

The following is provided for reference. Proposals must be submitted online through Foundant, OSI's grant management platform.

New England Land Conservation Due Diligence Fund *Application*

Please note that most questions have a 5,000 character limit, but brevity is strongly encouraged. Please answer the questions as simply and clearly as possible. The high character limit is intended to reduce the time spent preparing this application. Red asterisk (*) indicates a response is required.

Proposal

Project Name*

Character Limit: 250

Project Town*

Character Limit: 250

Project County*

Character Limit: 250

Project State*

Character Limit: 5000

Approximate Acreage*

Character Limit: 10

Project Type*

Please confirm the project is a proposed fee acquisition. This funding cannot support conservation easement transactions.

Choices

Yes, fee acquisition

No

Land Trust Alliance's Standards and Practices? *

Has your land trust adopted the Land Trust Alliance's Standards and Practices?

Choices

Yes (accredited)

Yes (on path to accreditation)

Yes (not seeking accreditation)

No

Applicant Description*

This funding is intended to support projects led by small and mid-sized land trusts in New England. Please describe how your organization is aligned with this criterion.

Character Limit: 5000

Contribution to Regional Connectivity*

Please describe how the project, if successful, would contribute to regional connectivity. Reference any existing conservation plans, visions, abutting land ownership(s), or other information relevant to helping OSI contextualize the significance of the project's contribution to regional connectivity. Please note that OSI will also evaluate resilience using the shapefile provided.

Character Limit: 5000

Project Description*

Please briefly describe the project, including:

- the status of deed holder relationship(s) and negotiations,
- organizational experience and capacity to advance the project,
- how this funding for early diligence work would advance the project,
- the most likely path(s) for future acquisition funding and successful acquisition of the property, and
- the key factors affecting the trajectory and success of the project.
- If this is a collaborative project, please describe the likely structure, partners, and roles.

Character Limit: 5000

Funding requested (up to \$25,000) *

Character Limit: 20

Funding Narrative*

Please list the work this funding would cover (title work, legal services, and/or appraisals) and the anticipated costs for each. Please note that OSI prefers to fund pre-contract appraisals and title research simultaneously if neither have been completed at the time of application. Requests to fund other diligence items, including mediation, conservation-based estate planning, and facilitation services, will be considered on a case-by-case basis; please describe the necessitating circumstances if applicable. Funds cannot be used to reimburse for prior expenses.

Character Limit: 5000

Timeline*

Please describe the proposed timeline for spending the diligence award, including what's known about the readiness and availability of contractors. Please also outline the most likely and reasonable timelines for reaching the contract stage and closing. It is understood that not all projects will advance to these stages.

Character Limit: 5000

Information Sharing*

Please note whether OSI can confidentially share project information with other prospective funders. OSI makes no guarantees, but may be positioned to recognize potential alignment between specific projects and funders.

Character Limit: 5000

Support Materials

Attachments*

Provide a shapefile of the in a compressed .zip folder. The .zip folder must contain at least the .shp, .shx, .dbf., and .prj file components of the shapefile. Name the folder with the land trust and project name (Land Trust Name_Project Name.zip). Please reach out to OSI if assistance is needed.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

OPTIONAL: Map

If helpful to demonstrate connectivity, applicants may upload a map.

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