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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Funding for Carnival 2023**

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts (the Ministry) has taken note of several reports in the media concerning the funding for Carnival 2023 by the National Carnival Commission (NCC).

The Ministry now takes the opportunity to provide clarity to these matters now in the public domain:

1. As at Thursday 9, February, 2023, the NCC, through several requests, received funding in the amount of approximately \$17 Million.
2. By the end of Friday 10, February, 2023 the NCC made a request of \$83 Million which included, among others, Transfers to Carnival Bodies in the sum of \$15.3 Million, and Grants to Regional Bodies \$6.173 Million. This request was promptly submitted by the Ministry to the Ministry of Finance whose officers have been working over the weekend to ensure that this request for funding was processed.
3. Following the receipt of further supporting documentation and amendments to the Friday 10, February, 2023 request, which was submitted to the Ministry of Finance on Monday 13, February, 2023, the Ministry of Finance has approved the release of \$83,861,683.00 to the NCC, today Thursday 16, February 2023. These funds are now available and, as instructed by the Ministry, will be disbursed with despatch, accordingly.

The Ministry has continued to work with the NCC since the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2023 to ensure that resources are made available for the hosting of the successful return of Carnival 2023. However, this is dependent on the timely application for funding under the NCC's budgetary allocation.

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and the Arts is firmly committed to providing support to all of its agencies a successful return to Carnival 2023.

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