

Jamaica Urban Solutions for the Environment Request for Expressions of Interest



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Agenda

- **Welcome and Housekeeping items**
- **Introductions**
- **What is JUSE?**
- **Some key definitions**
- **Overview of the JUSE REOI**
- **Making an application**
- **Q&A**
- **Closure**



Housekeeping Items

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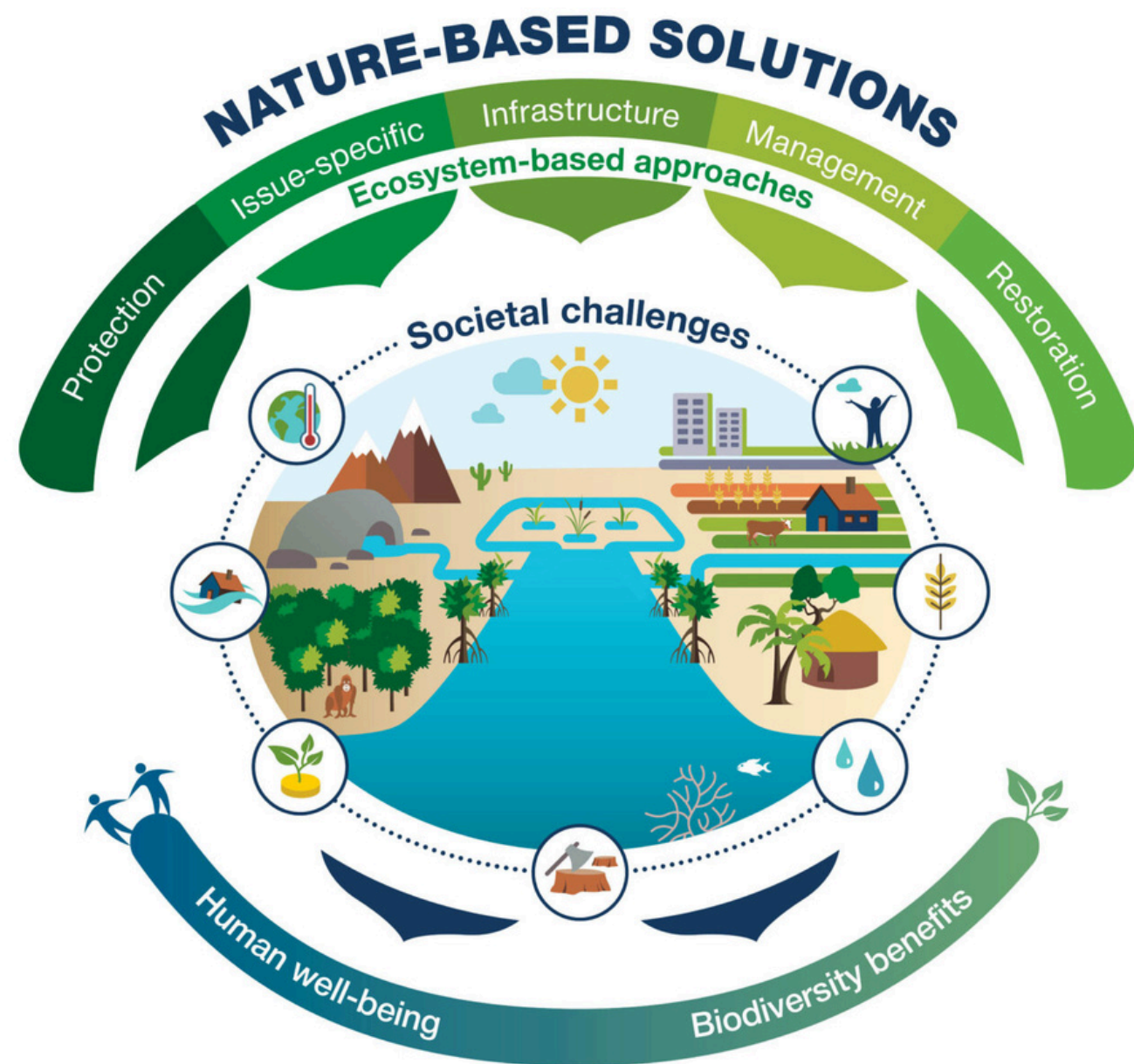
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What is the Jamaica Urban Solutions for the Environment Project?

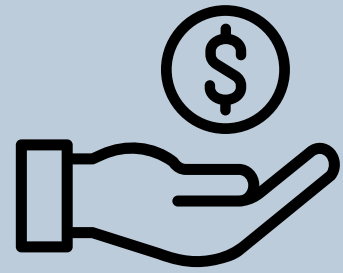
A 5-year project (2024-2028) to help urban communities prepare (adapt and mitigate) for climate change.

–Key benefits include:

- Climate resilience
- Biodiversity preservation
- Cost-effectiveness compared to engineered solutions
- Gender and social inclusivity



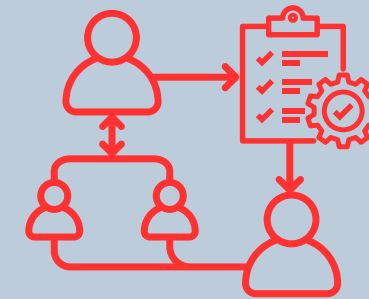
Components of the J-USE Project



Sustainable
Financing
Mechanism

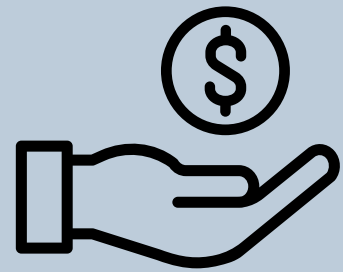


Policy Advocacy



NbCS
Implementation
in urban areas

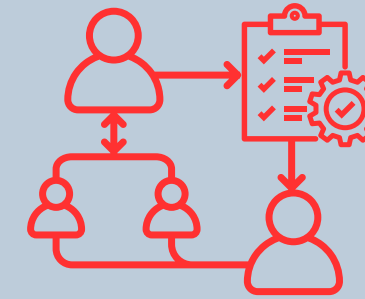
Expected Results



Sustainable Financing Mechanism that leverages financing for gender responsive and socially inclusive NbS



Increased integration of NbS in climate change, gender and urban development policies and regulations



Gender responsive and socially inclusive urban NbS implemented in selected urban areas

Key Definitions

- **Nature-based solutions (NbS) and Nature-based climate solutions (NbCS)**



Key Definitions

Urban area - densely populated locality with at least 2,000 inhabitants and a population density of 500 or more persons per square kilometre and advanced socio-economic infrastructure.

