

Caribbean Area Conservation Innovation Grants Now Available

March 19, 2013 – San Juan, PR – USDA-NRCS Caribbean Area Director, Edwin Almodóvar, announces the availability of the 2013 Caribbean Area Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies. Applications will be accepted from Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands and will be awarded on a competitive basis.



Pollinator habitat is one CIG area of interest.

CIG projects are expected to lead to the transfer of conservation technologies, management systems, and innovative approaches into NRCS policy, technical manuals, guides, and references, or to the private sector. CIG does not fund research projects. CIG is used to apply or demonstrate new and or previously proven technology with a new approach. CIG funds projects targeting innovative, on-the-ground conservation, including pilot projects and field demonstrations.

The Caribbean Area NRCS will have approximately \$120,000 available in FY 2013 to be distributed among selected projects, and the maximum award amount for any project will not exceed \$30,000. Applications will be accepted from eligible government agencies, non-governmental organizations or individuals for projects between 1 and 3 years in duration. **Applications must be received by NRCS before COB 4:30 p.m. on April 22, 2013.** NRCS will announce selected proposal applications by June 14, 2013. Late applications will not be considered. For details, please contact Jaime Valentín at 787-766-5206 x121 or Jaime.valentin@pr.usda.gov.

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