

Pulling Together Initiative (PTI)

Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility and Funding

1. What types of organizations are eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) organizations, U.S. Federal government agencies, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Indian tribes, and educational institutions.

2. Can an organization submit more than one application? Can an organization receive more than one grant award?

Yes, an organization may submit multiple applications. It is possible for an organization to receive more than one award under a single funding cycle, however, it's more common for an organization to receive one award.

3. If an organization has previously received a grant, is it eligible to receive another grant? What if that previous grant is currently active?

Yes, an organization that was previously funded through PTI is eligible to receive another grant. Also, organizations with active PTI grants are eligible to receive additional grants. Organizations may reapply and receive PTI grants for up to a maximum of five (5) years consecutively.

4. Is there a request amount ceiling for grant requests?

Grant requests depend on which program priority category the project is addressing.

- If applying under the first program priority category, Establish CWMA's and CISMAs, grant requests may be up to \$100,000.
- If applying under the second program priority category, Increase Capacity of Existing CWMA's and CISMAs, grants may range in size from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

5. Are there examples of projects that qualify for funding?

- While we do not have a comprehensive list, you can view 2016's grant slate by [clicking here](#), where you can find a summary of grants awarded and more detailed project descriptions. In general, the first program priority category, Establish CWMA's and CISMAs, funds the establishment or initiation of a CWMA or CISMA. The second program priority category, Increase Capacity of Existing CWMA's and CISMAs, funds the increase in capacity of a CWMA or CISMA or a significant project such as a restoration or eradication project.

Match

6. Is match required to be 1:1?

Yes, matching funds of at least 1:1 in non-U.S. federal funds will be required.

7. Can research or monitoring be considered match?

Yes, as long as they are directly related to the proposed project.



8. Can for-profit business be project partners or contribute to project match?

Yes.

9. Can my match be in-kind?

Yes, match may be in-kind. In-kind matching contributions may include contributions of staff and volunteer time, work performed, materials and services donated, or other tangible contributions to the project objectives and outcomes. See the [PTI Tip Sheet](#) for more information on match.

10. What rate should I use for volunteer hours?

You may use any volunteer rate that you find acceptable.

11. Will match spent prior to the award date be considered?

Yes, you may use match beginning July 30, 2017. Matching contributions must be spent or applied between the start and end dates indicated in the application.

Other

12. Is this a reimbursement grant or is the funding provided up front?

Most grants are paid on a reimbursable basis. Projects may request funds for reimbursement at any time after completing a signed agreement with NFWF. Grantees typically bill us as they incur costs according to the schedule they prefer, and we can provide payment as frequently as twice per month. In rare instances, grantees may receive payments in advance of incurring expenses if the need for a cash advance can be justified.

13. Can I use my grant for sub-grants?

Funding may not be used for competitive re-granting projects. However, grant funds can be used for contracts and/or sub-awards.

14. Do you accept letters of support?

Yes, letters of support are accepted as part of the pre-proposal phase and can be uploaded in Easygrants with the rest of the pre-proposal. Letters of support will be *required* as part of the full proposal phase. You may provide letters of support from landowners where the proposed work would occur and from other significant partners, especially those providing match or contributing to the project in a significant way.

15. What is the expected duration for grants made through this program?

Grants may be up to two years in length following finalization of a grant agreement.

16. When are awards expected to be announced? What is the earliest start date that can be listed?

Awards are expected to be announced in mid-December. Project start and end dates should define the period during which all proposed work is accomplished, all requested funds are spent, and all matching funds are spent or applied. The start date indicated in an application should not precede July 30, 2017.

17. Questions on required financial documents, budget, or NFWF's indirect cost policy?

Information can be found on the NFWF website:

- [Required Financial Documents](#)
- [Budget Instructions](#)
- [NFWF's Indirect Cost Policy](#)

You can find the answers to many questions in the 2017 [RFP](#) and the [Tip Sheet](#). All other questions may be directed to Caroline Oswald, Senior Manager:

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