

Funding Agencies for BWP Bamboo Business Ideas

This document provides a curated list of funding agencies with clickable links to their official websites. It is tailored for the BWP Club's bamboo ventures (animal feed, engraved pens, bamboo charcoal briquettes, student chairs).

Local & Regional Agencies (Jamaica / Caribbean)

Development Bank of Jamaica (DBJ) – <https://dbankjm.com/>

National development bank offering financing and programs that catalyze private capital for MSMEs and innovators.

Jamaica Business Development Corporation (JBDC) – <https://www.jbdc.net/>

Government agency providing grants, incubation, training, and technical support for MSMEs.

National EXIM Bank of Jamaica – <https://eximbankja.com/>

Trade financing institution for exporters and producers; supports equipment finance and working capital.

Caribbean Climate Innovation Center (CCIC) – <https://caribbeancic.org/>

Regional cleantech accelerator offering mentoring, small grants, and investor connections for climate-smart ventures.

Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) – <https://www.caribank.org/home>

Multilateral development bank providing loans and grants—often via programs implemented with national partners.

International & Impact Investors

IDB Lab (Inter-American Development Bank Group) – <https://bidlab.org/en>

Innovation & venture arm of the IDB; provides venture financing, grants, and calls for proposals in LAC.

USAID – Development Innovation Ventures (DIV) – <https://divportal.usaid.gov/>

Tiered, performance-based grants that test, iterate, and scale innovations with measurable impact.

GEF Small Grants Programme (via UNDP) – Jamaica –

<https://www.undp.org/jamaica/projects/global-environment-facility-small-grants-programme-gef-sgp>

Community-level grants supporting biodiversity, climate mitigation/adaptation, and sustainable livelihoods.

Green Climate Fund – Private Sector Facility (PSF) –

<https://www.greenclimate.fund/sectors/private>

Mobilizes private capital for climate projects in developing countries through accredited entities and partners.

Root Capital – <https://rootcapital.org/>

Impact investor financing agricultural SMEs; offers loans and advisory for rural enterprise growth.

Acumen – <https://acumen.org/>

Patient-capital investor backing high-impact enterprises across energy, agriculture, and inclusive economy.

Quick Reference Table

Agency	Website	Focus
Development Bank of Jamaica (DBJ)	https://dbankjamaica.gov.jm	National development bank offering financing and programs for small businesses
Jamaica Business Development Corporation (JBDC)	https://www.jbdc.gov.jm	Government agency providing grants, incubation, training, and financing for small businesses
National EXIM Bank of Jamaica	https://eximbankjamaica.gov.jm	Trade financing institution for exporters and producers; supports small businesses
Caribbean Climate Innovation Center (CCIC)	https://caribbeanclimateinnovationcenter.org	Regional climate tech center offering mentoring, small grants, and financing for climate-focused startups
Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)	https://www.caribbeandevelopmentbank.org	Multilateral development bank providing loans and grants—primarily for infrastructure and housing
IDB Lab (Inter-American Development Bank Group)	https://bidlab.org/en/our-work/venture-lab/	Innovation & Venture Lab of the IDB; provides venture financing and mentorship for startups
USAID – Development Innovation Ventures (DIV)	https://divportland.gov/	Tiered, performance-based grants that test, iterate, and scale innovative development solutions
GEF Small Grants Programme (via UNDP)	https://www.unep.org/gef/projects/gef-small-grants-programme	Supports small-scale projects supporting biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation
Green Climate Fund – Private Sector Facility (PSF)	https://www.greenclimate.fund/en/private-sector-facility	Mobilizes private sector private capital for projects in developing countries to address climate change
Root Capital	https://rootcapital.com/en/our-work/venture-lab/	Impact investor financing agricultural SMEs; offers loans and technical assistance
Acumen	https://acumenfunds.org/en/our-work/venture-lab/	Impact investor financing high-impact enterprises across various sectors

Tip: Lead with a 1–2 page executive summary and a short slide deck; include prototypes/pilot data for the specific bamboo product line.