

The New York Community Trust

National and International Environment Program Request for Letters of Interest Winter-Spring 2025

Overview:

The New York Community Trust (The Trust), established in 1924, is one of the largest and oldest community foundations in the United States. With assets of nearly \$3 billion, we make more than \$50 million a year in competitive grants in three areas—Healthy Lives, Promising Futures, and Thriving Communities—for a range of research, advocacy, and service delivery projects.

Through our National and International Environment Program, The Trust helps to mitigate climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions; to adapt and become more resilient to the consequences of a warming world; to protect public health and the environment from toxic exposures; and to connect critical wildlife habitat through the establishment and preservation of conservation corridors. The Trust also makes three or four internationally focused grants every year, and typically works with US-based nonprofits that are building the capacity of government, academic institutions, private sector entities, and nonprofits in multiple countries or regions. More details on The Trust’s environmental grantmaking priorities and strategy can be found [here](#). For the Winter-Spring 2025 Letter of Interest (LOI) submission window, internationally focused grants will be invitation only.

Request for Letters of Interest:

The Trust begins the grantmaking process for the National and International Environment Program by asking grantseekers to submit an LOI through our portal during four- to six-week windows, typically opened each fall (late September) and winter (late February). From the pool of LOIs produced, we will invite a small number of full proposals.

Please submit a concept paper of no more than 4 pages that includes a:

1. Short paragraph that further describes the organization or coalition;
2. Brief discussion of the problem or opportunity to be addressed;
3. Description of proposed activities and expected outcomes; and
4. Preliminary project budget, rather than a grant budget, with personnel, project, and administrative costs, as well as existing and potential income sources other than The Trust.

Submission Directions:

1. Combine items 1-4 (listed above) into a single PDF file no more than 4 pages long and 25 MB in size, using the following file format: “*Applicant Organization Name.pdf*”.
2. Go to The Trust’s [Grantseeker Portal](#) and click on the “Apply” button next to the National and International Environment Program LOI submission opportunity.
3. Complete the LOI profile and upload your single PDF file.

LOIs should be submitted by 11:59 pm ET on Friday, March 28, 2025.

The Trust will hold an [information session](#) about this funding opportunity at 4 pm on Thursday March 6th.

Please direct all questions about this LOI submission opportunity to Arturo Garcia-Costas at agarciacostas@thenytrust.org.