

**MOL Mauritius International Fund for  
Natural Environment Recovery and Sustainability  
(hereinafter “the Fund”)  
Guidelines for Call for Project Applications for FY2024**

**1. Objective of the Fund**

The Fund aims to contribute to the healthy lives of the people of the Republic of Mauritius (hereinafter “Mauritius”) as well as to the sustainable economic growth of Mauritius by providing grants for nature conservation and other projects that will contribute to local communities in Mauritius.

**2. Organizations Eligible to Receive Grants**

To be eligible for a grant, an organization must:

- (1) Organizations registered in Mauritius: Meet all of the requirements in following paragraphs A–C. Organizations registered outside of Mauritius: Meet all of the requirements in paragraphs A–D.
  - A. Has the qualification of being a juridical person, be a voluntary organization that has earned the same level of social trust as an organization that has the qualification of being a juridical person, be neither for-profit organizations nor national and local governments.
  - B. Disclose the status of activities and finances for either the past three fiscal years or since its establishment if it has been in existence for less than three years.
  - C. Receive a recommendation from one or more of the following: i) a government or municipality of Mauritius, Japan or any other country, ii) a government-affiliated organization, or iii) an internationally well-known public interest organization.
  - D. Organizations registered in Mauritius must submit a Certificate of Registration of Association and a National CSR Certification Number.

Multiple organizations may jointly apply for a single project. However, the main organization must be distinctly identified and the division of roles must be clearly stated.

Organizations with projects that have been selected in the past or currently receive a grant are also eligible to apply. However, for projects at the same level, preference will be given to new organizations.

(2) Projects eligible for grants

Projects that aim to contribute to the improvement of the living environment of the Mauritian people and promote the development of the nation's economy in any of the following two activity areas:

- A. Projects related to the restoration and protection of the natural environment and ecosystems in Mauritius  
e.g., Protection, cultivation, and research of mangrove forests, restoration, conservation, and research of coral reefs, and protection and research of wild birds and rare species of birds
- B. Projects related to the development of Mauritian local communities, such as fisheries, tourism, and cultural education.

(3) Requirements

Selected projects must:

- A. Not be in the interest of any particular group or individual
- B. Comply with the laws and regulations of Mauritius and the region in which the activities take place, and obtain the necessary approvals for the activities from relevant government and local authorities. And be able to expect sufficient cooperation from relevant government and local authorities.

**3. Grant Period**

Maximum 5 years

Annual project plans and budgets for income and expenditures for each year of the grant period must be submitted at the time of the initial application.

Note: Grants may be suspended depending on the contents of the interim reports submitted in each fiscal year.

In addition, the Fund itself or a representative designated by the Fund may hold hearings from time to time for the objective of managing the progress of the project.

**4. Grant Amounts**

- (1) No standard monetary amount for grants is specified. Grant amounts will be determined based on individual project details and income and expenditure plan.

The minimum project application amount shall be an annual average of 3 million yen.

- (2) Subsidized expenses

Expenses directly related to the project indicated below are eligible; ordinary operating expenses of the organization and outsourcing expenses are not eligible.

- A. Costs for purchasing, renting, and repairing of materials, supplies, and facilities
- B. Labor costs for personnel (associated with the project), honoraria for experts, etc.
- C. Transportation, accommodation, and maintenance of a local office dedicated to the project
- D. Communication and printing expenses, translation of materials, and publication expenses

(3) Currency

U.S. dollars (if the remittance is to a destination outside Japan) or Japanese yen (if the remittance is to a destination within Japan)

## 5. Application Procedure

(1) Application deadline

December 22, Friday 2023, noon local time in Mauritius (5:00 p.m. Japan time)

(2) Documents required

- A. Application Form (Fill in all items on the attached application template. Note that applications with inaccurate or insufficient information will not be accepted.)
- B. Articles of incorporation, bylaws, and operating rules of the applicant organization
- C. Activity and financial reports (see Section 2.C. of the Guidelines for Call for Project Applications for FY2024)
- D. Letters of recommendation (see Section 2.D. of the Guidelines for Call for Project Applications for FY2024)
- E. For organizations registered in Mauritius: The certificate of the Registration of Association and the National CSR Certification Number (see Section 2.D. of the Guidelines for Call for Project Applications for FY2024).

(3) Submission

Recipient: Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank (hereinafter “the Trustee”)

Method: Send a PDF file via email to the Trustee’s dedicated email address below

[kouekidenshi@smtb.jp](mailto:kouekidenshi@smtb.jp)

## 6. Selection and Notification

Acceptance or rejection of the grant, grant periods, and the amount of the grant will be determined by the Steering Committee of the Fund.

All applicants will be notified of the selection results by the Trustee via email around the end of

February 2024.

Grants will be remitted to the designated bank account around the end of March 2024.

The Fund's selections as announced to the applicants are final, and the Fund will not explain the reasons for selection or rejection.

#### **7. Presentation Ceremony and Activity Report Meetings**

Grant recipients ("Grantees") may be asked to attend a presentation ceremony and participate in an activity report meeting.

(Details will be announced separately.)

#### **8. Reporting Obligation**

- (1) Grantees are obligated to submit a final report within one month of the end of the project or the end of the grant period, whichever comes first.
- (2) In the case of multi-year grants, in addition to final report, grantees are obligated to submit in each fiscal year:
  - i) an interim report on the status of the project as of the end of December by the end of January of the following year
  - ii) an annual report on the progress of the project as of the end of March, or fiscal year end, by the end of April.
- (3) Reports must be submitted using the template provided at the time of the notification decision.

#### **9. Indication of Granted Project**

Grantees are obligated to indicate on the products of the activity and on related postings that the activity has been granted by the Fund.

#### **10. Personal Information Protection**

Personal information provided by applicants will be used only for the objective of sharing information with the Fund's affiliates regarding the selection and implementation of the grant, and for reporting to relevant authorities. Details of the grant projects will be posted on the website.

#### **11. Return of Grants**

A partial or total return of a grant may be required in the following cases:

When a surplus is generated

When a false declaration has been made on the application form

When the grant has been used for other than its intended objective

When the achievement of the project plan is in doubt

When reporting obligations are neglected

## **12. Contact Information**

Please direct any inquiries and correspondence to the following address:

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