(STATIN)

Gender - socially/culturally determined roles, responsibilities, choices and expectations of males and females.

Key Definitions

Social Inclusion - identifying disadvantaged or excluded individuals and groups, taking positive action to reduce limiting factors/barriers in relation to the proposed project ensuring equity in who is recognised, heard, taken into account in, empowered by, and participate and benefit in development efforts.

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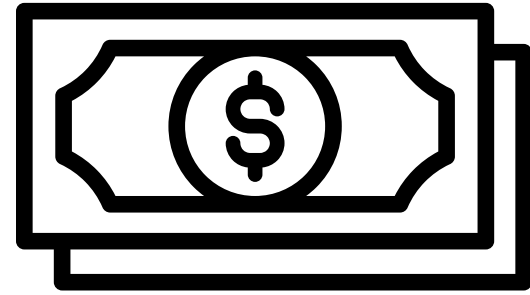
Marginalized - prevented from participating fully in social, economic and political life because of a lack of access to rights, resources and opportunities (social exclusion)

Vulnerable - susceptible to the impacts of climate change

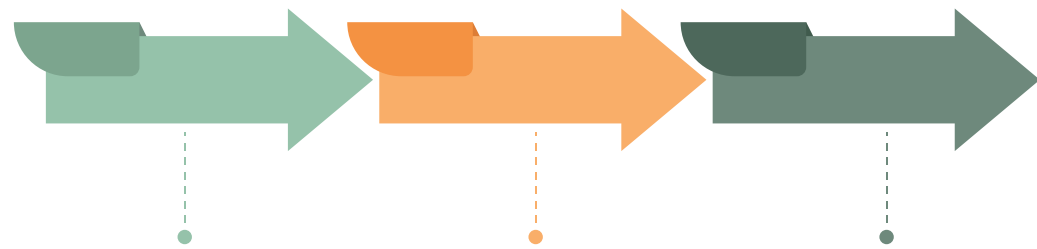
Key Definitions

Sustainability - the capacity of a project to maintain its operations, impact, and benefits after the grant funding period has ended

J-USE Request for Expressions of Interest for grants for Nature-based Climate Solutions



Funding up to JMD 15,000,000



3-step process



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Who can apply?

- Private Sector
- National and Local Government Entities
- Professional Organizations
- Academic Institutions
- CSOs
- NGOs
- CBOs
- Consortia



What are the target parishes?

Projects should be slated for implementation in urban areas in:

- Kingston and St. Andrew
- St. Catherine
- Clarendon
- Westmoreland
- Hanover
- St. Mary
- St. Thomas



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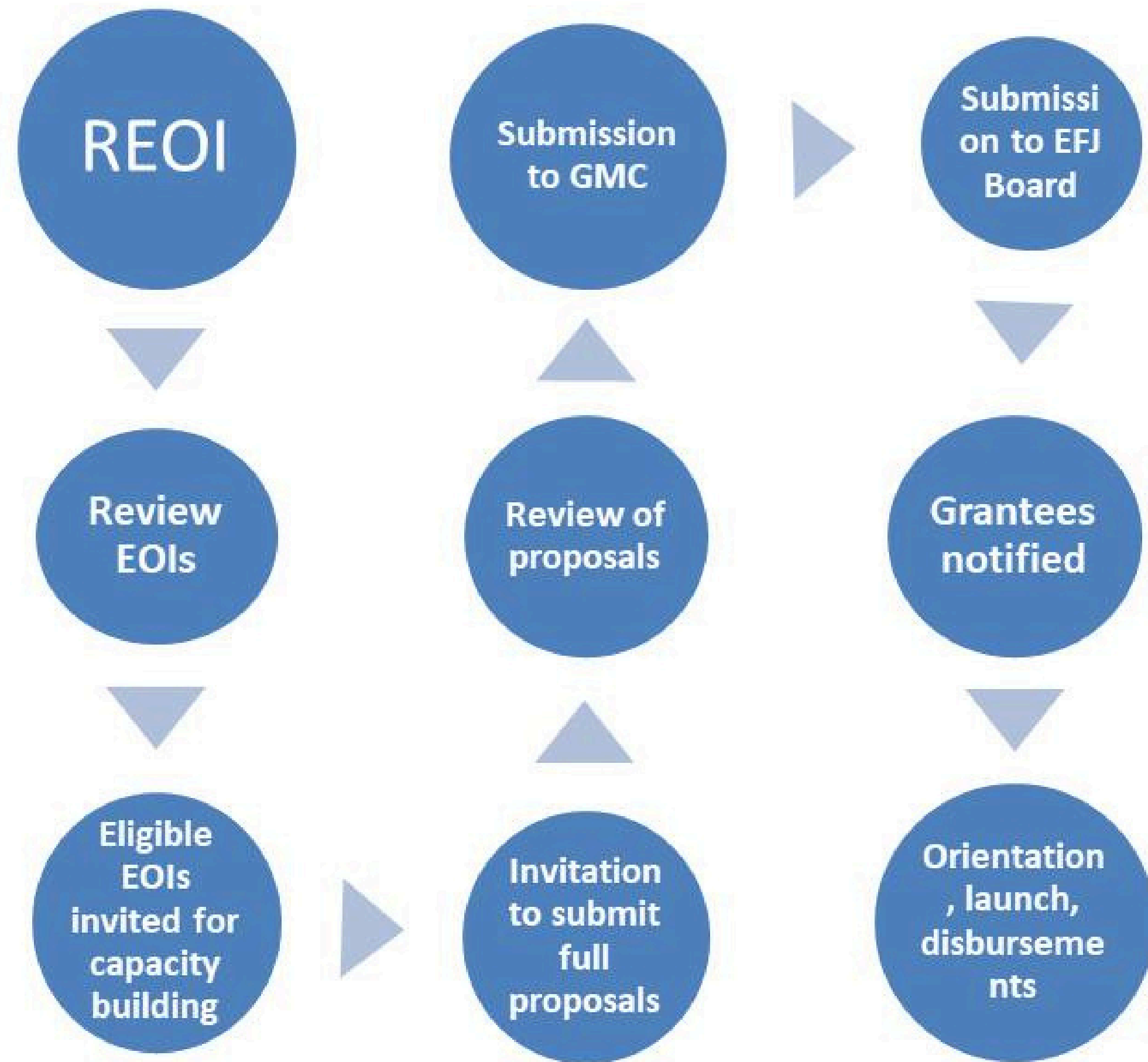


