



**National and International Environment Program
Request for Letters of Interest
Fall 2023**

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 makes grants to:

- help mitigate climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- help communities adapt and become more resilient to the consequences of a warming world;
- protect public health and the environment from toxic exposures; and
- 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](#).

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Nonprofit groups interested in applying for a grant from the National and International Environment Program should start with a Letter of Interest (LOI) submitted through our portal during four-week windows each fall (late September) and winter (late February). From the pool of LOIs, The Trust will invite a small number of full proposals.

The LOI should be no more than 4 pages and include a:

1. Short paragraph that 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 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 9:00 pm ET on Friday, October 20, 2023.

Information Session:

A virtual information session on The Trust's National and International Environment Program and submission procedures will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 4 pm ET. Click [here](#) to register.

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