

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS

The Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA), Jamaica

1. Basic act and Financing source

Council Regulation 856/1999 of the European Commission: Special Framework of Assistance (SFA) for Traditional ACP Suppliers of Bananas to the European Union. Budget Line B-21.03.18 and B-21.06.05; for Financing Agreements SFA 2006 and 2007 .

B-21.03.18/856/04

B-21.06.05/856/04

Note: There is yet no budget line for SFA 2008 as the Financing Agreement has not yet been signed.

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2009 and expected results.

Rural Diversification Programme (RDP) Component

Creation of sustainable employment opportunities through economic diversification in the banana producing parishes of Jamaica

Banana Improvement Programme (BIP) Component

Reposition the banana industry so it can best exploit the opportunities in both international and domestic markets

3. Eligibility conditions

In order to be eligible for a grant, the applicants must be nationals of a Member State of the European Union and the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries, which include Jamaica and be non profit making and be non-governmental organisations, community-based organisations, local authorities and be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with their partners, not acting as an intermediary

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

For the RDP component it is expected that the grant recipients will provide a minimum of 25% of the cost of the action[s] in cash

For the BIP component it is expected that the grant recipients will provide a minimum 10% in cash

6. Schedule of calls for proposals

The schedule for the launching of the call for proposals for RDP is February 15, 2009 while the schedule for the launching of the call for proposals for BIP is May, 2009

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

The indicative amounts are;

RDP Component

B-21.03.18/856/04 EUR 1.21m

B-21.06.05/856/04 EUR 0.34m

B-21– (SFA 2008) EUR 0.80m

Total **EUR 2.35m**

BIP Component

B-21.06.05/856/04 EUR 1.58m

B-21 (SFA 2008) EUR 0.60m

Total **EUR 2.18m**