



**National and International Environment Program
Request for Letters of Interest
Fall 2021**

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 more than \$3 billion, it makes close to \$50 million in competitive grants in three areas—Healthy Lives, Promising Futures, and Thriving Communities—for a range of research, advocacy, and service delivery projects.

The Trust’s National and International Environment Program helps to mitigate climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions; adapt and become more resilient to the consequences of a warming world; protect public health and the environment from toxic chemicals; and connect critical wildlife habitat through the establishment and preservation of conservation corridors. The Trust also makes two or three 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 The Trust’s environmental grantmaking priorities and strategy can be found [here](#).

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The National and International Environment Program starts the grantmaking process with a Letter of Interest (LOI), which can be submitted through our portal during three-week windows each fall (late September) and winter (late February). From the pool of LOIs submitted during these windows, The Trust 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 [Grants 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, October 15, 2021 to ensure consideration in the Fall 2021 pool.

Information Session:

A virtual information session on The Trust’s National and International Environment Program and submission procedures will be held on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 2 pm ET. Click [here](#) to register.

Please direct all questions about this LOI submission opportunity to Arturo Garcia-Costas at agc@nycct-cfi.org.