

Questions on NOFO: (Countering Wildlife Trafficking in South and Southeast Asia)

Opportunity # (SFOP0009001)

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Question 1:

We reviewed the instructions in the referenced NOFO and noted that the instructions under Section A: Project Description on page 5 indicate that “Applicants may submit multiple applications” given the multiple objectives and thematic areas contained in the solicitation. However, the instructions in Section C.3: Eligibility Requirements on page 15 state that “Applicants are only allowed to submit one proposal per organization.” We assumed that INL intended to allow for multiple applications since there are 4 separate programs anticipated. Can INL please confirm that we are allowed to submit multiple applications/proposals (up to 4) under this solicitation?

INL Response:

Applicants may provide more than one application. The “Applicants are only allowed to submit one proposal per organization.” sentence has been removed from the NOFO. The revised NOFO is now uploaded on Grants.gov.

Question 2:

We wanted to inquire about whether we can submit multiple proposals under the new “Countering Wildlife Trafficking in South and Southeast Asia” call. The NOFO states on page 5 that “Applicants may submit multiple applications”, but on page 15 that “Applicants are only allowed to submit one proposal per organization”.

INL Response:

Applicants may provide more than one application. The “Applicants are only allowed to submit one proposal per organization.” sentence has been removed from the NOFO. The revised NOFO is now uploaded on Grants.gov.

Question 3:

The NOFO notes that “Applicants are only allowed to submit one proposal per organization.” Could you kindly clarify if applicants may submit one proposal per objective or are applicants limited to one proposal overall?

INL Response:

Applicants may provide more than one application. The “Applicants are only allowed to submit one proposal per organization.” sentence has been removed from the NOFO. The revised NOFO is now uploaded on Grants.gov.

Question 4:

Please could I check if organisations are allowed to submit multiple applications? On page 5 of the guidelines, it states 'Applicants may submit multiple applications', however on page 15 it says 'Applicants are only allowed to submit one proposal per organization'. I'd be very grateful if you could confirm which is right.

INL Response:

Applicants may provide more than one application. The "Applicants are only allowed to submit one proposal per organization." sentence has been removed from the NOFO. The revised NOFO is now uploaded on Grants.gov.

Question 5: (Taxonomic scope)

The NOFO refers to "trafficking of wildlife and timber". Please confirm whether marine animals, and/or other wild plants, can be included.

INL Response:

Other wild plants may not be included in a proposal. Marine animals may be included where relevant. Note, this should not focus on the broader issues of Illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing; if included, the focus should be solely on trafficking in marine species. Also note marine wildlife should only be CITES-protected species, and should not be a major program focus

Question 6: (Geographic scope - the Philippines)

The NOFO states that overall, across all objectives: "Where single countries are listed, each application may encompass any or all of the sub-objectives listed for that country but must not propose work in additional countries."

Of the four sub-objectives for the Philippines, only 2.3 refers to regional collaboration. Does this mean that activities under 2.1, 2.2 and 2.4 must not include work beyond the Philippines?

INL Response

While 2.1, 2.2, and 2.4 may include minor regional cooperation, it should be very limited as the intent is to focus on the Philippines.

Question 7:

The NOFO states that INL expects to fund 'two projects' for the Philippines, one focusing on AML (sub-objective 2.2) and one focusing on building capacity to tackle online trade (sub-objective 2.4).

- a. Can you clarify any expectations INL has about how applicants should integrate work on 2.1 and 2.4 into a proposal, including whether you expect any work on 2.1 and 2.4 to be subsidiary to work on AML and online trade?
- b. Could an application aim to deliver both these two 'projects' (AML and online trade) under a single award ? If so, should the application be organised to deliver against the NOFO's objectives, or organised as two 'projects'?

INL Response

Applicants can address one or more sub-objectives in the proposal. The sub-objectives are not subsidiary to the work on AML and online trade. Applicants should integrate work on 2.1 and 2.4 from a capacity-building perspective.

AML and online trade can be delivered under a single award. Applications should be organized to deliver against the NOFO's objectives, not organized as two projects.