



National Marine Sanctuaries Foundation

WW2BW Grant Fund Assistance

As part of the White Water to Blue Water (WW2BW) initiative, the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation has recently funded proposals to facilitate and strengthen partnerships in support of sustainable development in the Wider Caribbean. Funding for this effort was made available through a grant from the United States of America's Department of State Third Border Initiative and OES Initiative Economic Support Funds. Grants focused on building partnerships to address four major theme areas:

1. **Integrated Watershed Management:** Grants will build partnerships to address activities impacting the watershed such as agriculture, forestry, land use and planning, tourism, and wastewater treatment.
2. **Marine Ecosystem-Based Management :** Partnership grants will focus on approaches to ensuring the long-term productivity and sustainability of the living resources and the environment.
3. **Sustainable Tourism: Grants** will enhance efforts to protect the marine environment through sustainable tourism.
4. **Environmentally Sound Marine Transportation:** Partnerships to help reduce operational and accidental impacts on the marine environment from boats and ships.

The Foundation

The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation was established in July of 2000. The Foundation's mission is to develop conservation-based education and outreach programs designed to preserve and protect the marine environment.

About the Awards

- Total funding available was approximately \$290,000
- Awards ranged from \$10,000 to \$25,000
- A 1:1 match was required. Government, private sector or non-profit funds and in-kind support may be used for matching
- Funding is for 1 year

Eligibility

Eligible applicants are non-governmental organizations and international organizations in the wider Caribbean region.