



## **2020 WFN CONTINUATION FUNDING GUIDELINES**

This year, we are excited to offer two tracks of Continuation Funding: (1) which continues to support WFN alumni to expand their successful conservation work and the scale up of projects, and (2) nature-based solutions projects that tackle climate change and biodiversity protection hand-in-hand, and in consultation with communities.

WFN Continuation Funding grants are offered at two levels:

- (1) **£35,000 over one year** or
- (2) **up to £70,000 over two years.**

Nature-based solutions grants are offered at **up to £100,000 over two years.**

### **Aims of Continuation Funding and Nature-based solutions**

- To support the replication, expansion or scale-up of successful work led by winners of the Whitley Award and to foster results sharing; or/and
- To support work that is tackling climate change and biodiversity loss simultaneously. These projects could be working with communities on protecting or restoring habitats that act as a carbon sinks including forests, peatlands, wetlands, mangroves, seagrasses and/or coral reefs, and any other ecosystem-level projects addressing biodiversity loss or preventing further impacts on the climate.
- Applicants need to demonstrate their work is at a timely point where an injection of funds will help propel a well-planned proposal into action.
- Successful proposals will clearly demonstrate cause and effect, and measurable impacts (not just actions) at the end of the proposed workplan.
- Proposals should build on and cite proven successes (including those from previous WFN support) and evidence-based decision making.
- Priority will be given to projects that can demonstrate timely need, whether political, threat-based or financial, and those that can evidence sound monitoring.
- Successful proposals will demonstrate long-term planning for the project and how they will avoid dependence on a single funder and PI.
- Successful proposals for nature-based solutions will be able to indicate measurable ecosystem-level impacts.
- In all assessments, we look for practical projects that can produce measurable and tangible conservation results.
- Collaboration among winners to maximise impacts for wildlife and people at the landscape level is encouraged.
- Applications should refer to the original support given by WFN, evidence clearly how the original grant made an impact and how the new application builds on this work.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- All previous winners of a Whitley Award who have successfully completed their Award grant (Final Report submitted and grant closed by WFN) are eligible.
- Associate Award and Runner up prize winners are not eligible for Continuation Funding.

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## Application Process & Deadlines

- If you would like to apply, please submit a short **(2-page max)** concept of the work to be done and outline the budget using the **Concept Note form provided**. The **deadline for the concept note is 15<sup>th</sup> June**.
- Following submission of a concept note, you will either be invited to submit a full application for projects commencing October 2020 or given constructive feedback. Those invited to complete a full proposal will be emailed the application form to complete.
- **The deadline by which you need to have submitted a completed application form is 15<sup>th</sup> August.**
- You will be required to provide responses to questions raised by the assessors in the Q&A in **September**.
- Successful applicants will receive funding in **October**.
- Grants are usually made to a bank account held by a registered NGO. This grant is offered as a restricted fund, only for the purposes under which the applicant applied.
- Please note grants will be released in two separate tranches of subject to satisfactory reporting.
- **Please note: WFN does not fund land purchase, construction projects, rehabilitation of wild animals, or ex-situ breeding of wild animals for release.**

## Reporting

- We encourage winners to keep in touch with us regularly by email.
- With a two-year project, we ask winners to provide **formal reports at 12 and 24 months** and **informal updates at 6 and 18 months**, using WFN templates, from the date your grant was received. Acceptance of an annual report releases the next year of funding.
- With a one-year project, we ask winners to provide a **formal report at 12 months** and an **informal update at 6 months**, using WFN templates, from the date your grant was received.
- The financial report needs to show expenditure to date against the original budget.
- Your application and budget should plan for annual reporting to WFN accordingly.

Completed application forms should be emailed to WFN Grants Manager, Janice Law ([janice@whitleyaward.org](mailto:janice@whitleyaward.org)), cc'ing WFN Director, Danni Parks ([danni@whitleyaward.org](mailto:danni@whitleyaward.org)).

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