

CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Fisheries Grant Window Instructions
Tonga Climate Change Fund (TCCF)

1. Background

Tonga's coastal fisheries are critical for rural livelihoods, food security, and climate resilience. Over 500 km² of Tonga's coastal marine area is now protected under the Special Management Area (SMA) program, with more than 60 SMAs established across the islands. SMAs are community-managed fisheries where only registered members can fish, complemented by Fish Habitat Reserves (FHRs)—permanent no-fishing zones that support reef and fish recovery.

SMAs have shown positive results in reef and fish stock recovery, but climate change impacts—such as coral bleaching, cyclones, and increased sea surface temperature—continue to threaten fisheries and livelihoods. Strengthening SMA management and providing alternative fisheries-based livelihoods is essential to ensure resilience of rural coastal communities.

2. Objectives

The Fisheries Grant Window aims to strengthen the resilience of Tonga's coastal communities by:

- Improving the health and management of SMAs and FHRs
 - Building community capacity to monitor and regulate fisheries sustainably
 - Supporting alternative livelihoods linked to fisheries, with a focus on inclusive participation
 - Aligning with Tonga's national climate change adaptation and fisheries management priorities
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3. Funding Available

Funding is available to support **existing SMA communities**. Funding will primarily support:

- Improved SMA and FHR boundary markers
- Community training on the locations and sustainable fisheries practices
- Establishment of marine nurseries (e.g., giant clams, coral) to restore reefs and provide alternative livelihoods
- Maximum request: TOP \$25,000 per community
- Estimated project implementation timeline: 12-16 months
- **Priority:** Communities with registered SMAs or Ministry-approved SMA establishment

3A. Eligible Expenses

Funds may be used for activities that directly strengthen SMA management and fisheries-based livelihoods, including:

- Boundary markers and signage for SMAs and FHRs
- Community training on sustainable fishing practices, SMA compliance, monitoring, and reporting,
- Establishment of marine nurseries to support reef restoration and alternative livelihoods
- Materials required for SMA improvement or nursery setup
- Data collection, monitoring, and reporting to track SMA health and fish stock recovery

Ineligible expenses include:

- Salaries of a public officer
- Purchase of vehicles or heavy machinery
- Construction unrelated to SMA or fisheries restoration
- Activities duplicating existing government programs without added value

See TCCF Regulation 52 'Prohibited activities and expenditure for use of the Fund' for further information.

4. Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Applicants:

- TCCF-accredited entities (national, sub-regional, or community-based), including NGOs/CSOs, community groups and Ministry of Fisheries.
- Beneficiary community must have a registered SMA.

Beneficiary Prioritisation:

- Communities with **registered SMAs**
- Communities demonstrating commitment to SMA management and fisheries sustainability

Please refer to **TCCF Regulation 52** on prohibited activities and expenditure.

5. Application Requirements

Applications must include:

- Completed **TCCF Project Application Form** – Schedule 8 of the TCCF Regulations 2024 (available [here](#))

- Proof of eligibility (certificate of accreditation) and registered SMA OR approval from the Ministry of Fisheries to establish an SMA
 - Supporting letters from relevant authorities (e.g., SMA Committee, Town Officer)
 - Compliance with prohibited activities and expenditure rules (Regulation 52, TCCF Regulations 2024)
 - Details of any co-financing or in-kind contributions (optional but encouraged)
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6. Submission Process

- **Deadline: 5:00 PM on Friday, 26 September 2025**
 - **Submission methods:**
 - Email: **departmentclimatechange@gmail.com**
 - Physical submission:
Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications (MEIDECC)
Level 3, OG Sanft Building, Nuku‘alofa, Tonga
 - Applications may be submitted in **English or Tongan**
 - Late submissions will not be considered
 - **Enquiries:** departmentclimatechange@gmail.com | Phone: 26514
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7. Considerations for Project Design

Applicants should demonstrate how their project will:

