



# Supporting Climate Adaptation Innovations in the Caribbean – RFA Pre-Application Workshop

Caribbean Climate Investment Program, a USAID Climate Finance for Development Accelerator Initiative

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# Agenda

- Welcome
- Overview of the USAID Caribbean Climate Investment Program
- RFA Eligibility, Objectives, and Process
- Timeline
- Q&A

# CCIP OVERVIEW

The Caribbean Climate Investment Program (CCIP) aims to unlock private sector investments in renewable energy (RE) and energy efficiency (EE) technologies, adaptation actions, and natural climate solutions in the region.



USD 20 million



USAID funding under the Climate Finance for Development Accelerator



April 2023 - April 2027



Small- and medium-sized enterprises in the commercial, industrial, and resort sectors



14 countries: Antigua, The Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago



# CCIP OBJECTIVES

## Objectives



### Objective 1

Business development service facilitation and technical assistance to private sector partners working with RE/EE technologies



### Objective 2

Access to finance, de-risking instruments, and lending products to climate finance seekers working with RE/EE technologies



### Objective 3

Technical and financial support to develop, scale, or improve adaptation practices and technologies

## Expected Outcomes



Sustained RE/EE/climate adaptation project pipeline



Accelerated \$100M in RE/EE/CC investments



Increased market information across the Caribbean



Improved coordination and network building



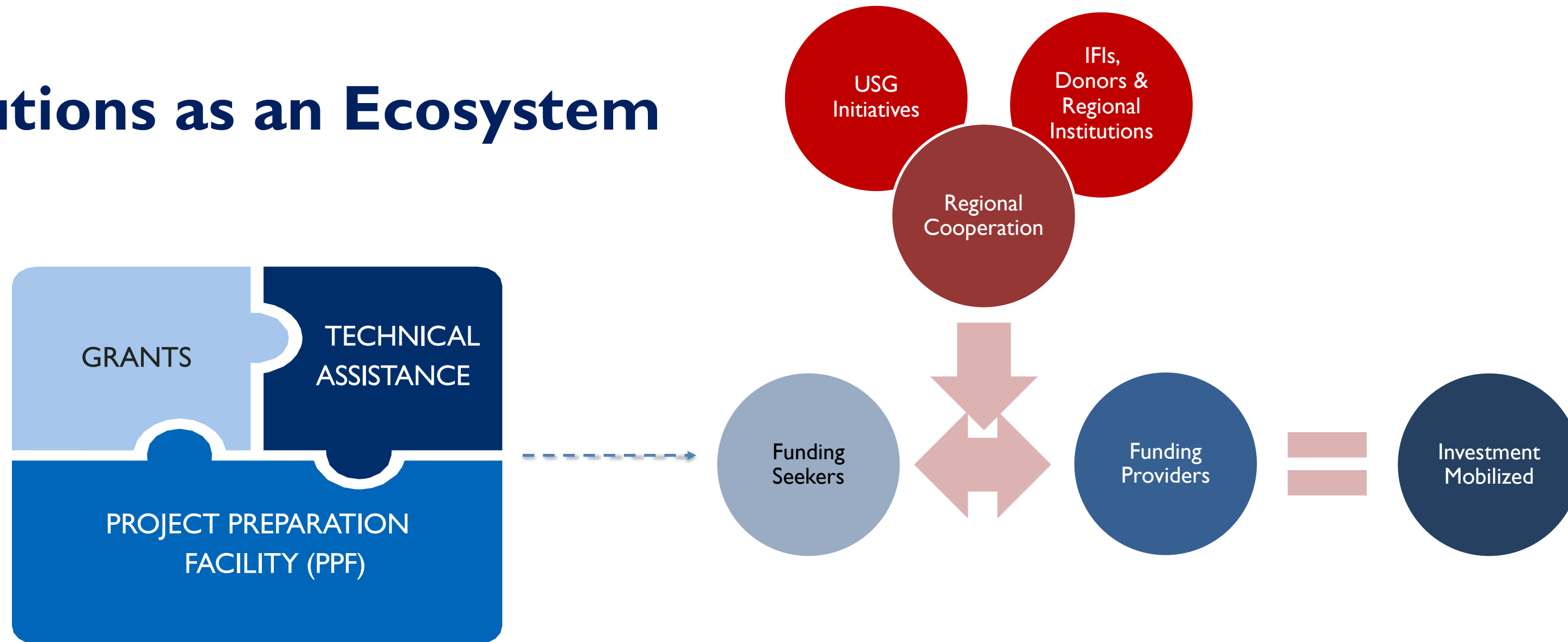
Resilient, Caribbean-centric business models