Themes

1. Water and Flood Management
2. Urban Greening and Heat Reduction
3. Coastal and Blue Economy (mangrove restoration, wetland restoration)
4. Foods Systems and Urban Agriculture



Process



Dates to Note

Request for EOI closes - **27 April 2026**

Capacity building webinars – **11 to 22 May 2026**

Proposal Writing Workshops - **26 May to 8 June 2026**

Closing date for full proposals – **22 June 2026**

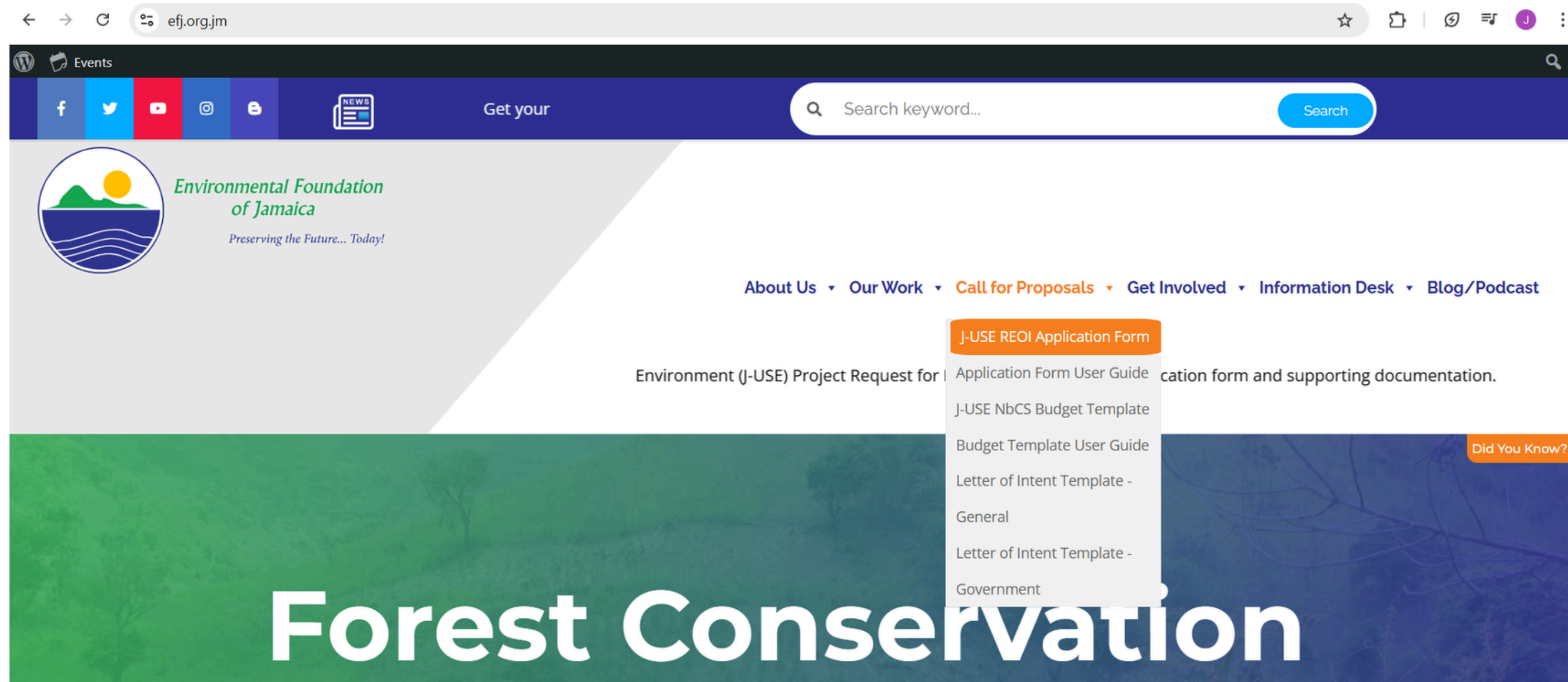


Key Considerations

- 1. Projects must be Nature-based Climate Solutions (NbCS)**
- 2. Co-financing is required**
- 3. Projects must be implementable within 12 months from grant disbursement**
- 4. Gender and social Inclusion**
- 5. Stakeholder engagement and co-designing projects**
- 6. Sustainability**
- 7. Monitoring Impact**



Accessing the application





J-USE CALL FOR PROPOSALS — REOI APPLICATION 2026

Jamaica Urban Solutions for the Environment (J-USE)
Nature-based Climate Solutions for Urban Jamaica

Deadline: April 27, 2026 (11:59 p.m. EST)

- 1. Organization
- 2. Climate Risk
- 3. NbCS Response
- 4. Beneficiaries
- 5. Value Proposition
- 6. Enablers
- 7. Budget
- 8. TNA
- 9. Documents
- 10. Declaration

Step 1 of 10
Estimated time remaining: 95-91 minutes

Section 1

1 Organization Information

Why we need this: Basic information helps us verify your organization's eligibility and contact you about your application. All information will be verified during due diligence if shortlisted.

