

Subject: Call for Proposals – Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI)

The High Commission of Canada to Belize is pleased to launch its annual call for proposals for the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI).

The CFLI is a program designed to support small-scale, high-impact projects in developing countries. These projects must address at least one of the thematic priority areas for engagement of the Government of Canada (see below). Project proposals presented must have a budget of approximately CDN\$27,000.00 (Canadian Dollars, equivalent to BZD40,000) and all activities must be concluded by February 26, 2027.

How to apply

- Download the concept note template.
- Complete the form.
- Send it by e-mail to gtmla-gr@international.gc.ca before May 8, 2026 at midnight.

Applications submitted after this deadline will not be considered.

Priorities

- Democratic Governance and Human Rights: supporting democratic governance, advancing rule of law and justice reform, upholding human rights.
- Peace and Security: supporting violent conflict and violence prevention, crisis response and sustainable peace; supporting security threat reduction and security system reform; preventing and countering violent extremism.
- Growth that works for everyone: promoting inclusive markets and entrepreneurship; promoting financial security and resilience.
- Environment and Climate Change: strengthening environmental governance; investing in low-carbon and climate-resilient economies.
- Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls: supporting strong and sustainable women's rights organizations and movements; supporting evidence-based policymaking, legal frameworks and program delivery for gender equality.

Eligible Recipients

Local non-governmental, community and not-for-profit organizations*,
 Local academic institutions working on local projects,
 International non-governmental organizations working on local development activities,
 Intergovernmental, multilateral and regional institutions, organizations and agencies working on local development activities,

Municipal, regional or national government institutions or agencies of the recipient country working on local projects, and Canadian non-governmental and not-for-profit organizations that are working on local development activities through a local office.

The following project costs are eligible for CFLI funding:

- administrative costs **specifically related to the project**,
- overhead costs **specifically related to the project** (maximum 15%)
- capital and/or operating expenditures related to the lease and/or purchase and/or building of infrastructure (e.g. office rent specifically relating to the project),
- installation, maintenance, shipping and/or transportation costs, including fuel, computers* and communication devices,
- internet costs specifically relating to the project,
- salary costs relating to the project,
- civic education costs,
- conference and event expenditures,
- hospitality costs, excluding alcoholic beverages
- training and capacity building expenditures,
- costs of services received by recipients,
- outreach, communication and information dissemination costs,
- environmental assessment costs,
- advocacy and lobbying related costs,
- legal costs,
- accounting costs,
- medical costs,
- publishing costs,
- radio and television broadcast fees,
- facilities and equipment rental charges,
- research-related costs,
- security costs,
- translation and interpretation fees,
- travel expenses, using lowest fares possible but not exceeding full fare economy class
- lease or rental of vehicles,
- vehicle and equipment operation, installation and/or maintenance,
- website development and related costs,
- miscellaneous expenses integral to the project.

** The purchase of operating equipment such as a computer can be an eligible cost if the implementing organization will use it for the direct benefit of the project beneficiaries. Purchase of such equipment may not be considered eligible if the implementing organization keeps the computer for their own operational*

purposes with no/no direct benefit to the intended ultimate project beneficiaries (i.e community).

The following costs are **not** eligible for CFLI funding:

- nuclear technologies and facilities,
- assistance to military or paramilitary organizations,
- gifts,
- luxury goods,
- direct fiscal support to a government,
- core funding or recurrent costs of an organization,
- international travel (without prior approval from the CFLI Unit),
- revolving funds, (that is, funds used to advance loans to individuals, i.e. microfinance),
- expenses incurred prior to the signing of the CA, or after it expires.

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