Increased private sector participation in the RE/EE/climate adaptation sectors

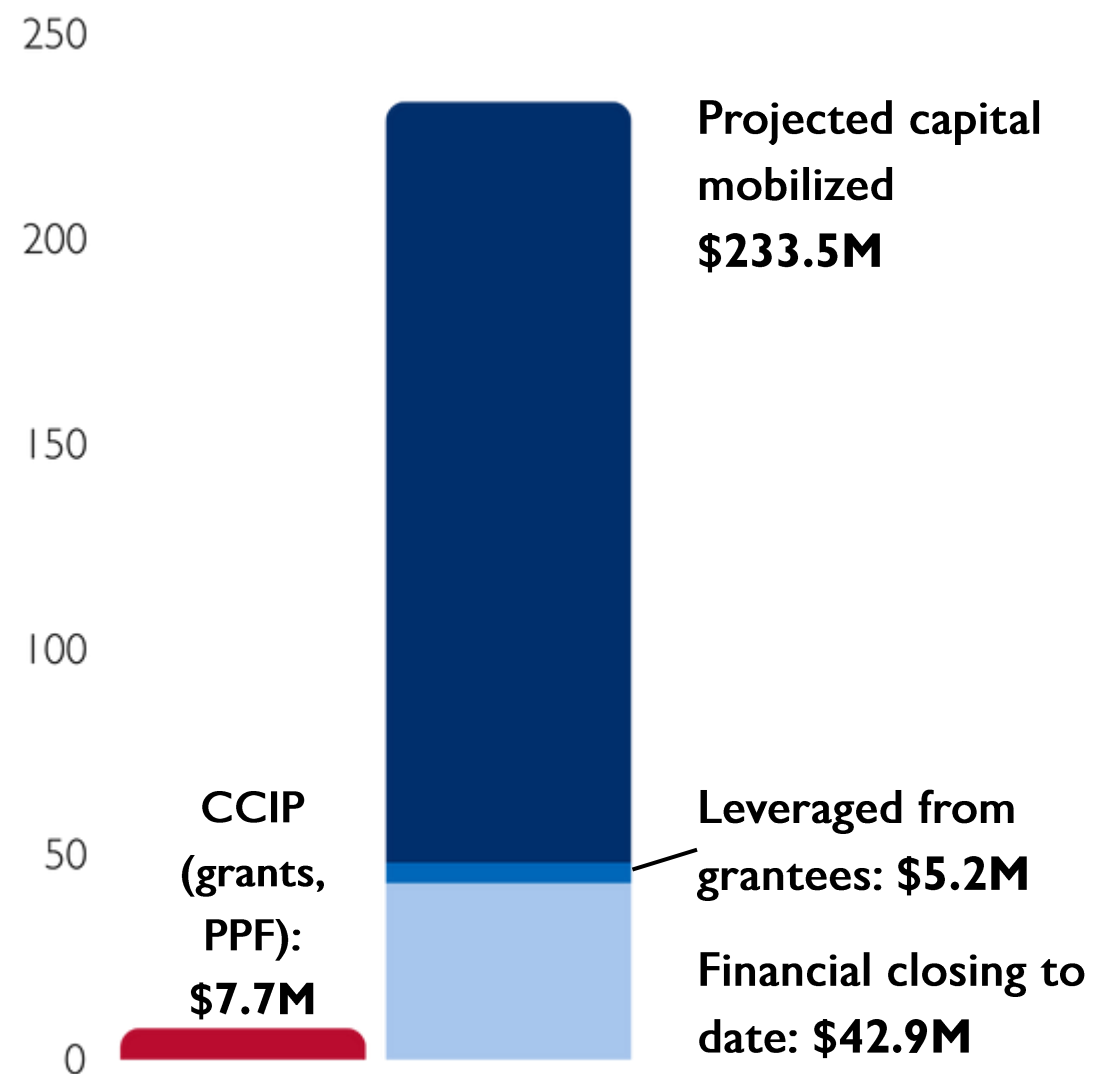
# APPROACH

## Solutions as an Ecosystem



# 18 MONTH RESULTS

## Unlocking an estimated \$281.6 million for climate solutions



### GRANTS

\$4.7M awarded under first series of grants

66

Eligible concept notes received

8

Grants under contract or negotiation

\$6M

Grants mechanism

\$550K for TBD needs-based support

\$750K to be awarded under new request for applications

### PPF

PPF launched in March 2024 targeting a pipeline of 40+ projects:

53

Applications

24

Projects eligible/evaluated

11

Projects receiving PPF support

### ON-DEMAND TA



Engaged Caribbean Association of Banks to support local banks in overcoming challenges with their portfolio of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects



Online form to request on-demand TA being piloted in October 2024

# RFA OVERVIEW



CCIP is awarding grants to projects that support the **pilot, commercialization, and uptake** of activities that bolster countries' capacity to withstand **the long-term impacts of climate change and recover quickly from acute climate-fueled events.**

## Grants

### Awards of \$70,000

CCIP anticipates issuing grant awards up to USD \$70,000 each. There is no minimum funding request. Although optional, CCIP encourages applicants to articulate their technical assistance needs that would make their concept more likely to succeed.

## Eligibility

CCIP is awarding grants to local, U.S., and international organizations and private entities. We encourage eligible entities and commercially viable concepts to be scaled in Antigua, Barbados, Dominicana, Grenada, Guyana, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Suriname.



# RFA OBJECTIVES

CCIP is soliciting concept notes that achieve the following objectives:

- **Infrastructure Resilience Design:** Designing new buildings or retrofitting solutions to augment architectural durability, mitigate flooding, improve water conservation, and increase energy efficiency.
- **Ecosystem Management:** Protecting and restoring ecosystems (e.g., mangroves, coral reefs, wetlands) and capitalizing on the natural services they provide through market-based systems (e.g., payment for ecosystem services).