Legal Organization Name *

e.g., Green Future Jamaica Foundation

Registration Type *

-- Select --

Your registration type determines your legal structure under Jamaican law, which affects which documents you'll need to provide in Step 8 (Supporting Documents).

Organization Category *

-- Select --

Date of Formation/Registration *

dd/mm/yyyy

Registration Number *

e.g., 1234567

Not required for Community-based Organizations or Government Entities

Organization Parish *

-- Select --

Does your organization have a bank account in its own name? *

Yes

No

Primary Contact Name *

e.g., Maria Brown

Contact Title *

e.g., Executive Director, Project Manager

Gender *

-- Select --

Email *

e.g., info@greenfuturejama.org

Phone *

1-xxx-xxx-xxxx

Organization Address *

Street address, City, Parish

Website (if applicable) ?

e.g., https://www.yourorg.org

Social Media (if applicable) ?

e.g., @yourorg or https://facebook.com/yourorg

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Section 2

2 Climate Risk & Context

Where is this project happening?

3. GEOGRAPHIC ELIGIBILITY: URBAN AREAS ONLY

Projects must be implemented in URBAN areas within the following parishes. Rural projects are NOT eligible.

Eligible Parish * ?

-- Select Parish --

Specific Location * ?

e.g., Harbour View, Kingston 17 or GPS: 17.9361° N, 76.7675° W

What type of area is this? * ?

-- Select --

What challenges do you observe affecting your community?

Select up to 2 challenges and we'll highlight the most relevant NbCS categories for your project. You can still select from any category — this just helps you find the right ones faster.

Main Challenge or Challenges (select a maximum of two) *

Flooding & Storm Surge

Urban Heat & Drought

Coastal Erosion & Sea Level Rise

Landslides & Slope Failure

Food Insecurity & Water Scarcity

Water Quality & Sanitation

Not sure

Select your 1 or 2 main challenges. Secondary connections are captured later.

Section 2

Which climate hazards does your project address? *

↳ Based on the challenges you selected, we've pre-selected matching climate hazards below. Add or remove as needed.

Which climate hazards does your project address? Select all that apply. Think about what problems your community faces now and will face more in the future due to climate change.

Flooding (Pluvial/Fluvial)
Water overflow from rain or rivers causing damage

Extreme Heat / Urban Heat Island
Dangerously high temperatures in built-up areas

Landslide / Slope Instability
Soil movement on hillsides during heavy rain

Coastal Erosion / Storm Surge
Sea damage to coastlines from storms and waves

Drought / Water Scarcity
Insufficient water for needs

Food Security / Supply Chain Disruption
Difficulty accessing affordable, nutritious food

Biodiversity Loss
Decline in plant and animal species

Section 2

How will your project change things? (max 300 words) *

Think about what's broken right now and what it looks like after your project. What system bottlenecks, blockages, or interruptions will your project fix? What will work better, for whom, and how?

***Example:** "Right now, stormwater runs off paved surfaces into drains that overflow during heavy rain, flooding homes and polluting the harbour. After installing bioswales along the roadside, water will soak into the ground naturally instead of pooling. This means less flooding for 500 residents, cleaner water reaching the harbour, and the community gains green spaces where there was once concrete. The bioswales also create a maintenance routine that employs 5 community members."*

Describe how your project will change the way systems function in your community...

0/2000 characters (~300 words)

Provide your Project Title * ?

e.g., Harbour View Bioswale Network for Flood Risk Reduction

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Section 3

3 NbCS Response

You've defined your climate risk. Now select the Nature-based Climate Solutions (NbCS) interventions that will respond to it, then define your expected outcomes and describe your project.

A. Select Your Nature-based Climate Solutions (NbCS) Interventions

Primary NbCS Interventions (What you will build) *

What are NbCS Interventions?


Nature-based Climate Solutions (NbCS) are **multidimensional** — they work across physical, sectoral, and systemic levels at the same time. To capture this, we ask you to select interventions in **two layers**:

- **Primary Interventions** — The on-the-ground, physical things you will build or install (e.g., mangrove restoration, bioswales, community gardens). Select all that apply to your project.
- **Secondary Interventions** — The sectors, systems, and communities your project connects to (e.g., disaster risk reduction, food security, livelihoods). Select all that apply.

⚠ Requirement: You must select at least 1 Primary intervention AND at least 1 Secondary intervention.

Focus Area Lenses


The J-USE priority focus areas are multidimensional — each requires a combination of NbCS interventions from multiple categories working together. Select the lens that best matches your project's primary focus to discover the most relevant interventions. You can select interventions from multiple lenses.

 Urban Greening & Heat Reduction

Recommended ▾

 Building-Integrated NbCS

Recommended ▾

 Water & Flood Management

▾

Section 3

Secondary NbCS Interventions (Sectoral & System Connections) *

Secondary NbCS Interventions give you the cross-cutting context — the sectoral & system connections. What sectors and systems does your project connect to? And who benefits? Select ALL that apply to demonstrate how your physical interventions create broader impact.

