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## 2019 Chi-Cal Rivers Fund Frequently Asked Questions

### ELIGIBILITY

#### **What types of organizations are eligible to apply?**

- Non-profit 501(c) organizations, state, tribal and local governments, and educational institutions are eligible to receive funding.

#### **Is an organization that currently has a NFWF grant eligible to apply for additional funding?**

- Yes, organizations with active grants are eligible to receive additional grants. An organization cannot have more than two active grants for different phases of the same project, but otherwise there is no formal limit on how many grants an organization may have at one time.

#### **Can an organization submit more than one application? Can an organization receive more than one grant award?**

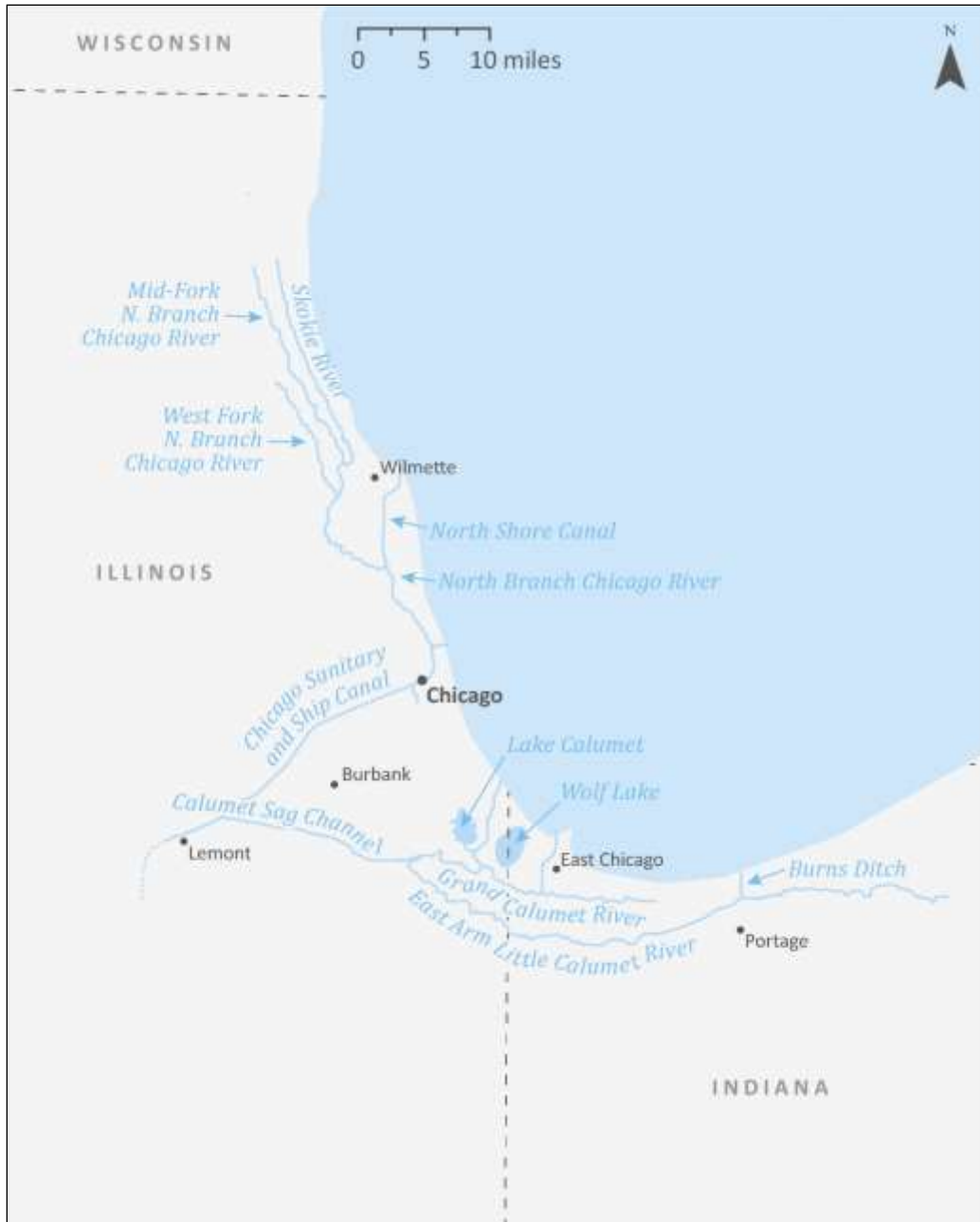
- Yes, an organization may submit multiple applications. It is possible for an organization to receive more than one award under a single funding cycle. However, it is more common for an organization to receive one award.