- Engage communities and provide training on sustainable fisheries, SMA monitoring, and reef restoration
 - Improve SMA and FHR boundary identification and management
 - Establish marine nurseries to support alternative livelihoods, particularly for women
 - Include monitoring and reporting systems to track fish stock recovery
 - Integrate gender equality, disability inclusion, and social inclusion (GEDSI) considerations
 - Complement existing government programs and avoid duplication
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8. Evaluation Criteria

Alignment with National Priorities

- Contribution to Tonga’s climate change, fisheries management, and disaster risk reduction goals

Project Design & Impact

- Clear outcomes with defined beneficiaries
- Demonstrated environmental, social, and economic benefits
- Vulnerability analysis, resilience-building, and community education

Implementer Capacity

- Proven ability to manage funds with relevant technical expertise

Partnerships

- Collaboration with government agencies, civil society, and/or private sector

Community Benefit & Inclusivity

- Positive impact on women, men, youth, and vulnerable groups
- Clearly identified population and location of beneficiaries

Sustainability & Contributions

- Long-term viability of SMA management and marine nurseries
- Any financial or in-kind contributions (materials, labour, land, fund matching)

Please refer to **Schedule 11 of the Tonga Climate Change Regulations 2024** for a detailed ranking guide.

9. Post-Award Obligations

Successful applicants must:

- Sign a **Project Implementation Agreement** with the TCCF Secretariat (Schedule 12, TCCF Regulations 2024)
- Comply with the **TCCF Act 2021** and **TCCF Regulations 2025**, submitting regular progress, monitoring, and financial reports
- Allow site visits, monitoring, and audits
- Acknowledge TCCF support in all communications
- Seek Secretariat approval for any project changes
- Use funds only for approved purposes stated in the Agreement

FANONGONONGO KE TOHI KOLE MAI

Fakahinohino ki he Pa'anga Tokoni ki he Toutai

Pa'anga Tokoni á Tonga ki he Feliuliaki 'o e 'Ea (TCCF)

Ngaahi kautaha kuo fakangofua 'e he TCCF (fakafonua, fakavahefonua si'isi'i, pe fakakolo), kau ai 'a e ngaahi NGO/CSO, ngaahi kulupu fakakolo mo e Potungaue Toutai.

1. Puipuituá

'Oku mahu'inga 'aupito 'a e toutai "i he ngaahi matafanga 'o Tonga ki he ma'u'anga mo'ui 'o e ngaahi tukui kolo, malu 'o e me'akai, mo hono matuuaki e tukunga 'o e 'ea. 'Oku laka hake he kilomita 'e 500 'o e 'elia tahi 'o e ngaahi matafanga 'o Tonga 'oku malu'i 'i he polokalama 'o e 'Elia Pule'i Makehe (SMA). Kuo fokotu'u 'a e ngaahi SMA 'e 60 'i he ngaahi motu kotoa I Tongani ke malui pea tokangai ke hoko koe fanau'anga 'o e ngaahi mea mo'ui o tahi.

Koe ngaahi elia koe'eni 'oku ikai ke fai ha toutai ai o tatau aipe pe a oku pule'I 'e he ngaahi komiuniti 'e hono kau memipa kuo lesisita. Kuo ha mahino 'a hono ola lelei 'I hono fakaakeake 'o e ngaahi faituu pule makehe ka 'oku kei uestia pe he'e feliuliaki 'o e 'ea. 'Oku kaungatonu kiheni e mafana ange tahi pea mate ai e feo, ngaahi matangi malohi, moe nounou ange ngaahi mauanga vai.

Ko hono fakamalohia e tokangai mo hono pule'I e SMA aki e ngaahi founa totonu e hoko ia koe tuumalie'anga 'oe ngaahi komiuniti oku nau kau kiai.

