

C-NOFO-21-102 Ocean Matters: Safeguarding Ocean Health in the Indo-Pacific

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- 1. Is there any specific limitation for the project area? I am based at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Is it necessary that we should restrict our project area within Tamil Nadu? We prefer to cover the entire East and West Coast of Peninsular India.**
 - A. The project requires implementation in at least three Indian cities with a significant coastline, as the activities require in-person coastal experiential engagement. The project is not limited to any Indian state or union territory. Proposals should address local conditions such as government rules, cultural factors, and language needs while including multi-state or multi-city project sites of implementation.
- 2. Is there any need for FCRA certification to receive funds? Or would like to know if the funds provided will be in US dollars or Indian currency. We have to plan for this while writing the proposal as we have to consult our auditor about this proposal so that it will be easy for us for accounting purposes.**
 - A. Indian organizations must be compliant with the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) to apply and receive funding from the U.S. Mission in India. Funds will be disbursed in local currency for Indian Organizations, which is Indian Rupees.
- 3. We have FCRA, 80G and 12AA tax exemption certificates. In your website, it is mentioned that the eligibility is as "Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS."**
 - A: Eligibility is open to all the legally registered non-profit organizations, regardless of where they are located. All the eligible proposals will be reviewed and evaluated as per the evaluation criteria noted in the NOFO. The 503(c)(3) reference is for U.S. non-profits registered in the USA.
- 4. What is the approximate cost of a sample testing kit that can be used for microplastics monitoring recommended by the [Deakin University-GLOBE Italia Marine Plastic Monitoring team](#)? Can testing equipment and kits be shared by groups?**
 - A. Approximate cost of a kit (additional to basic equipment such as microscopes and typical laboratory equipment) will be \$150-250 (depends on supplier). Kits can be shared between participant schools/classes, equipment pooling is encouraged.

5. What support will the [Deakin University-GLOBE Italia Marine Plastic Monitoring team](#) provide?
- A. Support from the Deakin University-GLOBE Italia Marine Plastic Monitoring team will comprise a series of training webinars via Zoom (2-hour formation seminars, Q&A seminars) for teachers, support training materials (videos, reference images, documents), two to four troubleshooting webinars, and data management.