Environment 2020

Mortenson Family Foundation

Guidelines and LOI Directions

Guidelines: Please review the complete Sustaining Environmental Systems guidelines at https://mortensonfamily.org/areas-of-interest/sustaining-environmental-systems/ prior to submitting your LOI.

Directions: After reviewing the guidelines, please answer the questions below. In recent years, the Foundation offered two different question forms and asked that you answer one of the question forms. Based on the vast majority of prior applicants opting for one form of questions, we are returning to only offering that question form.

The system does not always auto save answers. Please, click on the save button to be sure your content is saved before moving on to a new question.

This letter is intended to be an introduction of your work. We appreciate concise answers that provide clear descriptions of the work you do. We have heard that required character limits add burden to applying organizations. To ease that burden, we have indicated a recommended character limit (in parentheses behind the question) and set the software's restrictions on the answer field's character limit (in italics below the question) to the largest count available. Even though your answers won't be cut off, we ask that you stay as close as possible to the recommended character limit (which includes spaces). The recommended limits may feel low. However, if invited to submit a full application, you will be given additional space to share more detailed answers.

**Please note that the deadline for LOIs is March 30, 2020, at 4:00 pm Central Standard Time. All LOIs submitted after 4:00 p.m. will not be considered.

When you submit this LOI, you will receive an automated response from the system that it was successfully submitted. If you do not receive the response, it has not been submitted.

To view the LOI questions in a pdf format, click on Question List on the right-hand side of this page.

LOI

For the questions below, if you are requesting unrestricted support, please include information on the work of the entire organization. If you are requesting project or program support, please

include specifics about the project or program. Please note the questions have character limits. If you are asked to submit a full proposal, many of the questions below will be included again with greater character limits to expand upon answers.

Purpose*

1. Please indicate if the information is for a specific program or project (place specific program or project name in field) or for an unrestricted purpose (place "unrestricted" in field).

Character Limit: 100

Amount Requested*

2. What amount are you requesting? Please keep in mind Mortenson Family Foundation's Environmental grant making budget is **$310,000** in **2020**.

Character Limit: 20

Mission*

3. What is the mission of the organization?

Character Limit: 300

Year Established*

4. In what year was your organization established?

Character Limit: 250

Geographic Area Served*

5. Please select the geographic location where the funds will have impact.

Choices

Minneapolis/St. Paul
Minnesota (including Minneapolis/St. Paul)
Greater Minnesota (not including Minneapolis/St. Paul)
United States (outside of Minnesota)
International (outside of the United States)

Watersheds and Map of Area Served Description*

6. Please give specific watersheds where the funds will have impact and upload a map. (*Recommended Character Limit: 300*)

Character Limit: 10000 | File Size Limit: 5 MB

Minnesota Watersheds*

7. What percent of your work focused on Minnesota watersheds? For example, if your work focused on multiple states, please give the best estimate of what percent of your work focused on Minnesota watersheds.

Character Limit: 4

Budget*
8. What is your organization's current year operating budget?

Character Limit: 20

Program or Project Budget
9. If applicable, what is your current year program or project budget?

Character Limit: 20

Work Description*
10. Provide a brief background of your organization, including a brief overview of your organization and its programs and services. If you are asking for specific program/project, please summarize core aspects of it. (You will be asked below for greater detail; this question is meant as general overview).
(*Recommended Character Limit: 2,000*)

Character Limit: 10000

Goals & Outcomes*
11. Outline the specific goals and/or outcomes of your work and how you will measure success. We are limiting the space for your answer to be concise. If invited to submit a full proposal, we will ask for more details.
(*Recommended Character Limit: 5,000*)

Character Limit: 10000

Strategies*
12. Describe the strategies that you will use to reach the goals/outcomes. Be specific about strategies by including what they are (protection, restoration, education, research, policy, etc.); if strategies are voluntary, incented, market-driven, or regulatory; and who your organization involves on strategies (individual land owners, broad public, government agencies, etc.). We are limiting the space for your answer to be concise. If invited to submit a full proposal, we will ask for more details.
(*Recommended Character Limit: 5,000*)

Character Limit: 10000

Scale*
13. How does your work address terrestrial and aquatic systems at a watershed scale?
(*Recommended Character Limit: 1,500*)

Character Limit: 10000

Climate*
14. Describe how you are addressing climate change in your work. (For example, following a climate adaptation plan from the city, state, or any other resources to guide restoration and mitigation efforts in a watershed or educating community on a changing climate.)
(*Recommended Character Limit: 2,000*)

Character Limit: 10000

Upload Option

15. If you have a schematic or visual (i.e. logic models, illustrations, etc) that communicates your work, please upload.

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Second Upload Option

16. If you have more than one file to upload, please attach here.

File Size Limit: 5 MB