



## Call for Proposals

**The U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF) and Smallholder Irrigation Revitalization Program (SIRP) invite proposals from African cooperatives, producer groups, registered irrigation schemes, Farmer Group Associations located within a 10km radius of irrigation schemes, SMEs working with irrigation schemes, and enterprises for grant financing and local support for innovative solutions that extend their own capabilities to increase revenues, create jobs, improve farmer incomes, and achieve sustainable market-based growth.**

**Proposals will only be accepted from registered agricultural cooperatives, producer groups, and SMEs in Zimbabwe working directly in the Agriculture value chain. Innovative approaches to agricultural and economic development will also be considered.**

**Maximum award US \$50,000**

- The organization must demonstrate that it has successfully worked together for a minimum of 1 year.
- The ownership and management must be in agreement on the problem to be addressed and have a commitment to benefit their community.
- The organization must have basic functional management and financial controls for a minimum of 1 year to demonstrate the capability to account for USADF funds.
- Organizations must be 100% African-owned and led.
- Applicants must be of African indigeneity.
- Applicants must have received SIRP assistance.

### **Successful Proposals Must**

- Have a clearly defined market opportunity to grow revenues that can increase incomes.
- Have a clearly defined plan of how they can increase revenues and incomes in 2–4 years.
- Be able to make significant cash or in-kind contributions to the project.
- Be able to directly impact hundreds of people and community members.
- Be able to identify a path for growth after the USADF- SIRP grant ends.
- Special consideration will be given to applications that incorporate innovative strategies to make use of new approaches and technologies, including complementary finance and information technology.
- Special consideration will also be given to women-owned organizations and applications that promote youth.

**For details go to:**

**[www.usadf.gov/apply/](http://www.usadf.gov/apply/)**

Submit your application form, financial statements for the last 1 year, and a copy of the registration document to: [Zimbabwe@usadf.gov](mailto:Zimbabwe@usadf.gov) by **August 31, 2022**