

Potential Funding Sources
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- Rainforest Alliance, Belize, Mike Panton, Programme for Belize
- Technical Center for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA), Netherlands, funds agricultural development and information technology. Specific funds. Will often partner with organizations supporting events in their interest.
- Canada International Development Agency (CIDA), provides funding throughout the Caribbean for forestry and agro-forestry projects
<http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/index-e.htm>
- SIDA, Sweden
- Stanley Smith Trust, US
- The Nature Conservancy, uses various funding mechanisms including debt for nature swaps. Additionally, the Conservancy supported the development of the trust fund network RedLAC (the Latin American and Caribbean Environmental Funds Network) with assets of over \$150 million for conservation in 27 funds throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.
<http://nature.org/aboutus/howwework/conservationmethods/conservationfunding/>
For more information about conservation trust funds, e-mail cfp@tnc.org.
- Darwin Initiative. Note: you MUST have a UK based partner. Funds up to 150,000 pounds over a 3 year period. www.darwin.gov.uk/
- Global Environmental Facility (GEF), www.gefweb.org
- BP Conservation Program, currently looking for more plant projects,
<http://conservation.bp.com/>
- Fauna and Flora International, <http://www.fauna-flora.org/>
- Global Tree Campaign, Fauna and Flora International and UNEP partnership, aims to save the world's most threatened tree species and their habitats through information, conservation and wise use. The campaign focuses on trees as flagship species for conservation of ecosystems and landscapes, and enables local people to carry out rescue and sustainable use operations.
<http://www.globaltrees.org/site.asp>
- British Council, especially interested in funding trainers attending workshops
- Local Businesses
- Travel operators
- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), www.jica.go.jp
- Global Development Network (GDN),
http://www.gdnet.org/online_services/funding_opportunities/index.html
- International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada, primarily funding projects involving medicinal plants and indigenous knowledge, or research activities that are designed to provide direct benefits to developing countries and their citizens,
http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-54473-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html
- McArthur Foundation, a private grantmaking foundation focused on human and community development, global security and sustainability, www.macfound.org
- Global Biodiversity Funding Facility

- cultural projects using native species
- churches
- Foreign embassies

Notes:

- 501(c)3, the tax code of registered non-profits in the US, *may* be waived if your government writes a letter declaring tax exempt status: Cayman Islands
- Host orchid or palm auctions
- Partnering with national organizations to create partnerships often yields more funding opportunities
- Wishing wells...cross your fingers and hope for the best!