Example: A mangrove restoration project (Primary) also connects to **Tourism** (eco-tourism opportunities), **Livelihoods** (fishing community benefits), and **Disaster Risk Reduction** (coastal protection for nearby settlements).


Your Secondary selections: *Click a category below to start selecting*

 **Health & Wellbeing** ? Recommended ▾

For projects improving mental health, air quality, water safety, and disease prevention

 **Digital & Nature Hybrid NbCS** Recommended ▾


For projects using sensors, AI, GIS, citizen science, MRV, or data tools for monitoring and adaptive management

 **Disaster Risk Reduction & Resilience** ? Recommended ▾


For projects reducing vulnerability to floods, storms, heat, landslides, and disasters

 **Food Security & Agriculture** ? ▾


For projects improving food production, nutrition, and supply chain resilience

 **Livelihoods & Economic Development** ? ▾


For projects creating green jobs, eco-tourism, skills training, and economic opportunities

 **Education, Culture & Governance** ? ▾

For projects focused on environmental education, cultural heritage, youth engagement, and community governance

 **Circular Economy & Waste Systems** ? Recommended ▾

For projects closing waste loops, recycling water, and using sustainable bio-based materials

 **Transportation & Infrastructure** ? Recommended ▾

For projects linking NbCS to transport corridors, urban infrastructure, and supply chains

 **Other (Not Listed Above)** ▾

For sectoral or system connections not captured by the categories above

Section 3

B. Define Your Outcomes *

What will change because of your project? For each outcome, describe: **(1) What** you're measuring (e.g., people protected from flooding), **(2) Where it stands now** (baseline), **(3) What you expect after 12 months**, and **(4) How you'll measure it** (e.g., water level sensors, community surveys, GIS mapping). Fill in at least 3 rows — you can add more with the + button below.

Outcome	Baseline (Current)	Expected After 12 Months	How Measured
e.g., People protected from flooding	e.g., 0	e.g., 500	e.g., GIS flood mapping data
e.g., Flood risk reduction	e.g., Annual flash flooding	e.g., 40% reduction	e.g., Water level sensors before/after
e.g., Water quality improvement	e.g., E. coli levels exceed WHO st	e.g., Within WHO safe limits	e.g., Monthly water quality testing
e.g., Green infrastructure created	e.g., 0 hectares	e.g., 1.5 hectares	e.g., Satellite imagery + GPS mapping
e.g., Jobs created	e.g., 0	e.g., 10 (6 for women)	e.g., Employment records

+ Add Another Outcome

Section 3

Adaptation Logic Statement *

Complete the causal chain: Explain how your NbCS interventions reduce climate risk. This is the single most important justification for your project.

Example: "Our constructed wetlands and bioswales (interventions) will slow stormwater flow velocity by 40% and filter runoff before it reaches the harbour (biophysical change), which reduces flash flooding and water contamination for 500 residents in Rae Town (climate outcome for beneficiaries)."

Our intervention: — select your Primary NbCS interventions above —

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Will produce: →

e.g., slow stormwater velocity by 40% and filter runoff naturally

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Which reduces:

— climate hazards identified in Step 2 —

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For: →

e.g., 500 residents in Rae Town and Allman Town, with focus on women-led households

C. Project Narrative

Project Summary (max 300 words) * ?

Example: Kingston's Harbour View community experiences severe flooding during heavy rains, displacing 200+ families annually. Our project will restore 2 hectares of mangrove forest along the coastline, which will act as a natural barrier against storm surge while creating habitat for marine life. We will work with 30 community members who will be trained in mangrove restoration and monitoring. In 12 months, we expect to plant 5,000 mangrove seedlings, reduce flood risk for 500 residents, and create 5 part-time jobs for local youth.

Section 3

Project Description (max 500 words) *

What to include:

- **Climate Challenge:** What problem are you solving? (e.g., flooding, heat, food insecurity)
- **NbCS Solution:** What nature-based approach will you use?
- **Expected Outcomes:** What will change after 12 months?
- **System Transformation:** How does this change how things work in your community?

Describe your project in detail, covering the climate challenge, your NbCS solution, expected outcomes, and how this transforms local systems...

0/3500 characters (~500 words)

Section 4

4 Beneficiaries & Social Co-Benefits

Why this matters: J-USE prioritizes projects that intentionally benefit vulnerable groups. Be specific about WHO will benefit and HOW they will be engaged in your project.

Exposure & Vulnerability

Who is exposed to the climate hazard and why are they vulnerable? This helps justify why your project is needed and who it prioritizes.

Exposure — Who is directly affected when the hazard occurs? *

e.g., 200 households in Rae Town and Allman Town live within 100m of the Sandy Gully flood zone

0/600 characters

Vulnerability — Why are they particularly at risk? *

e.g., Women-led households (65%) are home during daytime flooding, have limited savings, and lack flood insurance

0/600 characters

Adaptive Capacity — What can they currently do to protect themselves? *

e.g., Community members place sandbags at doorways but these are ineffective against flash flooding. No early warning system exists.

0/600 characters

Target Groups (select at least 2) *

Who will your project benefit most? J-USE prioritizes projects that intentionally reach at least 2 vulnerable groups. The groups you select here should be reflected in your Gender & Social Inclusion approach below.

Women - including female-headed households

Youth (18-35) - young adults seeking opportunities

Elderly (60+) - older adults vulnerable to climate impacts

Low-Income Communities - economically disadvantaged areas

Urban & Peri-Urban Food Producers ?

Fisherfolk - those dependent on marine resources

Persons with Disabilities - physical, sensory, or cognitive

Other - if not listed

Section 4

Demographics Breakdown (% of total beneficiaries)

Percentages may overlap (e.g., youth may also be women). Each field must be 0-100.

