

2026 CROWDER MESSERSMITH CONSERVATION FUND
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING THE 2026 GRANT APPLICATION

Applications accepted September 1 through December 1, 2025

Where to Send Your Application

Email your application, as an attachment,
to: CMaward@natureforward.org

Transmittal Email In subject line of the email transmitting your application, use a title that is a concise (maximum eight words) version of your project title. Include the country, species or habitat.

Examples:

- Seedling nurseries of ‘East Himalayan Yew’ in Nepal
- Protecting Gorgeted Puffleg Hummingbird habitat in Colombia
- Chicken Farming for Pangolin Conservation, Benin

In the body of the email please include the following information

1. Name of person requesting grant
2. E-Mail Address
3. Name of the Organization
4. Amount Being Requested
5. Title of Project

Send your application and any supportive documents in one single email. Limit attachments in the email to two items.

Document Format & Length The entire application must fit on four pages or less. There are no limitations on the space devoted to individual sections.

- The application is in Times Roman, 12-point type.
- The document can be transmitted in either “PDF” or “MS Word” format.

Name and Email of Requester This should be the person responsible for preparing and transmitting the proposal, and who will be the primary contact. We communicate only by email so you do not need to provide telephone numbers or personal addresses.

Organization Name and address of the organization.

Note: Grant funds will be transferred electronically, so successful applicants will need to provide a bank account number. The funds can only be sent to the bank account of the organization; it cannot be sent to an individual's account.

Project Title The title should include (1) the specific activity being proposed ("conservation" is too vague), (2) the species that the effort is directed to, and (3) the location, including the country.

Examples:

- Establishing community seedling nurseries to promote restoration of Endangered 'East Himalayan Yew' tree in community forests of Parbat, Nepal.
- Empowering local women as conservation leaders to protect key habitat for the critically endangered Gorgeted Puffleg Hummingbird in Colombia's Serrania del Pinche
- Community Sensitization and Chicken Farming as Source of Incomes for Hunters for Conservation of Pangolins in Center Benin.

Summary It is not necessary to go into a lengthy discussion of the location or the species. The selection committee is primarily interested in the specific details of what you are proposing to do with the funds you are requesting. If it's a school/education program, how many schools /teachers/ students will be served? If you are trying to convince the locals to stop hunting/poaching, how are you going to do it? Include the scientific name of the species, and subspecies if relevant.

Budget The more detail, the better.

Project Schedule and Timeline

Relation to Previous Work Preference is given to applicants who have a record of prior conservation action relevant to their proposed project. This is the place to concisely discuss your "record" and how it relates to the proposed project. Remember, there's a four-page limit on total application length. Please indicate if you received a prior Crowder-Messersmith grant and the year.

How Did You Hear About the Crowder-Messersmith Conservation Fund? We are interested in knowing how your organization heard about the grants awarded by the Crowder-Messersmith Fund.

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Section A

Person Requesting Grant/Contact:

E-Mail Address of Applicant:

Organizational Affiliation of the Applicant:

Name:

Address:

Section B

Name of the Organization:

Address of the Organization (include web address if available):

Amount Being Requested:

Title of Project:

Summary of Project:

Section C

Budget:

Personnel:

Supplies and materials:

Food and lodging:

Travel:

Publication Costs:

Other:

Section D

Project Schedule and Timeline:

Section E

How does this project relate to previous work done by your organization?

Have any other organizations provided support for this project? (If yes, explain).

Have you received a Crowder-Messersmith grant previously? If so in what year/s? How does the current proposal differ from the prior grant?

Applicants record of prior conservation action relevant to the proposed project, if any.

How Did You Hear About the Crowder-Messersmith Conservation Fund?

Name, Organization, and Email address of two people who are familiar with the requester's professional activities.

Read “Instructions on preparing your grant” for information on how to submit your application and other details.