CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

INNOVATION GRANT FACILITY (IGF) FOR PACIFIC AGRO-SME'S

Take the "Next Step" to Grow Your Agri-Business













Project: Promoting Nutritious Food Systems in the Pacific



What is the IGF?

The Innovation Grant Facility (IGF) provides **grant funding** to agro-based small & medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in seven Pacific Island States to access knowledge, technologies or expertise and build staff capacity to improve product quality, expand product offerings, enhance process efficiency, increase market share or competitiveness.

Who can apply?

SMEs contributing, directly or indirectly, to the sustainable development of the agriculture & fishery sectors in Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu with a focus on the development and/or upgrading of nutritionally, culturally & environmentally sensitive local food crops & fisheries value chains.

Maximum amount per grant award is EUR 17,000 (USD ≈ 20,000)

The Eligible SME

- Is registered in and fully or majority owned by citizens of Fiji, Kiribati,
 Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu.
- Is a **legal entity** (e.g. sole proprietorship, or limited liability or public company with maximum 20% government share).
- Employs a minimum of three full time equivalent staff members and/or has a minimum annual sales turnover of EUR 17,000 (USD ≈ 20,000).
- Can contribute at least 20% of the total project budget (cash and/or in-kind).



Examples of funded activities

- Facility design
- Feasibility/market studies
- Marketing plan or business plan development
- Research and product development
- Employee or business to business training
- · Laboratory testing & technical support
- Small equipment purchase (Euro 2,500 ≈ USD 2,940)

How to apply?

Download Guidelines & Application form

www.cta.int/en/working-with-us/call-for-proposals

or

www.innov4agpacific.pipso.org.fj/innovation-grant-facility

Deadline for Grant Applications: 25 April 2018 at 16:00 (GMT+12)

Priority will be given to SMEs who can demonstrate that the grant will be used to directly or indirectly benefit smallholder farmers, rural farming communities and disadvantaged groups, youth and women.