Women (%) *

e.g., 60

Youth (%) *

e.g., 40

Low-Income (%) *

e.g., 70

Estimated % Vulnerable Groups * ?

e.g., 65

Beneficiary Numbers

Direct Beneficiaries (number) * ?

e.g., 50

People directly engaged in project activities

Indirect Beneficiaries (number) * ?

e.g., 500

People who benefit from outcomes (e.g., flood protection, improved water, cleaner air)

Explain how you estimated these numbers * (100-150 characters)

e.g., Based on community census data and household survey of 400 residents in the target area

Vulnerability-to-Benefits Link *

How does your project reduce vulnerability? Explicitly connect how your NbCS interventions will reduce the exposure or vulnerability you described above.

e.g., Bioswales and green corridors will reduce flash flooding in Rae Town, cutting food loss for women-led households by an estimated 40% and improving income stability during hurricane season

0/800 characters

Gender & Social Inclusion Approach (max 400 words) *

What to explain: How will you ensure your target groups can participate and benefit? Consider:

- How will you recruit/reach these groups?
- What barriers might they face (time, transport, safety)?
- How will your project design address these barriers?
- How will you track that benefits reach them?

Describe how you will ensure women, youth, and vulnerable groups can participate and benefit...

0/2800 characters (~400 words)

Gender Considerations (select all that apply) *

Women-led or women-majority project ?

Women make up more than 50% of decision-makers or participants

Targeted activities for women

Specific activities designed to benefit women and girls

Equal access to project benefits

Men, women, and non-binary persons benefit equally

Gender analysis conducted

A gender assessment was done to understand different needs and risks

Gender-based violence (GBV) risk considered

Project activities assessed for potential GBV risks and mitigation

Section 4

Benefit Traceability * (Which groups benefit from which outcomes?)

Connect your outcomes to your target groups. This table pre-populates from the outcomes you defined in Step 3. For **EVERY** outcome listed, you must complete all fields: Sector, Target Groups, and How They Benefit. Every row is mandatory — incomplete rows will block submission. This strengthens your project's credibility and helps reviewers understand impact distribution.

Outcome (from Step 3) ?	Sector / System ?	Target Groups Benefiting ?	How They Benefit ?
x	-- Select sector --	e.g., Women, Youth, Elderly	e.g., Reduced flood exposure protects homes and livelihoods

Intensity of Benefit * ?

-- Select --

When will benefits be realised? * ?

-- Select --

Employment & Training Metrics

Estimated Jobs Created (number) ?

e.g., 10

Include all employment types

Jobs for Women (number) ?

e.g., 6

People Receiving Skills Training (number)

e.g., 30

Women-Led Enterprises Supported (number) ?

e.g., 5

Disaggregated Employment Data

Disaggregated numbers should not exceed total jobs created.

Women employed in Leadership Positions

e.g., 10

Youth (18-35) employed

e.g., 8

Persons with Disabilities

e.g., 1

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Section 5

5 Value Proposition & Sustainability

What is a Value Proposition?
Your **Value Proposition** describes how your NbCS will be sustained financially after the J-USE grant ends. This helps J-USE understand what follow-on financing might be needed.
J-USE provides Impact & Catalytic Capital as GRANT (max IMD \$15M per initiative). Your sustainability model helps identify what type of follow-on support your project may need — whether that's commercial loans, concessional finance, government budgets, or philanthropic capital.

Compare the Three Value Proposition Models

<p>Revenue-Generating</p> <p>Your NbCS generates some revenue + community benefit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce/market garden sales • Eco-tourism fees • Carbon credit sales • Service contracts <p>Next: Commercial loans, equity investors, philanthropic capital</p>	<p>Blended Model</p> <p>Some revenue + community benefit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal stormwater credits • Partially market-based • Mix of private/public value • Needs patient capital • Philanthropic capital <p>Next: Concessional loans, impact investors, philanthropic capital</p>	<p>Community Benefit</p> <p>Your NbCS generates Community benefits ONLY, no revenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood protection for all • City-wide heat reduction • Biodiversity conservation • Public health benefits <p>Next: Grants, government funding, philanthropic capital</p>
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Select Your Primary Value Proposition *

Revenue-Generating Model — Project will generate revenue from sales, fees, or services

Blended Model — Mix of revenue generation and community benefits

Community Benefit Model — Primary benefits serve the broader community (no direct revenue)

Note: Your responses are preserved when you switch between models — feel free to explore each option. However, **only the model you have selected at the time of submission will be submitted.** The other model responses will not be submitted.

Describe how your project creates value (max 550 words) *

Why did you choose this pathway? Explain why it fits your project and what type of follow-on financing you might need.

Example: "We selected the Revenue-Generating pathway because our urban farm will sell produce to 3 hotels who have signed letters of intent. We expect to cover 75% of operating costs from sales within 2 years. After the J-USE grant, we'll need a small loan to expand irrigation infrastructure."

Explain why this pathway is appropriate and what follow-on financing you might need...

0/550 characters (~550 words)

Post-Project Sustainability Plan (max 450 words) *

How will your NbCS continue after the grant? Address:

- Who will maintain the physical infrastructure?
- Who will govern/oversee the project?
- How will ongoing costs be covered?
- What partnerships will ensure longevity?

Describe how the intervention will be maintained, governed, and financed after the 12-month grant period...

Section 6

6 Enablers & Scaling Mechanisms

What are "Enablers"?

Enablers are **support mechanisms** that help NbCS projects succeed and grow beyond the pilot phase. They remove barriers and create conditions for long-term success.

Example: A community garden might need: Policy Support (land use permission), Technical Capacity Building (training in organic farming), and Market Platform (place to sell excess produce).

Implementation Structure *

Who does what? Identify who leads, who executes, and who provides oversight. At minimum, identify the lead applicant and one technical partner.

