

TOURISM FUNDING DIRECTORY

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ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE FUND

(Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands.) Any business can apply for ECF funding providing they can legally operate in the ECF country where the business project will be implemented. Additional business requirements for eligibility such two years of audited financial statements and minimum levels of bidder co-contribution are outlined in ECF bidding materials.

 www.enterprisechallengefund.org

PATA FOUNDATION

The PATA Foundation was set up to pursue new sources of funding and to develop working relationships with stakeholders and grantees. Projects that are considered deserving of a PATA Foundation grant are those that seek to protect, conserve and/or educate. They usually have one or more of the following objectives:

- Protect the natural environment, including wildlife
- Conserve cultural heritage, including arts and crafts, heritage sites and historic buildings
- Educate people on the importance of environmental and cultural heritage.

Any project seeking the Foundation's help must also have:


- A potential positive impact on tourism
- Contribute to the betterment of lives and provide job creation in tourism for local communities.
- The support of their respective local PATA chapter and PATA divisional office
- Financial support from the local PATA chapter or other sources.

 www.pata.org/Grants

GEOTOURISM DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

The GDF aims to disburse funds in the form of loans and, occasionally, grants. Prior to funding, projects are assessed independently to determine how they will produce revenue as a crucial step in achieving financial sustainability. Equally important is how they will generate measurable social, cultural or environmental impacts.

What differentiates GDF from many entities working on tourism development is our focus on building sustainable, long-term income streams by giving local projects genuine access to markets- something we are able to do through our collaboration with travel industry partners.

 www.geotourismfoundation.org

SOUTH PACIFIC BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MICROFINANCE

(Fiji, Samoa, Tonga) South Pacific Business Development (SPBD) is a network of Microfinance Institutions working in Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga dedicated to eradicating poverty by empowering women in poor rural villages with the opportunity to start, grow and maintain sustainable, income-generating micro-enterprises, build assets, as well as, finance home improvements and childhood education. We provide clients with a range of training, financial services and ongoing motivation so that they can climb permanently out of poverty.

www.spbdmicrofinance.com

PACIFIC ISLANDS SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

(FSM, Palau, RMI) The PISBDCN provides free, confidential, one-to-one counseling in all areas of business management, including pre-venture feasibility, business plan development, marketing, record keeping, financial and human resource management, operations management, and access to capital (loans & investors), as well as specialized/ areas such as international trade and technical services.

The SBDC offers an ongoing program of workshops, conferences, and seminars all designed to meet the needs of local small businesses. Courses range from introductory workshops for those just starting out in business to advanced programs aimed at enhancing the growth potential of established businesses. Training courses are presented at low cost and are offered at either the SBDC training center or other convenient, central locations based on demand.

The SBDC provides access to relevant business information through resources offered at its training center, including:

- Extensive small business library
- Computer laboratory
- Government & local business resource information

www.pacificsbdc.com

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR SMALL AND MICRO ENTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT

(Fiji) Business training, mentoring, financing through loans and grants, export assistance, new business development

www.ncsmmed.org.fj

WOMEN IN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT INC.

(Samoa) Microfinance and small business training

www.womeninbusiness.ws

AUSAID DIRECT AID PROGRAM

Consideration may at times be given to small-scale community activities that have prospects of eventually generating commercial benefits where the community can demonstrate that proceeds from the activity will be reinvested in the project.

www.dfat.gov.au/direct_aid_program/dap_guidelines.html