2021 CARSI Small Grant
Question & Answer List

1. **Would you please clarify whether Local Governments (Town Councils) are eligible or whether the opportunity is exclusively for NGOs or possibly private sector entities?**
   Government and for-profit entities are not eligible to CARSI small Grant Funding.

2. **Would a non-Belizean organization be considered for funding, or are Belizean organizations preferred?**
   The grant opportunity is open to U.S. Non-profit/non-governmental organizations (NGOs) having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS or overseas-based NGOs, institutions of higher education, and public international organizations (PIOs); Belizean NGOs are strongly encouraged to apply.

3. **How are the funds dispersed for the grant once approved (annually, quarterly)?**
   Once a grant is approved funds are disbursed on a quarterly basis or as payment requests are submitted.

4. **Is an established partnership with government agencies required?**
   It is not a disqualifier. The proposal should focus on justifying the achievement of the required project objectives/outcomes.

5. **What is the maximum time for implementation?**
   The project should be implemented within two years, max.

6. **If you already applied for a Duns # and you may have misplaced it, can you request your number? Or do you need to apply for another number?**
   Please visit the link to request your DUNS# and if one does not exist for your organization you can use the same link to get one or contact the help desk for additional assistance. http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform

7. **Is the NOFO opportunity only specific for Belize?**
   Yes. The project must benefit Belize.

8. **How long does a non-profit need to be in existence to qualify? Can a start-up non-profit qualify?**
   Although, an organization's experience handling past grants is taken into consideration when we evaluate proposals, we encourage every organization that meets the eligibility requirement with a valid DUNS number to submit a proposal.

9. **What is the difference between direct vs indirect cost and can you provide examples?**
   Direct costs are assigned directly to an activity easily linked to the creation of a product or service, for example an employee hired to work specifically on a project. Indirect cost cannot be assigned directly to an activity but rather distributed among the various activities for example, the materials and supplies needed for the day-to-day operations like utilities or rent. Please refer to the Budget guidelines, which form a part of the NOFO documentation package for information regarding direct and indirect costs.

10. **If the applying entity has a DUNS and SAMS number but not a significant budget will this automatically disqualify them (the organization with the budget has no SAMS or DUNS and the organization with a low budget has a SAMS and DUNS)?**

The main applicant or the entity submitting the proposal is the one that is must have an active SAM and DUNS registration.

11. **Do programs have to start in September, or can they start in January of 2022 and run till December of 2022 (fiscal year of the organization)?**
    As per the NOFO, if the project is approved, you must be ready to start implementation September 30, 2021.

12. **How many partner organizations can be included?**
    There is no limit to the number of partner organizations.

13. **Can Village Councils or government agencies be considered partner organizations?**
    Yes, we encourage collaboration with government entities.

14. **If we have a SAMS number but it will expire in November 2021, can we still apply for CARSI?**
    Yes, you can apply once you have an active SAMS registration and you are required to update when it expires.

15. **Can this opportunity support program for youths?**
    Any program should be aligned with one of the three objectives outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

16. **I work on building cabanas for rent. Can I apply for a grant to assist?**
    CARSI ESF funds cannot be used for construction. Funds must be used to support the objectives set forth in the NOFO.

17. **How may I apply for this funding opportunity?**
    Please visit www.grants.gov – search Belmopan to find the notice and review the required documents.

18. **When is the deadline for applications?**
    The deadline for submission is June 24th, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time

19. **Can someone apply if they want a small building for a mobile clinic?**
    Please review the eligibility requirements as individuals are not eligible for this opportunity.

20. **Who can apply for this grant?**
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21. **Please share an example on how a youth organization in the U.S. may utilize this grant?**
    The project must support the criteria outlined in the NOFO and benefit Belize.