2. Ngaahi Taumu'a

'Oku fakataumu'a 'a e Pa'anga tokoni ki he toutai ke fakamalohia 'a e ngaahi komiuniti 'i he matātahi 'o Tonga 'aki 'a e:

- Fakalelei'i 'a e mo'ui lelei mo hono pule'i 'o e ngaahi 'Elia Pule'i Makehe (SMA) mo e ngaahi tuúmaú (FHR).
- Langa hake 'a e komiuniti ke nau siofi mo fakatonutonu 'a e toutai 'i ha founa 'oku tu'uloa .
- Poupou'i 'a e ngaahi founa mo'ui kehe 'oku fehokotaki mo e toutai, ke kau mai 'a e kakai kotoa pe .
- Fakafe'unga'i mo e ngaahi me'a fakamu'omu'a 'a Tonga ki he fe'unga mo e feliuliaki 'o e 'ea mo e pule'i 'o e toutai

3. Ngaahi Tokoni fakapa'anga

Pa'anga tokoni ki he ngaahi komiuniti Elia Pule'i Makehe (SMA). Ko e fakapa'anga 'e poupou tefito ki he:

- Fakalelei'i 'a e ngaahi faka'ilonga fakangatangata 'o e SMA mo e FHR .
- Ako ki he komiuniti ki he ngaahi faitu'u mo e ngaahi founa toutai tu'uloa .

- Fokotu'u 'o e ngaahi fale tauhi'anga 'o e fanga ki'i ika 'i tahi (e.g., vasua, feo) ke fakafoki mai 'a e ngaahi 'a'ake pea 'oatu ha ngaahi ma'u'anga mo'ui kehe .
- Kole lahi taha: TOP \$25,000 ki he komiuniti
- Fakafuofua ki he taimi 'e fakahoko ai 'a e poloseki: 12-16 mahina
- Fakamu'omu'a: Ngaahi komiuniti 'oku 'i ai 'enau Élia Puleí Makehe (SMA) kuo fakangofua 'e he Potungaue ke lesisita pe fokotu'u.

3A. Ngaahi Fakamole

'E lava ke ngāue'aki 'a e pa'anga ki he ngaahi ngāue 'oku ne fakamālohia fakahangatonu 'a e Élia Puleí Makehe kuo osi fokotu'u (SMA) mo e ngaahi ma'u'anga mo'ui 'oku makatu'unga 'i he toutai, 'o kau ai 'a e:

- Ngaahi faka'ilonga ngata'anga mo e ngaahi faka'ilonga ki he ngaahi SMA mo e ngaahi FHR .
- Ako ki he komiuniti ki he ngaahi founa toutai tu'uloa, siofi 'o e SMA, mo e lipooti .
- Fokotu'u 'o e ngaahi fale tauhi'anga 'o e tahi ke poupu ki hono fakafoki 'o e ngaahi 'aá mo e ngaahi founa mo'ui kehe .
- Ngaahi naunau 'oku fiema'u ki hono fakalelei'i 'o e SMA pe fokotu'utu'u 'o e nesilií.
- Ngaahi kemipeini faka'ilo 'a e komiuniti ki he toutai tu'uloa mo e muimui ki he SMA.
- Tānaki 'o e ngaahi fakamatala, siofi, mo e lipooti ke muimui'i 'a e mo'ui lelei 'a e Ngaahi 'Elia Puleí Makehe (SMA) mo e fakaakeake 'o e sitoka ika .

Ngaahi fakamole 'oku 'ikai taau 'oku kau ki ai 'a e:

- Totongi 'o ha 'ofisa fakapule'anga .
- Fakatau 'o e ngaahi me'alele pe ngaahi mīsini mamafa .
- Langa 'oku 'ikai fekau'aki mo e Élia Puleí Makehe (SMA) pe ko e fakafoki 'o e toutai .
- Ngaahi ngaue 'oku ne toe fakahoko 'a e ngaahi polokalama 'a e pule'anga 'oku lolotonga 'i ai 'o 'ikai ha toe mahu'inga .

Vakai ki he Tu'utu'uni 52 'a e TCCF 'Ngaahi ngaue mo e fakamole 'oku tapui ki hono ngaue'aki 'o e Pa'aNga' ki ha toe fakamatala.