- **Disaster Risk Reduction:** Minimizing the effects of extreme climate-fueled events through improved preparation, such as risk mapping, preparedness and emergency response plans, and awareness creation for private sector firms in the commercial, industrial, and service sectors.
- **Resilient Distributed Renewable Energy Generation and Storage Capabilities:** Deploying or optimizing resilient grid-connected or isolated energy storage systems that enhance the reliability and stability of energy supply during climate-fueled disruptions or post-disruption rapid re-deployment.



# Application Process

CCIP will oversee a streamlined application process, starting with the submission of a grant application that includes a detailed project narrative and a detailed budget. Applicants should refer to Section 2F of the solicitation for detailed information on each of the components below.

- 1 Grant Application.** The grant application must include a detailed project narrative and detailed budget. These documents should clearly outline the proposed strategies for implementing the program in line with the requirements in the solicitation and CCIP's objectives.
- 2 Format Specifications.** Applicants must apply via the [submission portal](#) as described in the solicitation. File attachments must be formatted as either a PDF or Word Document. Of importance, ensure that the project narrative is no more than two pages with a minimum font size of 11 points for readability.
- 3 Content Guidelines.** Each application must include key elements such as a detailed budget with line-by-line notes, proposed milestone deliverables, organizational chart, CVs or resumes for key project personnel, monitoring and evaluation indicators, etc. as outlined in the solicitation.



# TIMELINE

**The Window was released** on October 16, 2024

**Applications due** December 15, 2024, at 11:59pm EST

**Estimated start date** for awards o/a March 1, 2025

**Questions were due** on November 1, 2024, at 11:59pm EST

**Finalists notified,** due diligence and negotiation process begins o/a February 2025

# Q&A

- Please ask all questions by writing in the chat. These will be answered in the order in which they are received.
- We will attempt to answer all questions today.
- If we do not have time or are unable to answer all questions, we will provide written responses to unanswered questions to be released with the written Q&A process.