Application Form –
 - Standard Form 424
Application for Federal Assistance
- Project Narrative –must **not exceed 17 pages**
 - Cover Page –

NOTE: Applications that fail to provide a cover page will be rejected in the first stage of screening

 - Project Abstract
 - Project goal/objectives
 - Project background
 - Project design and methods

- Project evaluation
- Project deliverables/products including Participating in at least one event, A final factsheet, and a Closing event
- Project outcomes and benefits
- Geographic location and size of project or project area
- EQIP-eligible producer participation
- Project action plan and timeline
- Project management
- Technology transfer
- Graphics, including pictures, charts, graphs

Content and Form of Application Submission

Application must contain the following; (Cont.)

- References, Bibliographies, and Citations, if applicable
- Team Qualifications
- **Environmental Effects Assessment**
- **Declaration of previous CIG** projects involvement and past performance
- **Historically Underserved Producers (2 page maximum)**, if applying for the HU set aside.
- **Standard Form (SF)-424A**, Budget Information
- **Budget Narrative and Table**

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- Grants.gov **Lobbying Form**
- Applicant Contact Information
- Statement of Current and Pending Support
- **SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities**
- Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (**NICRA**),
- **Letters of Support**
- **Letters of Intent**
- **Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest**
- Unique entity identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM) (unless the applicant is an individual)

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OMB Number 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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State Use Only:		
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Department Name:	Division Name:	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
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Organizational Affiliation:		
* Telephone Number:	Fax Number:	
* Email:		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:		
CPDA Title:		
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:		
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DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

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Review and Selection Process

- Applications will be screened for completeness and compliance with the provisions of NFO notice.
- Incomplete, noncompliant, and/or applications not meeting the formatting criteria may be eliminated from competition
- The agency intends to select and award without conducting any discussions or allowing applicants to correct deficiencies or omissions in their applications.

Review and Selection Process

Proposals that pass the initial screening are then evaluated using a two-part process:

1. Technical peer review panels composed of subject matter experts evaluate the proposals.

Proposals are evaluated against the CIG Proposal Merit Criteria. The technical peer review panels forward their recommendations to the Caribbean Area Director.

2. The Caribbean Area Director makes the final award selections based on the recommendations of the peer review panels.

Merit/Technical Criteria

The technical peer review panels use the following criteria, using a 100-point scale,

- Purpose, Approach, and Goals (25 points)
- Innovative Technology or Approach (25 points)
- Project Management (25 points)
- Benefits and Transferability (25 points)

Key Dates

- Applicants must submit their applications **via Grants.gov** by 11:59 pm Eastern Time on **May 15, 2024**.
NOTE: Awarding agency staff cannot support applicants regarding Grants.gov accounts
 - Grants.gov Applicant Support at 1-800-518-4726 or support@grants.gov .
- The agency anticipates making **selections by June 30, 2024**, and
- expects to execute **awards by July 30, 2024**.



QUESTIONS Overall?



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- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Aviso de Oportunidades de Financiamiento del Área del Caribe 2024 CIG

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Objetivos

- **Informar** sobre del CIG NFO del Caribe y sus prioridades
- **Educar** sobre los detalles dentro de las prioridades y necesidades locales.
- **Persuadir** a los solicitantes para que presenten propuestas de proyectos para competir
- **Motivar** a los que aún no están convencidos para que presenten proyectos y emprendimientos

INFORMACIÓN RESUMIDA

- **FAAN:** Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos – Servicio de Conservación de Recursos Naturales (NRCS), Corporación de Crédito de Productos Básicos (CCC)
- **Título de NFO:** Anuncio para el financiamiento del programa de Subvenciones para la Innovación en la Conservación (CIG) de NRCS para el año fiscal federal (FY) 2024 - Área del Caribe
- **Número NFO:** USDA-NRCS-PR-CIG-24-NOFO0001376

INFORMACIÓN RESUMIDA

- El programa de Subvenciones para la Innovación en la Conservación (CIG, por sus siglas en inglés) está autorizado como parte del Programa de Incentivos para la Calidad Ambiental (EQIP, por sus siglas en inglés) (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-8).
- **Estimular la adopción de enfoques y tecnologías innovadoras de conservación en granjas, ranchos y tierras forestales.**

SUMMARY INFORMATION

- Se espera que los proyectos de la CIG conduzcan a
 - la transferencia de tecnologías de conservación, sistemas de gestión, y
 - enfoques innovadores (como los sistemas basados en el mercado) para los productores agrícolas, en los manuales y guías técnicas del gobierno, o para el sector privado.
- Por lo general, el CIG financia proyectos piloto, demostraciones de campo e investigaciones de conservación en fincas.
- Los resultados del proyecto deben beneficiar a una región de un estado/territorio o a todo el estado/territorio y no solo a una granja.

