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CARE FUND Sensitization Sessions for Western Jamaica

KINGSTON, Jamaica: Saturday, June 20, 2026: Community-based, Faith-based organizations and Civil Society groups in Western Jamaica will get the opportunity to explore the possibility of grant-funding, as the Ministry of Health & Wellness hosts two Community Arranged Response Efforts (CARE) Fund Sensitization sessions in St. James and Westmoreland.

The recently launched CARE Fund is intended to support initiatives that increase health-seeking behaviour among Jamaicans, strengthen families and caregivers, promote healthy lifestyles, encourage community engagement and build support networks that contribute to better physical, mental and emotional health outcomes.

The session in St. James will be held in Montego Bay at the Montego Bay Cultural Centre on Wednesday, June 24 starting at 5:30 p.m., while the second session will be on Friday, June 26 in Savanna-la-mar at the Wesley Methodist Church Hall starting at 10:00 a.m. All sessions are free and open to the public.

Speaking at the launch Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton, CD, MP, Minister of Health & Wellness noted that the Fund is not a handout to organizations, but an intentional investment into developing and improving community involvement in public health.

"This initiative represents much more than a funding mechanism. It is a recognition that good health is not created only in hospitals or health centres. Good health is shaped long before illness occurs. It is shaped in homes, in schools, in churches, in community centres, on playing fields, and through the relationships that bind people together," Dr. Tufton said.

To learn more about the CARE Fund, interested organizations are invited to visit: www.moh.gov.jm/carefund. The deadline for applications under the CARE Fund is Friday, July 31, 2026.

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