



2025 1:1:1 Open Call for Proposals

Legacy Landscapes Fund (LLF) is pleased to announce a new open call for proposals. This document sets forth the strategic priorities for this funding round and provides basic information on the application process. It should be read in conjunction with the [Grant Program Guide](#) (GPG – Version 2025) published on LLF’s website, which includes detailed information on the application process and requirements.

I. Types of Funding Available and Required Co-Financing

As described fully in the GPG, LLF provides two types of funding:

- Perpetual grants of USD 1 million per year for 50+ years¹
- Sustaining grants of USD 1 million per year for 15 years

Sustaining grants will total USD 15 million and perpetual grants will have an initial commitment of USD 30 million. For this call, both types of grants will be funded with a **1:1:1 funding ratio**—public, private (philanthropic), and corporate.

Thus, for sustaining grants, USD 5 million will come from public funds provided by LLF, USD 5 million will come from a private philanthropic match donor, and USD 5 million will come from a corporate match donor. For perpetual grants, USD 10 million will come from public funds provided by LLF, USD 10 million will come from a private philanthropic match donor, and USD 10 million will come from a corporate match donor.

Applying organizations are required to propose a corporate partner in their application and to submit a letter of intent from the corporate partner for the respective match funding amount. Applications that *also* bring the required private philanthropic match funding will be considered favourably during the selection process, but this is not a requirement. For each match donor category (private philanthropic or corporate), up to two donors may pledge a commitment.

Additionally, a corporate match funding partner may pledge a commitment for more than one application submitted by the same organization and then commit to funding a specific site once Concept Notes have been evaluated and short-listed (see GPG for details on the application process). If multiple proposals from one organization have been shortlisted, the corporate partner may choose to support one or more at that stage. At this point, if an organization needs to replace its corporate partner, it must do so before the proposal advances to the ESDD stage.

¹ From an initial investment of USD 30 million, the funding is paid out in USD 1 million tranches per year for as long as the invested funds last, a timeline which is currently projected to last for over 50 years.

II. Application Procedure and Timeline

Please see the GPG for the definition of a Legacy Landscape, full eligibility criteria, and a summary of the application process. Step one of the application is submission of a Concept Note, the template for which can be found on LLF's website.

The concept note consists of four components:

1. Concept Note Template
2. Theory of Change
3. Budget
4. Letter(s) of Intent

Up to three organizations may form a consortium for an application. Submissions by consortia must designate a lead partner. NGOs, either as a sole applicant or as the lead partner of a consortium, may submit up to **two** Concept Notes for this call. If two Concept Notes are submitted, **at least one** must be for a Sustaining Grant. Additionally, NGOs may be represented in up to two additional Concept Notes where another organization is the lead consortia partner. All regional chapters of an organization will be considered as a single organization. Two or three grants are expected to be funded from this call, and a waiting list for potential future funding may also be generated.

LLF will evaluate Concept Notes based on criteria that focus primarily on the ecological and biodiversity importance of the site and the quality of the proposed program. Proposals for Legacy Landscapes must be in a single country that is eligible for Official Development Assistance (ODA) at the time the grant is awarded. Proposed landscapes must have high biological diversity, a minimum size of 2,000 km² of protected/conserved area, with at least 1,000 km² designated as IUCN Category I or II (or equivalent) and be relevant for climate mitigation and adaptation.

Proposals for sites or organizations that do not meet the eligibility requirements laid out in the GPG will not be considered. Please note, a governmental support letter will be requested during the full proposal stage and all corporate match funding partners will be subject to LLF's due diligence process.

Concept Notes must be submitted by 23:59 CEST on **1 September 2025**. All submitted documents must be clearly labelled and submitted in English in PDF format (except for the budget template which must be in Excel) to proposals@legacylandscapes.org.

LLF will hold several virtual question and answer meetings on the application process in May and August 2025. Eligible grantees should indicate their interest to attend a Q&A session by registering through this [link](#) at least one day in advance. An indicative timeline for the application and grant award process is set forth below.

Strategic and Geographic Priorities

For this call, applications for **both Sustaining and Perpetual** funding are welcome. The preferred funding model must be stated in the Concept Note. There are no additional priority geographic regions or habitat types beyond the eligibility criteria. Applications from NGOs that are not current LLF grantees are strongly encouraged, as LLF aims to diversify its portfolio and support a broader range of organizations.

Date	Step
22 April 2025	1:1:1 Call for Proposals opens
6 May 2025	Q&A session (16:00 CET)
7 May 2025	Q&A session (10:00 CET)
6 August 2025	Q&A session (16:00 CET)
7 August 2025	Q&A session (10:00 CET)
1 September 2025	Concept Note submission deadline
September – November 2025	Concept Note evaluation and institutional vetting
December 2025	Supervisory Board decisions on Concept Notes
January 2026	Feedback to NGOs & start of ESDD consultant contracting process
April to Sept 2026	Conduct ESDDs
August to November 2026	Full proposal development
December 2026	Finalization of full proposals & Supervisory Board funding decisions
2027	Start of funding