Elegibilidad

- Se aceptan solicitudes de entidades elegibles (Sección C) para proyectos realizados en el Área del Caribe (Puerto Rico (PR) y las Islas Vírgenes de los Estados Unidos (USVI)).
- **Todas las entidades e individuos estadounidenses que no sean extranjeros, no federales y que sean elegibles**
- Las agencias federales de EE. UU. no son elegibles para postularse a esta oportunidad o impartir su trabajo a la parte no federal del presupuesto.
- Las personas que son propietarios/operadores de negocios no pueden postularse como individuos.

Awards

- Un total de hasta \$500,000 está disponible para la competencia CIG del Área del Caribe en el año fiscal 2024
- El monto máximo de adjudicación para una sola adjudicación en el año fiscal 2024 es de \$100,000.
- El mínimo de financiamiento estimado para esta oportunidad es de \$25,000 y el tope de financiamiento estimado es de \$100,000.
- Los proyectos podrán tener una duración de entre uno (1) y tres (3) años

INFORMACIÓN SOBRE LA ADJUDICACIÓN FEDERAL

- NRCS Caribbean Area espera otorgar aproximadamente \$500,000
- Los proyectos pueden tener una duración de entre uno y tres años en una fecha estimada de inicio del proyecto del 1 de septiembre de 2024.
- La agencia espera otorgar 5 adjudicaciones.

Productores históricamente desatendidos (HU)

- El programa CIG brinda una consideración especial a los proyectos que involucran o benefician sustancialmente a los productores de HU
- Para ser elegible para la reserva, los solicitantes deben ser:
- Un productor de HU;
- Una organización comunitaria que trabaja con productores de HU
- Una entidad que apunta históricamente a HU
- Una institución de concesión de tierras de 1890 o 1994, una institución que sirve a los hispanos u otra institución que sirve a las minorías,

**NOTA: Un solicitante que solicite la anulación de HU
debe identificarse como tal en la portada**

Productores históricamente desatendidos (HU)

- Para confirmar la elegibilidad para la reserva de la unidad de frecuencia, las propuestas que compiten por la reserva de la unidad de origen
- se evalúan en función de los criterios adicionales para evaluar en qué medida dichas propuestas lograrán atraer y beneficiar a los productores de HU.
- Los criterios de HU son:
 - Descripción
 - Compromiso.
 - Desarrollo de capacidades
 - Participación de la comunidad
 - Medición.

Narrativa y tabla del presupuesto

- En un documento separado titulado "Narrativa del presupuesto", explique y justifique todas las partidas y costos del presupuesto solicitados.
- La descripción del presupuesto debe estar en formato de texto y contener una tabla detallada
- Si solicita costos indirectos, indique los montos utilizados en la aplicación de la base.
- El USDA no aceptará un acuerdo de costos indirectos que no sea un NICRA

NOTA: Los errores en la narrativa del presupuesto con respecto a la clasificación de los costos se pueden negociar después de la selección.

Matching

- The budget narrative must show the amounts and sources of match (including both cash and in-kind contributions).
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- HU Applicants are eligible for a **reduced project match of one-third of the total project budget**, or 50 percent of the Federal request

Proyectos o Actividades Innovadoras de Conservación

- Los proyectos o actividades en el marco del CIG deben:
 - Utilizar una tecnología o enfoque que haya sido estudiado lo suficiente como para indicar una alta probabilidad de éxito;
 - Demostrar, evaluar y verificar la efectividad, utilidad, asequibilidad y usabilidad de las tecnologías y enfoques de conservación de recursos naturales en el campo;
 - Adaptar y transferir tecnologías, manejo, prácticas, sistemas, enfoques y sistemas de incentivos de conservación para mejorar el desempeño y fomentar la adopción;
 - Introducir tecnologías y enfoques de conservación probados en un área geográfica o sector agrícola donde esa tecnología o enfoque no esté actualmente en uso.

