

Who can apply to the Fund?

Applicant organisations must be from the Caribbean Development Bank's list of Borrowing Member Countries which are eligible under this project. Applicants must also be based in, belong to, or partner with, the vulnerable communities for which projects are being proposed.

A wide range of organisations can apply to the CDRRF, including:

- Community Based Organisations in eligible Caribbean countries
- Non-Governmental Organisations in eligible Caribbean countries
- Government Agencies
- National and Regional Research Institutions

Eligible Borrowing Member Countries under the CDRRF are: **Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and The Turks and Caicos Islands.**

About CDRRF Donors and Agencies

The CDRRF was established by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) with grant financing from Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (US\$20 million); the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (US\$3.1 million) and the CDB (US\$0.5 million).

The CDB will manage the overall process of soliciting project proposals and review and appraisal of these applications. CDB will also provide guidance and oversight for the implementation of approved project proposals.

For more information about the CDRRF visit our website:

<http://www.caribank.org/programmes/cdrf1>

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Community Disaster Risk Reduction Fund

Reducing Risks and Building Resilience in Caribbean Communities.

Communities in the Caribbean are severely affected by climate change and extreme weather events, including floods, landslides, storms and hurricanes, droughts and heat waves.

When natural disasters happen, community members have to focus on survival and recovery instead of their normal routines. The young, the elderly and the disabled face greater risks when access to education, health services and care is disrupted.

Our community members and groups must work to reduce their vulnerability to risks associated with natural disasters and adapt to a changing climate. **The Community Disaster Risk Reduction Fund (CDRRF) is here to help meet the needs of these communities.**

How Can the CDRRF Help Communities?

The CDRRF finances projects to help communities in the Caribbean build their resilience to natural disasters and adapt to climate change.

The CDRRF provides communities and their partner organisations with grant funding to help reduce the risks associated with extreme weather events, natural hazards and climate change.



These groups and institutions can apply, on a competitive basis, for funds to implement community-based disaster risk reduction or climate change adaptation projects. Projects must show clear, measurable benefits for local communities.

Successful projects will not only serve the needs of local communities, but will also become community demonstration projects for the Caribbean. The CDRRF will conduct a study on each project. Lessons learnt and experiences will be shared at community, national, regional and international levels.

A Focus on Gender Responsive Projects

Disasters affect women and men differently so these projects must identify and address the needs and priorities of both women and men. The projects must also ensure that women and men from communities participate equally in project development, planning and implementation.

How Can I Apply to the Fund?

The CDRRF will publish calls for proposals in July each year (starting in 2013 and ending in 2016). Priority will be given to proposals for projects valued between US\$400,000 to US\$650,000, and which will be implemented over a period of up to two years.

The CDRRF will provide a **Concept Note** template in which applicants will provide a basic outline of their projects. If the Concept Note meets CDRRF criteria, applicants will complete a standard **Project Application Document (PAD)** for submitting the project proposal. Proposals can be sent via email or post. The CDRRF will give feedback on each application to help applicants improve proposals. Small grants for improving proposals may be offered if the concept note is approved.

Application Criteria

Applications must:

- Clearly identify a beneficiary community (a geographic or social group)
- **Be developed with community participation and led by community priorities**
- Describe and address the disaster/climate risks and impacts on both men and women in the community
- Explain the project's expected disaster risk reduction/climate change adaptation benefits and results
- Provide detailed project implementation plan and budget
- Describe the risks the project will face and how these will be addressed
- Identify project team members, their qualifications, experience and proposed responsibilities
- Describe the track record of the organisation applying
- Explain how project benefits will be sustained after funding ends