4. Ngaahi Makatu'unga ó e tohi kole

Kau Tohi Kole:

- Ngaahi kautaha kuo fakangofua 'e he TCCF (fakafonua, fakavahefonua si'isi'i, pe fakakolo), kau ai 'a e ngaahi NGO/CSO, ngaahi kulupu fakakolo mo e Potungaue Toutai.
- Ko e komiuniti 'oku nau ma'u 'a e ngaahi monū'ia kuo pau ke 'i ai ha'anau SMA kuo lesisita PE 'oku 'i ai ha'anau fakangofua mei he Potungāue Toutai ke fokotu'u ha SMA.
- Fakamu'omu'a 'o e Kau Ma'u Monu'ia:
- Ko e ngaahi komiuniti 'oku 'i ai 'enau SMA kuo lesisita pe fakangofua 'e he Potungaue ke nau fokotu'u ha taha .
- Ngaahi komiuniti 'oku nau fakahaa'i 'a e tukupā ki hono pule'i 'o e SMA mo e tu'uloa 'o e toutai .
- Kataki 'o vakai ki he Tu'utu'uni 52 'a e TCCF ki he ngaahi ngaue mo e fakamole 'oku tapui.

5. Ngaahi fiema'u ki he tohi kole

- Kuopau ke ke fakakau mai 'a e ngaahi me'a ni:
- Tohi fakamo'oni'i
- Fakakakato 'o e foomu tohi kole ki he Pa'anga Tokoni á Tonga Ki He Feliuliaki ó e Éa TCCF Project Application Form (['oku ma'u 'i heni](#))
- Palani ngaue 'a e Poloseki kuo fakaha ai e taumu'a, ngaue, taimi mo e patiseti.
- Tohi fakamo'oni ki he (ki he kelekele, ngoue)
- Tohi fakaongoongo lelei pe pou pou mei ha taha ngaahi ma'u'anga mafai (hange ko e 'ofisa MAFF, 'ofisa kolo)
- 'I ai ha ngaahi tokoni fakapa'anga pe 'ofa makehe ('oka pau ku 'i ai)

6. Founa fakahu mai e tohi kole

- Taimi 'e 'osi ai: **5:00 PM on Falaite, 26 Sepitema 2025**
- Founa 'a hono fakahu mai

Potungaue 'Ea, Malohi, Fakamatala, Tokanga'i 'o e Fakatamaki, 'Atakai, Feliuliaki 'o e 'Ea mo e Fetu'utaki (MEIDECC)

Levolo 3, Fale OG Sanft, Nuku'alofa, Tonga

- Ko e ngaahi kole kotoa kuopau ke fakahu mai 'i he lea faka-Pilitania pe faka-Tonga
- Ko e ngaahi tohi kole tomui 'e 'ikai tali ia
- Ki ha ngaahi fehu'i, telefoni ki he Sekelitali 'o e Sino'i Pa'anga 'a Tonga ki he Feliuliaki ó e 'Ea. (TCCF Secretariat) 'i:
 - Email: departmentclimatechange@gmail.com
 - Telefoni: 26514

7. Ngaahi Fakakaukau ki he Fa'u 'o e Poloseki .

'Oku totonu ke fakahaa'i 'e he kau faka'eke'eké 'a e founa 'e:

- Fakakau 'a e ngaahi komiuniti pea 'oatu 'a e ako ki he toutai tu'uloa, siofi 'o e SMA, mo hono fakafoki 'o e ngaahi 'aá .
- Fakalelei'i 'a hono 'ilo'i mo hono pule'i 'o e ngaahi ngata'anga 'o e SMA mo e FHR .
- Fokotu'u ha ngaahi nesilií 'i tahi ke pou pou'i 'aki 'a e ngaahi founa mo'ui kehe, tautautefito ki he kakai fefiné .
- Fakakau 'a e ngaahi sisitemi siofi mo lipooti ke muimui'i 'a e fakaakeake 'o e sitoka ika .
- Fakataha'i 'a e ngaahi fakakaukau ki he tu'unga tatau 'o e tangata mo e fefine, fakakau 'o e kau faingata'a'ia fakaesino, mo e fakakau fakasosiale (GEDSI) .
- Fakakakato 'a e ngaahi polokalama 'oku lolotonga 'i ai 'a e pule'anga pea fakafahi'ehi mei he toe fakahoko .

