

FUNDING INITIATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

- Guidelines and Application Enclosed -

- Applications due May 1 -

WEYERHAEUSER FAMILY FOUNDATION

SUSTAINABLE FORESTS AND COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

The mission of the Sustainable Forests and Communities Initiative is to promote forest conservation and environmentally sustainable economic development, along with community building, at the local level.

The Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation is pleased to announce the second year of its Sustainable Forests and Communities Initiative. The Sustainable Forests and Communities Initiative is interested in organizations that are working on integrated approaches to enhancing the ecology, economy and community in their local area.

The Family Foundation established its first initiative in forested landscapes four years ago. Called simply the Environmental Initiative, the program funded a variety of projects in Minnesota, Wisconsin, the Pacific Northwest and Arkansas. As a result of an evaluation of this program in 1999, the Foundation adopted key changes in implementing its forest and community sustainability initiative. The guidelines were enhanced to more fully describe the purpose of the Initiative, the geographic range was expanded and the name was changed to more accurately reflect the intent of this program.

Completed applications are due by May 1 and are screened in June. Applicant organizations that are screened in are then invited to submit a full proposal.

Please review carefully the enclosed information to determine whether your project meets the guidelines of this Initiative.

Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation Guidelines Sustainable Forests and Communities Initiative

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The Sustainable Forests and Communities Initiative is concentrated in the Pacific Northwest (Idaho, Oregon, Washington, northern California, western Montana and western Canada); Minnesota and Wisconsin; and the South (Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina and Oklahoma).

Program

The Sustainable Forests and Communities Initiative is interested in organizations that are working in forested landscapes and that are implementing integrated approaches to enhancing

ecological, economic, and social goals. Eligible applicants must be working at the local level within the three program components of ecology, economy, and community. Applicants must also be working under an identified set of outcomes and benchmarks by which to assess and evaluate their efforts.

The Initiative is seeking applicants working to promote ecology, economy, and community in the following context:

Ecology - Applicants must be seeking solutions that are sustainable and ecologically sound. The Initiative is interested in organizations working on holistic land stewardship approaches involving management, conservation, and ecological restoration.

Economy - Applicant organizations should have experience in sustainable economic development. The Initiative is interested in supporting community efforts addressing facilitating enterprise-based conservation and/or job creation strategies that are of appropriate scale and are environmentally sound.

Community - Organizations must be addressing natural resource, conservation, and social issues that are affecting the health of the land and local communities. The Initiative is interested in organizations that are using inclusive, innovative, and/or collaborative public processes to meet their natural resource and conservation goals.

Guidelines

Funding is limited to these three regions:

- Pacific Northwest: Idaho, Oregon, Washington, northern California, western Montana and western Canada
- Minnesota and Wisconsin
- South: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina and Oklahoma

Locally based organizations within the Initiative's geographic area are eligible to apply. Regional and national organizations working to promote the integration of ecology, economy, and community, and who are working with local partners operating within the Initiative's geographic area, are also eligible to apply.

The Initiative is directed toward new or recently started projects. Funding will not be provided for an organization's general operating budget.

All applicants must have 501(c)3 status. The Initiative does not support traditional scientific research or land acquisitions or trades. The Initiative does not support lobbying or make grants to individuals.

Outcomes-Based Assessment

Applicant organizations must describe tangible outcomes that would result from their proposed activity. Examples of possible indicators of enhancing ecology, economy, and community include:

- The degree to which other local institutions and individuals undertake environmental and community sustainability initiatives as a result of the organization's action.
- Specific actions that halt degradation, restore degraded landscapes, and/or enhance and conserve intact areas.
- Increases in sustainable employment within a community.

Application Process

Grants are made once a year. To apply for funding, applicants must complete an Application Cover Sheet which is due on or before May 1. Supplemental budget and financial information must be enclosed. These Applications are screened in June. Projects that have the closest fit to the Initiative's guidelines are then invited to submit a full proposal, which is due on or before August 1. Grants are awarded in December.

In fairness to all applicants, the Foundation will strictly adhere to the May 1 deadline for Applications and August 1 for proposals. Applications and proposals must be received in the Foundation office by their respective deadlines. Material received after the established deadlines will not be considered.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have received a grant in previous years under this Initiative, a report on progress should be contained in your Application as well as your full proposal.

Sustainable Forests and Communities Initiative in Brief

Program: **Enhancing Ecology, Economy, and Community in Forested Landscapes**

Region: Greater Pacific Northwest (ID, OR, WA, northern CA, western MT, western Canada; MN/WI; AL, AR, GA, LA, MS, NC, OK)

Initiative Grant Range: \$5,000-\$30,000

12-15 projects funded each year.

New or recently started projects only. No general operating support.

Deadline for Submission of Application Cover Sheet: **May 1**

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**Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation
 Sustainable Forests and Communities Initiative
 Application Cover Sheet**

January-December 2001

Organization Name:

Address:

City State Zip Code:

Contact Person:

Telephone:

E-Mail:

Project Name:

Type of Request: New Project: Ongoing Project:

Total Project Budget:

Amount Requested:

Other Funding Sources:

Total agency budget last year:

Please provide an executive summary of your project to include the following:

Mission of your organization

Purpose of this project

Activities planned to carry out the purpose

How this project will integrate ecology, economy and community

Expected outcomes, timelines and methods of measurement