

Questions on NOFO: Combat Wildlife Trafficking in South Asia

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1. Are intergovernmental organizations (e.g., WENs) eligible to apply for this grant opportunity?
 - U.S. or overseas-based non-profit/non-governmental organizations (NGOs) having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS and U.S. or overseas private/state institutions of higher education are eligible to apply for this grant opportunity. Since intergovernmental organizations do not meet these requirements, they are ineligible for this funding.
2. Are forensic science programs eligible to apply for this grant opportunity?
 - If the proposing organization is a U.S. or overseas-based non-profit/non-governmental organizations (NGOs) having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS and U.S. or overseas private/state institutions of higher education, then it is eligible to apply for this grant opportunity. However, INL will prioritize proposals that incorporate activities to benefit two or more nations in South Asia. In addition, the proposed program should aim to accomplish all three of the following goals:
 1. Increase South Asia's desire and ability to CWT as source, transit, and destination countries;
 2. Improve South Asia's will and capacity to investigate, arrest, prosecute, convict, and sentence to the fullest extent of the law the criminal organizations that perpetrate wildlife trafficking, especially the leaders of those organizations;
 3. Advance South Asia's abilities to CWT in one or more of the following areas:
 - a. strengthen legislative frameworks;
 - b. enhance law enforcement and investigative capabilities;
 - c. develop prosecutorial and judicial capacity; and/or
 - d. support cross border law enforcement cooperation at the provincial, national, regional, and international levels.
3. Over the lifetime of the project, can we include components of work in Myanmar and China in this proposal, as the NOFO does not list those countries in the target geography? We do not intend to run activities in either country, and their engagement would be restricted to travel for Government and NGO staff to India/Bangladesh.
 - Funding for this program may not be used to run activities outside of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. But because Myanmar and China border the target region and are major wildlife trafficking hot spots, funding for this program may cover travel for Government and NGO staff from Myanmar and China to South Asia in order to participate in activities that will benefit the South Asia nations.