

WESTERN CONSERVATION LETTER OF INQUIRY

Overview

In March 2008 The David and Lucile Packard Foundation approved a \$200 million, five-year Western Conservation subprogram within the Conservation and Science Program aimed at:

- Permanently protecting ecologically and culturally important public and private lands in California's Sierra Nevada and Central Valley; the Colorado Plateau including Southern Utah, Colorado, Northern Arizona and New Mexico; and Northwest Mexico with a focus on fragile coastal landscapes.
- Restoring degraded river and water systems and reconnecting these natural corridors to local communities through new public and private partnerships with a focus on California's Bay-Delta and the Colorado River Basin.
- Transforming land and water management systems to address the impact of climate change; strengthen the role of emerging constituencies to ensure the long-term relevance, durability, and effectiveness of conservation efforts; and expand the capacity and effectiveness of the land trust movement and tools.

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

- Protecting the Sierra Nevada, Central Valley, and Northwest Mexico landscapes;
- Restoring the California Bay-Delta; and
- Expanding the capacity and effectiveness of the land trust movement.

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.