

WESTERN CONSERVATION PROGRAM LETTER OF INQUIRY

Overview

Recognizing that the North American West contains some of the world's most iconic landscapes and valuable natural resources, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, in collaboration with RLF, launched the Western Conservation program in March 2008 to protect these treasures in the face of population growth and climate change. The program is focused on:

- Protecting important Western landscapes and rivers and their ecological functions.
- Improving water management to create more sustainable use of water.
- Expanding the funding available for conservation
- Developing a more diverse, engaged, collaborative, and effective conservation community.

Working closely with the Packard Foundation, RLF will administer portions of this subprogram including:

- Protecting priority habitats the Sierra Nevada, Northern Rockies, and Northwest Mexico;
- Restoring key natural resource functions including the San Joaquin River;
- Advancing water policy reform in California;
- Ensuring the development and application of renewable energy siting criteria and sound conservation planning; and
- Increasing funding, improving tools, building diverse coalitions, and improving the capacity and effectiveness of conservation organizations across the West.

RLF is accepting letters of inquiry for projects focused on these areas and issues.

Letter of Inquiry Guidelines

Submit a brief letter of inquiry (no more than two pages), including the following information:

- 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 and amount of funding requested from RLF; and
- Any additional information that would be helpful to RLF's understanding your concept or project.

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