

CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITY FUND LETTER OF INQUIRY

Overview

Conservation Opportunity Fund (COF) is a limited fund of Resources Legacy Fund (RLF) designed to support projects that closely align with RLF's major program areas but do not qualify for funding under these programs. Focused on providing strategic grants and contracts ranging from \$15,000 to \$40,000, COF will consider projects in the following areas:

- Coastal and marine conservation and constituency building projects;
- Western lands acquisition, restoration, and related policy, capacity, or constituency development projects;
- Projects addressing emerging environmental issues including climate change mitigation and adaptation; and
- Environmental policy related projects.

Projects focused on California that leverage additional funding from other private or public sources will be given priority.

Letter of Inquiry Guidelines

There are a limited number of grants and contracts available under COF. To be considered for funding, submit a brief letter of inquiry (no more than two pages), including organizational information, such as:

- Name of the organization (and acronym if commonly used);
- Name of the executive officer or individual holding similar position;
- Organization's address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, and web address;
- Name of parent organization or fiscal sponsor, if applicable;
- Name, title, as well as contact information for the contact, if different from above.

The letter of inquiry should also provide a brief description of the proposed project or concept including:

- The geographic location of the work;

- The problem or opportunity to be addressed by the project and how it relates to the subprogram's goals;
- How the project relates to your organization and why your organization is qualified to undertake the project;
- The goals and anticipated outcomes;
- Key project activities and schedule;
- Anticipated deliverables or products;
- Partners;
- Estimated total project costs, amount of funding requested from RLF, and other committed or potential funders; and
- Any additional information that would be helpful to RLF's understanding of your concept or project.

Please submit letters of inquiry electronically to info@resourceslegacyfund.org.