8. Ngaahi makatu'unga 'e fakahoko'aki hono sivi'i

"E sivi'i 'a e ngaahi tohi kole fakatatau ki he:

Fenapasi mo e ngaahi mahu'inga 'uluaki fakafonua

- Tokoni ki he ngaahi mahu'inga 'uluaki 'a Tonga ki he feliuliaki 'o e 'ea, ngaahi taumu'a 'a e Pule'anga ki he matu'uaki, fakasi'isi'i, mo e fakasi'isi'i 'a e ola tamaki mei ha fakatu'utamaki.

Ko hono fa'u mo e ola 'o e Poloseki

- Ko ha ola 'oku mahino lelei pea mo kinautolu tenau ma'u monu'ia mei he poloseki
- 'E monu'ia lahi mo ola lelei 'a e poloseki ki he kakai 'o e kolo (kau ai 'a e ngaahi lelei faka'ataakai, fakasosiale mo faka'ekonomika)
- 'Analaiso 'o e tu'u lavea ngofua, ngaahi fale ke ne matu'uaki, pea mo e ako fekau'aki mo e feliuliaki 'o e 'ea.

Malava ke fakahoko

- Kuo fakamo'oni 'i 'a e malava ke tokanga 'i 'a e pa'anga 'aki 'a e 'ilo fakatekinikale mo e ngaahi ma'u'anga tokoni 'oku fie ma'u ke fakahoko lelei 'a e ngaue.

Fengaue'aki

- Ngaue fakataha mo e ngaahi Potungaue Pule'anga, Sosaieti Sivile, mo e ngaahi pisinisi taautaha

Kau ma'u monu'ia 'a e Komuniti pea mo e kau katoa

- Ngaahi ola lelei ki he kakai fefine, tangata, fanau, mo e ngaahi kulupu tu'u laveangofua
- Fakaha mahino mai 'a e tokolahi 'o kinautolu mei he kolo te nau monu'ia
- Fakahaa 'i 'a e feitu'u 'e tu'u ai 'a e poloseki.

Tu'ulua mo e Ngaahi Tokoni

- Ko e tu'ulua taimi lolua mo e ngaahi me'a pau 'o ha fa'ahinga tokoni fakapa'anga pe 'ikai fakapa'anga.
- Kau 'a e fakamatala 'o ha ngaahi tokoni pa'anga pe me'a'ofa, hange ko e ngaahi naunau langa, ngaue, kekeke, mo e tataki pa'anga.

Kataki 'o vakai ki he Schedule 11 'o e Tonga Climate Change Regulations 2024 ma'a e fakamatala fakatatau 'o e founa lau.

9. Ngaahi fatongia hili hono foaki 'o e tokoni

Ko kinautolu 'oku tali 'enau ngaahi tohi kole tokoni kuopau ke fiema'u 'a e:

- Fakamo'oni Aleapau Ki hono Fakahoko ó e poloseki moe sekelitali ki he Sinoí Paánga á Tonga ki he Feliuliaki ó e Éa.
- 'Oatu ma'u pe 'a e ngaahi lipooti fakalakalaka mo e pa'anga 'o fakatatau ki he ngaahi fakahinohino ki he foaki tokoni
- Fakangofua ke fai ha 'alu atu ki he feitu'u pea mo hono 'atita'i
- Ngaue fakatatau ki he ki he TCCF Act 2021 mo e TCCF Regulations 2024
- Fakaha 'a e poupuu mo e tokoni 'a e TCCF 'i he ngaahi fetu'utaki kotoa pe fekau'aki mo e poloseki.