

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS

of Government of Saint Lucia

1. Basic act and Financing source

Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No. 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities. Budget Line: B7-8710 with respect to the special framework of assistance for traditional ACP suppliers of bananas (SFA 2005 and 2006) established under Council regulation 856/1999.

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2008 and expected results

Programme objectives are to: sustain recovery and competitiveness within the banana sector, assist economic diversification as foreseen under article 3.2 (a & b) of Council Regulation 856/1999, and foster sustainable livelihoods in rural communities.

The programme purpose is to:

SFA 2005:-

- improve access and use of appropriate technology, as a primary instrument for (i) increasing agricultural competitiveness, (ii) supporting private sector development and (iii) enhancing and sustaining social well being.

SFA 2006:-

- improve St. Lucia's economic competitiveness by enhancing efficiency and productivity within the agricultural sector and other productive sectors.

Expected results are:

SFA 2005:-

Result 1: Efficiency and competitiveness of banana enterprises enhanced.

Result 2: Agricultural production expanded and diversified.

Result 3: Export performance improved with diversified export mix.

SFA 2006:-

Result 4: Competitiveness and linkages in the private sector enhanced, exports increased and SMEs in rural areas, in particular, strengthened.

Result 5: Social recovery and stability improved.

Separate calls for proposal will be launched to achieve each result.

3. Eligibility conditions

Grants shall be open to all legal persons coming under the scope of the Treaty establishing the European Community. There will be a call for proposals for non profit-making NGOs and professional bodies which have their headquarters or a local office in an EU member state or an African Caribbean and Pacific member state.

Applicants may act individually or in partnership with other organizations, provided such partners satisfy the same eligibility criteria as applicants.

Applicants must:

- § be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action, not acting as an intermediary;
- § be capable of commencing the actions without delay once being funded.

4. Selection and award criteria

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions.

5. Maximum rate of Community financing

Grants may not finance the entire cost of the action, co-financing is encouraged.

6. Schedule of calls for proposals

April/May 2008

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

SFA 2005:-

Result 1: Efficiency and competitiveness of banana enterprises enhanced: €1,300,000

Result 2: Agricultural production expanded and diversified: €1,464,500

Result 3: Export performance improved with diversified export mix: €1,150,000 inclusive of €150,000 for technical assistance.

SFA 2006:-

Result 4: Competitiveness and linkages in the private sector enhanced, exports increased and SMEs in rural areas, in particular, strengthened: €1,350,000

Result 5: Social recovery and stability improved: €1,610,000