



## 2019/2020 SECONDARY INVESTMENTS Funding Opportunity Notice

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*The PACT was formally established as a Statutory Board in January 1996 after the passing of the Protected Areas Conservation Trust Act, No. 15 of 1995; with legislative amendments being made in 2003 and 2015. The PACT is managed by a Board of Directors that is comprised of Government agencies, non-government organizations and individual experts. The general function of the Trust, according to the 2015 amendment, is to contribute to the sustainable management and development of Belize's natural and cultural assets for the benefit of Belizeans and the global community, both now and for future generations.*

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### Description

The PACT Secondary Investments form the second of a three-tier Conservation Investment Programme supporting the implementation of the 2018-2021 Conservation Investment Strategy. Secondary investments shall primarily support general protected areas management, operations, and creating enabling conditions outside of priority areas identified under PACT's Targeted Investment Window. Support may include management processes and institutional strengthening tools for Protected Area managers inclusive of the development of Management Plans, Strategic Plans, etc. Additionally, funding may also be provided for short-term, emergency or one-off conservation relevant projects, training or initiatives that promote conservation, enhancement and protection of Belize's natural resources as well as contribute to the sustainable development of Belize's National Protected Areas System (NPAS). Secondary Investments should be sought via PACT's standardized application forms. These forms are available on PACT website ([www.pactbelize.org](http://www.pactbelize.org)) or from the PACT office.

For the 2019-2020 fiscal year PACT shall make available under this funding window BZ\$150,000 for Secondary Investments. Applications are available year-round subject to the availability of funding. An investment ceiling shall not be fixed for secondary investments. However, investments shall be guided by its own merits and recommended based on its contribution to site level and national level plans and strategies. Applications are received and screened by the PACT Conservation Investment Department. Completed and eligible applications are submitted to the PACT Executive Director or Board of Directors (dependent on the funding request amount) within 6 to 8 weeks from the date of submission.

Specific Eligibility for Secondary Investments are as follows:

- ✓ Potential recipients include Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) involved in conservation, protected areas management, or climate adaptation registered under the NGO Act 2000 and in good standing; Government Agencies involved in the conservation, management, promotion and development of natural resources.
- ✓ Co-management organizations who are ineligible to access funding via PACT Targeted Investments;
- ✓ Beneficiaries should be primary stakeholders of the National Protected Areas System and/or communities surrounding Protected Areas.
- ✓ Compliance with Environmental and Social safeguards as outlined in PACT's Environmental Social Management Framework as well as PACT's Policy on Gender and Equality;

Activities to be considered for funding this fiscal year include:

- Ad-hoc projects supportive of Protected Areas Management.
- Singular initiatives supporting Protected Areas Planning, Promotion and Development
- Singular initiatives supporting Natural Resource Management and Biodiversity Protection
- Singular Environmental Education and Awareness/Outreach Initiatives

- Unplanned but important Capacity development and Training opportunities for Co-management Organizations across the NPAS

Investment Applications are completely or partially excluded from funding should any of the following ineligible activities are identified.

- ✓ Funding for private organizations which are organized for profit.
- ✓ Core Costs for government agencies.
- ✓ Investment requests for areas/initiatives where other PACT investments already exist
- ✓ Projects/investments that:
  - Degrade or convert critical natural habitats;
  - Introduce potentially invasive, non-indigenous species;
  - Adversely affect physical cultural resources;
  - Promote the use, directly or indirectly, any substances listed under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and;
  - Affect indigenous peoples without having obtained their free, prior and informed consent where necessary.

Secondary Investment Applications should submit the following as part of an application package to PACT:

- ✓ Complete and Signed Secondary Investment Application Form
- ✓ Completed Investment Budget and Workplan
- ✓ Completed Environmental and Social Checklist (outlined in the Investment application form)
- ✓ Copy of NGO registration, Memorandum of Association, Articles of Association (1<sup>st</sup> time applicants)
- ✓ Letter of endorsement from a regulatory Agency (For investments to be implemented in legally declared sites)
- ✓ Letters of commitment for cash counterpart and in-kind contributions from the applicant and other organizations indicating details and value of contributions.
- ✓ Any other documentation as deemed required by PACT.

Note: Other Terms and conditions may apply.

For further information on PACT eligibility details, application forms and screening procedures or more general conservation financing information contact PACT'S Conservation Investment Manager via email [cimanager@pactbelize.org](mailto:cimanager@pactbelize.org).

Submit signed complete applications (hard or soft copy) to:

**Conservation Investment Manager, PACT**  
**#3 Mango Street/P.O. Box 443**  
**Belmopan, Cayo**  
**Re: Secondary Investment**  
**OR by email to [cimanager@pactbelize.org](mailto:cimanager@pactbelize.org)**