

**Questions and Answers for Notice of Funding Opportunity
East Asia and Pacific Program to Combat Wildlife Trafficking**
Opportunity Number SFOP0004266
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Eligibility Criteria/Organization Requirements:

Q1: Does eligibility criteria flow down to sub-recipients/other partners?

A1: No, the lead organization is the organization responsible for meeting eligibility requirements. The lead organization must have the organizational capacity and legal standing to partner with the selected sub-recipients or partners in the manner described in the proposal. INL must review and approve any additional partner agreements not included in the original proposal.

Q2: Must all partnering organizations meet the eligibility criteria in order for the proposal to be considered?

A2: No, the lead organization is responsible for meeting eligibility requirements and ensuring that it has the organizational and legal authority to enter into any partner arrangements described in the proposal or subsequent project planning.

Q3: May foreign (target country) government entities be included as partners?

A3: Yes, foreign government entities may be included as partners. The lead organization must have the organizational and legal authority to enter into any planned partner arrangements. Additionally, Leahy vetting may be required, as described in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Q4: May U.S. government agencies be included as partners?

A4: Yes, U.S. government agencies may be included as partners. The lead organization must have the organizational and legal authority to enter into any planned partner arrangements.

Q5: If multiple organizations apply together, does each organization separately have to meet host country registration requirements for each of the target countries or is it adequate for the lead organization for work in a particular target country to meet the registration requirements? In other words, can one organization be registered in Country A, while its partner organization is registered in Country B and Country C.

A5: Some countries require NGOs to either register with the government or submit certain paperwork in order to work in that country. Therefore, for INL funding opportunities, applicants must be able to comply with local regulations for legally operating in-country. Because the requirements vary depending on the country, it is incumbent upon the

applicant to ascertain what is required by the countries in which they are proposing to work. Any organization that plans to operate in the given country must be able to comply with the rules. If the prime is not planning to conduct the work in the specific country, it may not be required to fulfill the same requirements, but it is incumbent upon the prime to verify whether a sub-grantee may legally operate in the country.

Application Requirements:

Q6: Is there a page limit for items 7-15 in the list of required documents for the applications (page 15-16 in the NOFO)?

A6: No, there is no page limit for those required proposal elements. INL encourages organizations to be concise while fully responding to the terms of the NOFO and providing sufficient information for the Technical Evaluation Panel to evaluate the proposal.

Project Design/Target Countries:

Q7: Can we include components of work in China in this proposal?

A7: Yes, this proposal may include components of work in China. China may not be the only target country, however. Projects that include work in China will require additional approvals and may be subject to additional negotiation prior to award.