



THE OCEAN FOUNDATION

Grant Guidelines

Purpose

The Ocean Foundation is the community foundation for the ocean. TOF was established to support, strengthen, and promote those organizations dedicated to reversing the trend of destruction of ocean environments around the world. TOF raises funds and awards grants to projects and to organizations that work to promote ocean conservation.

Who May Apply

- USA established Public Charities (including 501c3 designated organizations)
- Public Charities (non-profit organizations) incorporated in any nation around the world may apply. Where appropriate we may establish a “Friends of _____” fund for TOF to receive and re-grant money to a specific foreign charity at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of The Ocean Foundation.
- Other organizations or individuals may apply for support of projects with a charitable purpose if they have a fiscal sponsor or in their own capacity where deemed necessary. A Fiscal Sponsorship is a legal mechanism by which an established public charity provides financial and administrative assistance to selected projects. A Fiscal Sponsorship allows the project to solicit tax-deductible contributions from individuals, foundations, corporations or governmental organizations

Funding Guidelines

The Ocean Foundation funds projects and activities focused on ocean conservation efforts in the areas of:

- Communication and Outreach
- Coral Reefs
- Education
- Fisheries
- Marine Mammals
- Coasts and Beaches
- Aquaculture and Mariculture
- Oceans and Climate Change
- The High Seas
- Sea Turtles
- Large Pelagic Fish

The Ocean Foundation will **NOT** fund:

- Endowments

- Capital Campaigns
- Land Acquisition
- Grant requests asking for more than 10% overhead, administrative, or infrastructure costs

Application Process for Invited Proposals

Proposals must be short and include the following:

1. Our one-page **cover sheet** that includes a brief description of the project or program and contact information for the primary contact.
2. A **project or program summary (not to exceed four pages)** detailing:
 - a. History of the organization.
 - b. Description of the project, project goals, objectives, and provisions for monitoring and evaluation.
 - c. Total organizational budget, total project/program budget, detailed budget including use of TOF grant.
 - d. Other sources of funding and collaborating organizations.
 - e. Expected outcomes and completion date.
3. A copy of the organization's (or its fiscal sponsor's) proof of non-profit status.

Send letters of inquiry and proposals via email to info@oceanfdn.org. Do NOT send duplicate copies via regular mail.