Prioridades de la Subvención para la Innovación en la Conservación (CIG)

Para el año fiscal 2024, NRCS solo acepta propuestas que aborden una o más de las prioridades enumeradas:

- Prioridad 1: Calidad del agua
- Prioridad 2: Captación de agua en tierras secas
- Prioridad 3: Agricultura climáticamente inteligente
- Prioridad 4: Conservación en Sistemas Agrícolas Urbanos
- Prioridad 5: Control de especies invasoras
- Prioridad 6: Sistemas innovadores de gestión de residuos a escala local

NOTA: Cada propuesta debe identificar claramente una prioridad principal

Prioridad 1: Calidad del agua

debe proponer una innovación para ayudar a los agricultores, ganaderos o silvicultores a mejorar la calidad del agua

- Pruebas de campo de las prácticas de conservación
- Estrategias a nivel comunitario o a nivel de paisaje
- Desarrollo de herramientas de planificación, documentos de orientación o escenarios de implementación de prácticas de conservación innovadores o reutilizados.
- Pruebas de campo de técnicas de producción innovadoras
- Evaluación de tecnologías mejoradas de gestión de nutrientes
- Aprovechamiento de los recursos de la comunidad

Prioridad 2: Captación de agua en tierras secas

debe proponer una innovación para ayudar a los agricultores a mejorar el acceso al agua de riego en un contexto de sequía.

- Pruebas de campo de las prácticas de conservación
- Desarrollo de herramientas de planificación innovadoras o reutilizadas, documentos de orientación o nuevos escenarios de implementación de prácticas de conservación
- Evaluación de la mejora de la captación de agua
- Aprovechamiento de los recursos de la comunidad

Prioridad 3: Agricultura climáticamente inteligente

3a: Adaptación del productor a fenómenos meteorológicos extremos

- Desarrollo de herramientas de planificación, documentos de orientación o escenarios de implementación de prácticas de conservación innovadores o reutilizados.
- Pruebas de campo de técnicas de producción innovadoras
- Pruebas de campo de prácticas de conservación o validación de escenarios de implementación
- Estrategias a nivel comunitario o a nivel de paisaje
- Herramientas y estrategias de comunicación que ayudan a los productores a interpretar los riesgos locales relacionados con el clima

NOTA: Los enfoques de capacitación no deben ser el foco de las propuestas.

Prioridad 3: Agricultura climáticamente inteligente

3b: Fomento de la resiliencia a través de sistemas de producción emergentes para la agricultura climáticamente inteligente

- Introducción de sistemas de cultivo nuevos o mejorados o cultivos no tradicionales
- Introducción de sistemas de gestión de pastoreo nuevos o mejorados
- Introducción de sistemas de ordenación forestal nuevos o mejorados
- Mejora de la gestión de las operaciones
- Aprovechamiento de los recursos de la comunidad
- Integración de los conocimientos agrícolas tradicionales, culturales o autóctonos

Prioridad 3: Agricultura climáticamente inteligente

3b: Fomento de la resiliencia a través de sistemas de producción emergentes para la agricultura climáticamente inteligente

- Debe incluir al menos un análisis parcial del presupuesto para demostrar cómo los cambios en el manejo y las mejoras de conservación afectan los resultados de un agricultor.
- Deben medir los efectos de mitigación climática de las actividades implementadas a través de sus proyectos.
- Incluir evaluaciones que demuestren el alcance total de los beneficios del proyecto tanto para los productores como para el medio ambiente.

Prioridad 4: Conservación en Sistemas Agrícolas Urbanos

- Demostración de los impactos en los recursos naturales o beneficios económicos
- Mostrar beneficios de conservación con la implementación de cultivos en callejones, cultivos de varios pisos, silvicultura urbana o sistemas integrados/mixtos.
- Desarrollo y evaluación de la eficacia de sistemas de gestión innovadores o tecnologías emergentes e innovadoras
- Interpretación de las prácticas de conservación existentes

Prioridad 4: Conservación en Sistemas Agrícolas Urbanos

Los proyectos comprendidos en esta sub prioridad podrán:

- demostrar cómo mejorar la planificación de la conservación en entornos urbanos o de pequeñas superficies, o
- Demostrar cómo modificar o ajustar las prácticas de conservación en entornos urbanos o de pequeñas superficies..

NOTA: es posible que las propuestas no califiquen si abordan la agricultura urbana en tierras públicas o cuestiones de recursos naturales bajo el ámbito de las regulaciones municipales (por ejemplo, tratamiento de aguas residuales).

Priority 5: Invasive Species Control

must propose innovations for private landowners to more effectively prevent, detect, or combat invasive species to maintain healthy and productive working lands.