#### **Can an eligible organization that receives a grant use Chi-Cal Rivers Fund funding to contract with a for-profit business in order to complete the project work?**

- Yes, *Chi-Cal Rivers Fund* funding can support contracted labor. If possible, please list sub-contractors in your application.

#### **What geographic area is eligible to receive funding through the Chi-Cal Rivers Fund?**

- To be eligible for funding, projects must occur in close proximity to or otherwise demonstrate direct benefits to the major waterways of the system and their tributaries (depicted in the map below). Some of the available grant funding must be directed to projects in Northwest Indiana.



**GRANT AWARD DETAILS**

**What amount of grant funding can be requested through the Chi-Cal Rivers Fund?**

- Grant size can range from \$100,000 - \$300,000.

**Can a single project apply to multiple funding categories?**

- Yes. If your project applies to more than one of the fund categories (Habitat Enhancement; Green Stormwater Infrastructure; Public-Use Improvement), please simply indicate the primary and secondary funding categories in your Project Narrative.

**Can funding be used towards paying the salaries of permanent staff?**

- Yes, staff salaries are an eligible expense. Your project budget should include a cost breakdown that lists line-item expenses, including labor and fringe benefits.

**Can restoration work take place on public or private land?**

- *The Chi-Cal Rivers Fund* supports work on public and private lands. For work on private land, it is important to demonstrate that there is a long-term commitment by the landowner to manage the property for conservation purposes.

**TIMELINE AND PAYMENT**

**What is the typical grant duration for awards made through the Chi-Cal Rivers Fund?**

- Grant duration is typically two years (24 months).

**Is this a reimbursement grant, or is the funding provided up front?**

- Most grants are paid on a reimbursable basis. 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.

**METRICS**

**What kinds of quantifiable metrics are grantees expected to track?**

- As part of the application process, applicants will use a dropdown menu in Easygrants to select metrics relevant to the project being proposed. There are several choices, and only a small subset of them is likely to be appropriate for any given project. A list of the preferred metrics available in Easygrants is listed in the RFP.
- For each metric selected, applicants will indicate the current condition (e.g., 0 acres restored) as well as the expected condition at grant completion (e.g., 30 acres restored).

**BUDGET, MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS, AND INDIRECT RATE**

**Is there a match requirement that must be met in order for an organization to receive funding?**

- While there is no formal match requirement for this program, projects that meet or exceed a 1:1 match ratio are more competitive in the review process.

**What types of sources can qualify as matching contributions?**

- Cash
- In-kind contributions of staff or volunteer time\*
- Work performed, materials or services donated in support of the project
- Cost of recent land acquisition or easement for a project involving work at an acquired site
- Indirect costs in some cases, so long as it fits within [NFWF's indirect policy](#)  
\*Hourly rate for volunteer time can be calculated based on the volunteer labor rate used by state government agencies in the state in which the project will occur.
- Matching contributions must also be:
  - Verifiable from the grantee's records
  - Not included as contributions for any other award
  - Necessary and reasonable for accomplishment of project or program objectives
  - Allowable costs based on the program and funding source guidelines

- Committed directly to the project and must be used within the period of performance
- For Federal Match
  - Allowable under OMB Cost Principles
  - Not paid by the Federal government under another Federal award except when authorized by Federal statute (if applicable)

**Where can I find more information on budget details that should be included in my application?**

- NFWF's website provides detailed budget instructions, which can be found by [clicking here](#).