Role	Organization / Person	Responsibility
Lead / Applicant	Your organization name	*
Technical Partner	e.g., UWI, NEMA	e.g., Design, engineering, NbCS technical guidance
Community Partner	e.g., Community council	e.g., Community engagement, beneficiary mobilization
Government Partner	e.g., ESAC, parish council	e.g., Permits, land access, policy alignment
M&E / Data Partner	e.g., University, data NGO	e.g., Monitoring, data collection, M&V
Financial Partner	e.g., Co-funding partner	e.g., Co-funding, in-kind contributions

Enablers Required/Utilized (select all that apply)

What support does your project need or already have? Select all that are relevant to your project's success.

<input type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulatory Support Government permissions, zoning changes, favorable policies	<input type="checkbox"/> Blended Finance Structure Mix of grants, loans, and private investment
<input type="checkbox"/> Technical Capacity Building Training, expert support, knowledge transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Governance Model Local decision-making and ownership structures
<input type="checkbox"/> Market Aggregation Platform Collective marketing, sales channels, distribution	<input type="checkbox"/> Data/Knowledge Systems Monitoring, research, documentation, traditional knowledge
<input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Permitting Expedited approvals for NbCS projects	<input type="checkbox"/> Climate Risk Insurance Protection against climate-related losses
<input type="checkbox"/> NbCS Certification Standard Quality standards, eco-labeling, carbon credits	<input type="checkbox"/> South-South Knowledge Exchange Learning from similar projects in other developing countries

Scaling Potential Beyond Pilot *

Could this project be replicated elsewhere? [?](#)

-- Select --

What does this mean? "Scaling" means taking what works in your community and making it available in other places. **High** = ready to replicate now. **Medium** = would work with minor changes. **Moderate** = needs significant resources to adapt. **Limited** = still in pilot stage, needs more development.

Describe your Scaling Approach or Strategy * (max 300 words)

What to explain: How could this project grow? What would be needed?

Example: "After proving the model in Harbour View, this mangrove restoration approach could be replicated in 5 other coastal communities in Kingston Harbour. We would need additional funding for seedling nurseries, partnerships with other community groups, and MOUs with NEMA for site permissions. Within 2 years, we could protect 10km of coastline."

Describe how your project could be scaled or replicated...

Section 7

7 Budget & Timeline

J-USE Funding: Impact & Catalytic Capital as GRANT (max JMD \$15M per initiative). Total project cost typically ranges from JMD \$8M - \$15M.

Total Project Cost (JMD) * ?

e.g., 12,000,000

Amount Requested from J-USE (JMD) * ?

Max JMD \$15,000,000

Project Timeline

Proposed Start Date *

dd/mm/yyyy

Proposed End Date *

dd/mm/yyyy

Other Funding Sources Secured/Expected * ?

e.g., \$2M in-kind from partner NGO (volunteer labor, equipment), pending grant application to XYZ Foundation

Keep in mind: Administration costs (management, office, reporting) should not exceed 10% of your total project cost. At least 70% should go directly to project activities.

Budget Template: You will need to upload a detailed budget using the template provided. Download the template from the J-USE portal before completing this section.

Important: Projects must be implemented within 12 months. A detailed line-item budget will be required in the full proposal stage if shortlisted.

Sustainability & Maintenance Plan *

What happens after the project ends? Climate finance requires evidence that project benefits will persist beyond the funding period. Click below to complete your sustainability plan.

 Complete Your Post-Project Sustainability Plan

Enabling Conditions Reflection

What are enabling conditions? These are the things your project needs to succeed that you might not have yet — like a technical partner, land access permission, or long-term maintenance funding. Think about what you already have (from Step 5) and what gaps remain.

e.g., We lack engineering design expertise for bioswale construction and need a data management partner for the citizen science water quality platform. We also need a long-term maintenance agreement with KSAC for the green corridor beyond the 12-month project period.

Section 8

1. Organization 2. Climate Risk 3. NbCS Response 4. Beneficiaries 5. Value Proposition 6. Enablers 7. Budget 8. TNA 9. Documents 10. Declaration

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8 Training Needs Assessment

Purpose: This helps J-USE design capacity building that meets your needs. Your responses will **NOT** affect EOI screening but **WILL** help us support your success.

IUCN NbCS Criteria Self-Assessment *

Cross-reference check: The following questions ensure your project aligns with IUCN's Nature-based Solutions framework. Your responses help J-USE assess NbCS compliance. Provide a brief response (1-2 sentences) for each criterion.

1. Climate Mitigation Impact — Does your project demonstrably reduce greenhouse gas emissions or enhance carbon sinks?

Based on your selected interventions (urban_forest), describe how these will reduce emissions or enhance carbon sinks. E.g., tree planting sequesters X tonnes CO2/year.

2. Biodiversity Co-benefit — Does your project provide measurable gains in biodiversity (species, ecosystems, genetic diversity)?

Your selected interventions support biodiversity. Specify which species, ecosystems, or genetic diversity will benefit.

3. Inclusive Governance — Does your project include participatory decision-making with affected communities?

Your project targets women, youth. Describe how these communities participate in project design and decision-making.

4. Trade-off Management — Does your project acknowledge and manage potential trade-offs between adaptation, mitigation, and biodiversity?

Describe any trade-offs identified and how you plan to manage them...

Grant Compliance & Reporting

Grant Administration & Compliance. Confirm your project's alignment with the standards required by the **Environmental Foundation of Jamaica (EFJ)** and the **Government of Jamaica (GoJ)** grant administration processes.

5. Grant Compliance — Can you meet Environmental Foundation of Jamaica (EFJ) reporting requirements, including quarterly progress reports and financial statements?

Describe your capacity for grant reporting and compliance...

