



Legacy Landscapes Fund Call for Proposals

February 1, 2022

Legacy Landscapes Fund (“LLF”) is pleased to announce our first open call for proposals. This document sets the strategic and geographic priorities that the LLF seeks to promote in this first open funding round and provides basic information on the application process. It should be read in conjunction with the Grant Program Guide (“GPG”) as published on our website [<https://legacylandscapes.org/resources>], which includes more detailed information on both general program requirements and the application process. With the available financial means, LLF expects to be able to fund between 7-12 new legacy landscapes through this call.

1. Amount of Funding Available from LLF and Required Co-Financing

As more fully described in the GPG, together with a co-funding partner or partners, LLF provides financing for two kinds of programs to support Legacy Landscapes:

- perpetual funding of \$ 1 million per year (so-called “Perpetual Grants”), and
- 15-year funding of \$ 1 million per year (so-called “Sustaining Grants”).

For Sustaining Grants with their total grant sum of \$ 15 Mio, LLF will cover a maximum share of \$ 10 Mio and a minimum of \$ 7.5 Mio. For Perpetual Grants where a \$ 30 Mio initial commitment is required, LLF will cover a maximum share of \$ 20 Mio and minimum of \$ 15 Mio.

For both types of grants this means a minimum 1:2 and a maximum of 1:1 of match funding is required. Variations of matching sums in between are possible. Thus, for Sustaining Grants the minimum co-financing commitment is \$ 5 Mio and the maximum is \$ 7.5 Mio. For Perpetual Grants the required minimum co-financing is \$ 10 Mio and the maximum is \$ 15 Mio.

As described in the GPG, LLF will evaluate the proposed concepts on the basis of a number of criteria that focus mainly on the importance of the site and the quality of the concept. The level of match-funding will also be taken into account. Higher co-financing commitments -- meaning match funding closer to 1:1 than to 1:2 -- will increase competitiveness of proposed concepts, because more co-funding would mean that LLF would be able to support a higher number of landscapes with its available resources. Please also see the GPG for the definition of a Legacy Landscape and information on the eligibility requirements of grantees.

2. Application Procedure and Indicative Timetable

Please refer to the GPG for a summary of the application process. Step 1 is the submission of a concept note.

The concept note consists of three components:

1. Concept Note Template
2. Logical Framework (Log frame)
3. Budget

The concept note template can be found at [<https://legacylandscapes.org/resources>]. Concept notes should be submitted to: proposals@legacylandscapes.org no later than April 30, 2022. LLF will hold an open Q&A on the application process on 15. and 17. February and 22. and 24. of March. Eligible grantees are encouraged to register via the website.

NOTE: *NGOs (either as sole applicant or as partner of a consortium)¹ may submit up to three Concept Notes to LLF for this call—provided that if three concept notes are submitted, at least one must be for a Perpetual Grant. If it is not participating in a Perpetual Grant submission, the NGO may be part of only two submissions.*

An Indicative Timetable for the application process and the subsequent process of awarding the grant is set forth as Annex 1.

3. Strategic and Geographic Priorities

Proposals in this call must be for Legacy Landscapes located in an ODA country. Legacy Landscapes have to show a high value for biological diversity, have a minimum size of program area of 2,000km² and present benefits relevant for climate mitigation and adaptation. As LLF wishes to have an array of habitat types in the portfolio, we expect to consider favourably proposals for at least a few sites that cover habitat types not part of the current portfolio. Please also refer to grant guidelines for eligibility of sites.

In the coming weeks LLF expects to receive a commitment for additional funding with a specified geographical earmarking. Accordingly, we are encouraging applications for a Perpetual Grant (with a minimum \$ 10 Mio commitment) for an eligible Legacy Landscape in one of the following countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Haiti, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo.

4. Disclaimer and Notices

Proposals for sites that do not meet the definition of a Legacy Landscape, or by grantees that do not meet the eligibility requirements, will not be considered. Potential grantees should carefully consider the requirements of the GPG and the Concept Note template before beginning work on a Concept Note. All references to \$ in this document are to USD.

¹ Submissions by consortia must designate a lead partner.

Indicative Timeline

Date	Step
1.Feb	Publish call for proposals
15. Feb 22	Q&A Session in the morning hours
17. Feb 22	Q&A Session in the afternoon hours
22. March 22	Q&A Session in the morning hours
24. March 22	Q&A Session in the afternoon hours
30. April 22	Deadline Concept 30. April 2022 midnight CET
May to mid-June	Evaluation Committee analysis of concept notes and institutional vetting
end June 22	SB decision-making meeting on concept notes Line-up of environmental and social due diligence (ESDD) consultants
end June 22	Feed-back to NGOs Joint decision and contracting of ESDD consultants (likely in a staggered process)
June to Dec 22	Conduct ESDD
Sept 22 to Mar 23	Full proposal development
Q1 and Q2 2023	Finalization of full proposals in an iterative process with LLF. Decision-making of Supervisory Board currently envisaged to be managed within 4 months after the finalization of the ESDD.