



# GPML-Caribe Small Grants Fund

GPML-Caribe, a partnership between the Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute (GCFI) and the UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat, is pleased to offer small grants in support of marine litter prevention and reduction within the Wider Caribbean Region. The grants will be administered by GPML-Caribe with funding provided by the United Nations Environment Programme – Cartagena Convention Secretariat through the European Union’s ACP MEA III project. The ACP MEAs program is a joint partnership between the European Union, the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States, UN Environment Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations which aims at building capacity in 79 countries in Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP) to support them in fulfilling their obligations as parties to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) to tackle the environmental issues they face.

**Eligibility Criteria:** This call is intended to benefit the managing organizations of marine litter issues within the Wider Caribbean Region, either directly or through efforts with their affiliated partners. The call excludes U.S. affiliated sites and in rare instances final consideration for funding may be dependent upon satisfying the requirements of the U.S. Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Asset Control. Proposals from LBS Protocol Contracting Parties will be prioritized, though proposals from other countries within the Wider Caribbean Region will be considered.

**Funding Priorities:** Preference will be given to projects or approaches that are solutions-based. Research projects will be considered if they have a strong focus on solutions including an implementation phase. Potential projects focused on marine litter (including ALDFG) may include: Identification and removal approaches; Communications targeted to all stakeholders; Governance and policy-related solutions; Education-focused projects; Innovative community-based solutions; Innovative approaches for alternatives to single-use plastics and Styrofoam; Market-based approaches; Circular economy approaches; Reduction at source approaches; Development and/or implementation of local, national, or regional litter prevention/reduction plans.

Consideration will be given to projects that focus on youth, indigenous people, vulnerable communities, and gender-based solutions

***If your project addresses marine protected areas, a proposal may be submitted as part of our call for proposals on marine protected areas. Guidelines for that call may be found [here](#).***

**Funding Information:** Budget requests should not exceed US\$15,000. Up to 50:50 counterpart funding should be provided. Matched funding must be from a non-federal U.S. source and can include in-kind contributions.

**Deadline for Applications:** Project proposals, based on the template provided, should be submitted by **August 10, 2022**. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by August 17, 2022 to schedule meetings to discuss the activities outlined in the concept note.

**Proposal Submission:** Proposals should be submitted online through GCFI’s website at. For any questions please email [gpml-caribe@gcfi.org](mailto:gpml-caribe@gcfi.org)

**Project Duration:** The maximum duration of submitted projects is 9 months. Approved projects will be notified by September 1, 2022, with projects commencing approximately in October.





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## Proposal Format

Concept Notes should be submitted in the following format:

### CONCEPT NOTE

**Project Title and Location:**

**Name of Implementing Agency:**

**Primary Contact:** The name, title and contact information for the project lead.

**Project Summary** (250 Words): A summary of the project's main objectives, activities and budget should be included.

**Timeline:** Project duration should not exceed 9 months. Provide a timeline of when various activities will be implemented during the course of the project.

**Budget Amount Being Requested:** State the total amount being requested.

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Identify the anticipated outcomes of the project including how it will increase the site-level capacity to effectively manage the MPA.

### BUDGET

**Budget:** Budget requests should not exceed US\$15,000 for marine litter focused proposals and US\$20,000 for hybrid proposals (i.e. those focused on marine litter prevention and reduction work in marine protected areas). Budgets should include counterpart funding, which may include direct funding and in-kind contributions. Counterpart funding must not be from a federal U.S. source.

**Budget Template:** Please note that not all budget categories need to be completed. Those that are not relevant to your project may be left blank. The budget category can be used more than once e.g. there can be multiple line items associated with equipment.

Budget Category	Amount Requested	Justification	Counterpart Funding	Justification
Travel				
Accommodation				
Equipment				
Salaries				
Miscellaneous				
<b>Total</b>				