Section 8

9.1 NbCS Technical Knowledge

Select your experience level for each competency area:

Competency Area	Beginner (Need training)	Intermediate (Some experience)	Advanced (Can train others)	N/A
NbCS design principles & IUCN criteria	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Climate dimension integration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
System flow analysis (water, heat, biodiversity)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Native species selection & ecological restoration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Digital/AI tools for NbCS monitoring	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9.2 Project Management Skills

Competency Area	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced	N/A
Results-based project planning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Budget development & financial management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
M&E framework design	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stakeholder engagement & participatory design	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9.3 Climate Finance & Sustainability

Competency Area	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced	N/A
Understanding Value Propositions & financing options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Co-financing strategy (cash & in-kind)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business model development for sustainability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Grant reporting & compliance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9.4 Gender & Social Inclusion

Competency Area	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced	N/A
Gender-responsive project design	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Beneficiary disaggregation & inclusive targeting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community-led governance & participation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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9.4 Gender & Social Inclusion

Competency Area	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced	N/A
Gender-responsive project design	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Beneficiary disaggregation & inclusive targeting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community-led governance & participation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9.5 Priority Capacity Building Needs

Select your TOP 3 priorities for capacity building:

- NbCS Design Principles & IUCN Criteria**
Project follows IUCN Global Standard for NbCS
- Climate dimension integration (mitigation, adaptation, resilience)
- Value Proposition selection & business model development
- Results-based budgeting & financial management
- M&E framework development with gender-sensitive indicators
- Digital/AI tools for NbCS (sensors, data analysis, modeling)
- Stakeholder engagement & participatory design methods
- Gender & social inclusion strategies for NbCS
- Risk management & adaptive implementation
- Grant compliance & reporting (GAC, EFJ standards)
- Long-term sustainability & governance planning

9.6 Preferred Learning Formats

Select ALL formats that work for your team:

- Live virtual workshops**
Real-time sessions via Zoom/Teams
- Pre-recorded tutorials**
Self-paced video learning
- Interactive case studies**
Group discussions with real examples
- One-on-one advisory**
Personalized technical support
- Peer learning circles**
Exchange with other applicants
- In-person workshops**
Face-to-face training (if feasible)
- Written guides & toolkits**
PDF/online reference materials

9.7 Accessibility & Support Needs for Persons with Disabilities (PWD)

Section 9

9 Supporting Documents

Required Documents: Please upload all mandatory documents. Requirements differ by organization type.

Required for All Applicants

Letter of Intent and Authorisation (PDF, Max 5MB) * ?

No file chosen

Upload your signed Letter of Intent and Authorisation

Note: Your Letter of Intent must be recent within the current call period and signed by an authorized representative.

Detailed Budget Breakdown (Excel/PDF, Max 5MB) *

No file chosen

Line-item budget with justification for each category

Organization Registration Certificate (PDF) *

No file chosen

Valid registration or incorporation document

Organizational Capacity/Previous Work (PDF) *

No file chosen

Annual reports, previous project summaries, or organizational profile and work experience (max 3 pages)

? You will need to upload these documents when submitting your final application. For now, you can submit without them and upload later.

PRIVATE SECTOR / NGOs / CIVIL SOCIETY / ACADEMIA

- Certificate of Incorporation/ Registration*
- Organizational Profile and Work Experience (max 3 pages)
- Full Name, Title, Phone, Email, Address of the Authorised Representative
- A formal Letter of Intent and Authorisation for the Intervention

*Valid registration under the relevant legislation (Companies Act, Charities Act, Cooperative Societies Act, Friendly Societies Act)

PUBLIC SECTOR / GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

- Organizational Profile and Work Experience (max 3 pages)
- Contact Details of the MDA Head: Full Name, Title, Phone, Email, Address
- A formal Letter of Intent and Authorisation for the Intervention

! NOTE: All documents must be recent within the current call period and submitted in the specified format (PDF and/or Excel where indicated) via the online portal.

Important: Documents must be submitted via the online portal in the specified format (PDF and/or Excel where indicated). The Letter of Intent and Authorisation should be recent within the current call period.

Section 10

10 Declaration & Submission

Important: Please read each declaration carefully. All checkboxes must be checked to submit.

- I confirm that the information provided is accurate and that our organization has the capacity to implement this project within 12 months.
- I understand that false information may result in disqualification from the J-USE programme.
- I consent to EFJ storing and processing this data for evaluation purposes and sharing with funding partners (J-USE, Government of Canada).
- I commit to participating in J-USE capacity building activities if selected, including the J-USE capacity building programme.

Authorized Representative

Full Name *	Title/Position *
<input type="text" value="e.g., John Smith"/>	<input type="text" value="e.g., Executive Director"/>

Date *

Additional Comments or Questions

Any additional information or questions for the J-USE team?

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Application Submitted Successfully!

Thank you for submitting your Expression of Interest to the J-USE Nature-based Climate Solutions Programme 2026. We've received your application and will begin reviewing it shortly.

CONFIRMATION EMAIL SENT

A confirmation email with your **official reference number** has been sent to your registered email address. Please save this email — your reference number will be required for all future correspondence about this application.

Application Summary



ORGANIZATION

x



PROJECT TITLE

x



PROJECT LOCATION

Kingston and St. Andrew — x



CONFIRMATION SENT TO

x

What Happens Next?

1

Acknowledgement

A confirmation email with your reference number has been sent to your registered email. Save this for all future correspondence about your application.

2

Screening & Review (within 10 business days)

The EFJ team will review your EOI for eligibility, alignment with J-USE priorities, and NbCS compliance. You may be contacted for clarification.

3

Shortlisting & Capacity Building

If shortlisted, you'll be invited to participate in J-USE capacity building workshops tailored to your Training Needs Assessment (Step B).

4

Full Proposal Development

Shortlisted applicants will develop a detailed full proposal with support from J-USE's technical assistance partners. Additional documents will be required.

Print / Save as PDF

Contact J-USE Team

Start New Application



Questions

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