- Innovative strategic approaches
- Reimagination of existing strategies
- Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR)

NOTE: species that already have dedicated NRCS funding, such as feral pigs **will not be considered.**

Prioridad 6: Sistemas innovadores de gestión de residuos a escala local

debe proponer una innovación para ayudar a los agricultores, ganaderos o silvicultores a gestionar sus subproductos agrícolas, desechos animales o mortalidad animal natural en el Caribe

- Pruebas de campo de las prácticas de conservación
- Estrategias a nivel comunitario
- Herramientas de planificación innovadoras o reutilizadas, documentos de orientación o escenarios de implementación de nuevas prácticas de conservación
- Evaluación de tecnologías mejoradas de gestión de residuos
- Aprovechamiento de los recursos de la comunidad

Cómo presentar una solicitud

- Las solicitudes deben presentarse electrónicamente a través de www.Grants.gov
- Las presentaciones deben recibirse antes de la fecha y hora de vencimiento.
- Las presentaciones tardías no serán revisadas ni consideradas.
- La agencia se basará en la documentación de recepción de fecha y hora generada por el sistema para la presentación realizada

Contenido y forma de presentación de la solicitud

- La agencia puede optar por no considerar las solicitudes que no cumplan con el contenido, el formato y los límites de páginas requeridos, o aquellas que estén incompletas.
- Los archivos adjuntos NO deben estar protegidos con contraseña
- No enviar archivos de vídeo
- No envíe archivos de más de 10 MB

Contenido y forma de presentación de la solicitud

La solicitud debe contener lo siguiente:

- Formulario de solicitud–
 - Standard Form 424 Application for Federal Assistance
- Narrativa del proyecto: no debe exceder los 17 pag
 - Portada–
 - **Applications that fail to provide a cover page will be rejected in the first stage of screening**
 - Resumen Proyecto
 - Meta/objetivos del Proyecto
 - Antecedentes del Proyecto
 - Diseño y métodos del proyecto
 - Evaluación de proyectos
 - Entregables/productos del proyecto que incluyen Participar en al menos un evento, una hoja informativa final y un evento de cierre
 - Resultados y beneficios del proyecto
 - Ubicación geográfica y tamaño del proyecto o área del proyecto
 - Participación de productores elegibles para el EQIP
 - Plan de acción y cronograma del proyecto
 - Gestión de proyectos
 - Transferencia de tecnología
 - Gráficos, incluyendo imágenes, cuadros, gráficos

Contenido y forma de presentación de la solicitud

La solicitud debe contener lo siguiente; (Cont.)

- Referencias, bibliografías y citas, si corresponde.
- Calificaciones del equipo
- Evaluación de Impactos Ambientales.
- Declaración de participación previa en proyectos de CIG y desempeño pasado
- Productores históricamente desatendidos (máximo 2 páginas), si solicita la reserva de HU.
- Formulario Estándar (SF)-424A, Información Presupuestaria
- Narrativa y tabla del presupuesto
- Grants.gov Formulario de cabildeo
- Información de contacto del solicitante
- Declaración de apoyo actual y

pendiente

- SF-LLL, Divulgación de actividades de cabildeo
- Acuerdo Negociado de Tarifas de Costos Indirectos (NICRA),
- Cartas de apoyo
- Cartas de Intención
- Divulgación de posibles conflictos de intereses
- Identificador único de entidad (UEI) y Sistema de Gestión de Adjudicaciones (SAM) (a menos que el solicitante sea una persona física)

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* Email:		

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Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:			
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Proceso de Revisión y Selección

- Las solicitudes serán examinadas para verificar que estén completas y cumplan con las disposiciones del aviso de NFO.
- Las solicitudes incompletas, no conformes y/o que no cumplan con los criterios de formato pueden ser eliminadas de la competencia
- La agencia tiene la intención de seleccionar y otorgar sin llevar a cabo ninguna discusión o permitir que los solicitantes corrijan deficiencias u omisiones en sus solicitudes.

Proceso de Revisión y Selección

Las propuestas que pasan la selección inicial se evalúan mediante un proceso de dos partes:

1. Tech Paneles de revisión por pares de HNIC, compuestos por expertos en la materia, evalúan las propuestas. Las propuestas se evalúan de acuerdo con los Criterios de Mérito de las Propuestas de CIG. Los grupos técnicos de revisión por pares envían sus recomendaciones al Director del Área del Caribe.
2. El Director del Área del Caribe hace la selección final de los premios en función de las recomendaciones de los paneles de revisión por pares.

Criterios de Mérito/Técnicos

Los paneles técnicos de revisión por pares utilizan los siguientes criterios, utilizando una escala de 100 puntos,

- Propósito, enfoque y objetivos (25 puntos)
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- Gestión de proyectos (25 puntos)
- Beneficios y transferibilidad (25 puntos)

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- Los solicitantes deben enviar sus solicitudes a través de Grants.gov antes de las 11:59 p. m., hora del este, del 15 de mayo de 2024.
 - El personal de la agencia adjudicadora no puede apoyar a los solicitantes con respecto a las cuentas de www.Grants.gov
 - Grants.gov Apoyo al solicitante llamando al 1-800-518 4726 o support@grants.gov .
- La agencia anticipa hacer selecciones antes del 30 de junio de 2024 y espera ejecutar las adjudicaciones antes del 30 de julio de 2024.



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