

**Questions and Answers for
Notice of Funding Opportunity
Countering Wildlife Trafficking in Latin America
SFOP0009813
Date: June 21, 2023**

Question 1:

Can we include Guatemalan participants in project activities (e.g., meetings, trainings, workshops) that take place in an eligible country [countries listed in the NOFO]?

INL Response:

Proposals must include one or more of the target countries (Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, and/or Suriname). Proposals may request to include Guatemalan participants for activities that take place in a target country for the technical evaluation panel to review and note that proposed Guatemalan participants must be cleared by INL for each activity when they take place.

Question 2:

Are lead applicants required to have a local registration in the host country? Is that what is meant by NGO status in the host country being required? Can NGO status be from a sub-partner on the proposal or does it have to be the lead?

INL Response:

Each organization and proposal is unique and will require different levels of support for the proposed activities. Organizations should be aware of whether having NGO registration in the target country(ies) is legally required to perform the activities laid out in the proposal. If not, applicants should be able to adequately detail the operating context, past performance, and level of government involvement and support to the proposal.

Question 3:

Would INL take an applicant's decision to prematurely withdraw from a previous subrecipient agreement into consideration when reviewing a new application?

INL Response:

INL must assess each potential applicant for organizational risks related to the financial and programmatic management of a federal assistance project. Upon review, the technical evaluation panel will consider institution's record of all applicants. If the applicant is a current/former INL grantee and how they successfully manage/managed the project. This accounts for 20% of the evaluation of each applicant.