

Questions on NOFO: Combat Wildlife Trafficking in China

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1. The documents included in the 'related documents' tab of this opportunity on grants.gov include the logic model template, though this is not mentioned in the text of the NOFO. Please confirm if a logic model is required.
 - The logic model is optional.
2. The NOFO has three program goals (page 8). The program objectives all support goal 3. Can you advise on any expectations for applicants to address goals 1 and 2, for example by including activities to do this.
 - The goals are all interrelated: goals 1 and 2 are outcomes and goal 3 includes outputs. Therefore, the objectives help to achieve all three goals. Proposals must include activities that provide technical assistance to China in one or more of the following areas:
 1. enhance information-sharing among China and countries along major illicit supply routes for wildlife;
 2. increase the effectiveness of law enforcement against wildlife trafficking in key locations through the provision of wildlife-specific technical support;
 3. mainstream counter wildlife trafficking efforts into China's national activities on anti-money-laundering and corruption; and/or
 4. expand and strengthen China's legislative and regulatory frameworks on wildlife crime.
3. Please clarify which structure applicants should follow: Page 21 requires a two-page executive summary, and a proposal narrative of up to 15 pages with a typical wide range of topics (the program's goals, objectives, and activities; the significance or contribution to the INL mandate; the applicant's organizational capacity; the program approach, sustainability, potential impact, and complementarity; target areas and participants; stakeholder engagement and local partners; expand upon the risk analysis). However, page 24 requires a half page introduction, and up to 14.5 pages detailing the activities and indicators.
 - The introduction should not exceed one-half page and the proposal narrative should not exceed 14½ pages.
4. The NOFO structure differs from others, in that the listed activities are not grouped under the program objectives. Please confirm that applicants use the list and their own expertise to propose activities to achieve each objective.
 - Proposals must include activities to achieve at least one of the four objectives listed in the NOFO. The activities listed (pages 9-10) are for illustrative purposes only and it is not an exhaustive list. Applicants should propose activities that they believe will best achieve the NOFO's goals and objectives. In addition, priority will be given to proposals that include new and innovative activities.

5. We are a U.S. NGO qualified to receive U.S. grants. Though we do not have an office in China, we have secured several 1-year temporary registrations under China's Foreign NGO Law by collaborating with our Chinese partners in the past 3 years. One of these successful temporary registrations was applied to implement a State Department grant on environmental enforcement capacity building. We would like to apply for the CWT grant with close cooperation with our partner NGOs in China and secure temporary registrations when needed. We thus would like to know if such cooperation makes us qualified to apply for this grant.

- To be considered for this grant, NGOs must have:
 1. A current country registration in China, and
 2. Either headquarters in China or maintain an office in China.

For the purposes of this grant, "current country registration" includes only long-term registration and does not include short-term or temporary registrations. The primary applicant must also maintain an office in China on the closing date of this NOFO. Sub-grantees or other partners cannot fulfill the office requirement instead of the primary applicant.