

THE NEPAL ONE WELFARE FUND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We have tried to anticipate any questions you may have regarding this call for applications however, if there's anything we have missed please feel free to contact us at: onewelfarefund@thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk

1. What is 'One Welfare'?

The term "One Welfare" is defined as the interconnections between animal welfare, human wellbeing and their physical and social environment. For more information and resources please visit: www.onewelfareworld.org

2. Who is eligible to apply to The Donkey Sanctuary Nepal One Welfare Fund?

This Call is opened to applicants who meet all the following criteria:

- New and existing partner organisations to The Donkey Sanctuary are welcome to apply.
- Submission of concept note are done by the lead agent of a consortium, in representation of all members of a consortium.
- The project is based in Nepal.
- The project demonstrates a positive impact on the welfare needs of working donkeys and/or mules, the people who rely on them, and the environment.
- All members of a consortium have previously delivered impactful work in the proposed context (with evidence if requested).
- The total grant requested from The Donkey Sanctuary for the project is no more than £150,000 Over 24 months
- All members of a consortium have a formally constituted governance structure in place.
- All members of a consortium have a designated ordinary business bank account.
- All members of a consortium can legally operate in Nepal.
- The consortium is willing to co-design a project to deliver the One Welfare approach, that aligns with one or more elements of The Donkey Sanctuary International Theory of Change.

3. Why is The Donkey Sanctuary seeking consortia-led projects?

The Donkey Sanctuary believes that welfare changes for working equines are interdependent on that of human-labour and the environment, and therefore believe that the most effective route to making sustainable welfare changes for working donkeys and mules is using a 'One Welfare' approach. Due to the multi-faceted expertise each area of the 'One Welfare' model requires, this fund has been designed to encourage inter-agency collaboration between subject area experts, to show that this way of working is both a feasible model for programmatic work, and maximises the project impact for all target groups within the 'One Welfare' approach.

4. Can I apply as a solo / individual organisation?

The Nepal One Welfare Fund is only open to eligible consortium applications of two or more organisations, led by a nominated lead agent. However, if you are interested in applying and would like to be put in contact with other interested organisations to potentially form a consortium, please use our online form to register your interest here: [NOWF Registration | The Donkey Sanctuary](#)

5. How long will the fund be open for registrations of interest?

Individual organisations can register their interest until the 23rd April 2023.

6. How do I submit an application as a consortium?

You can access the online concept note application form via the website at: [NOWF Concept Note | The Donkey Sanctuary](#)

Concept note applications must be completed by the nominated lead agent, on behalf of all organisations in the consortium.

7. What information will I need to complete the concept note application form?

The initial application stage put more focus on the experience, capacity and strengths of the consortium, rather than detailed project design, as this will be co-designed later in the process.

A complete example of the concept note questions, with guidance for completion can be found here in the Submission Guidance document.

8. How long will the fund be open for applications?

Submission of a concept note must be received by: **23:59 of the 4th June 2023** (British Summer Time).

No exceptions will be made on the deadline.

9. How long will it take to get a decision?

We will endeavour to respond to all applicants as soon as possible but, regardless of the outcome, you will hear from us at the latest by Friday 7th July 2023.

10. I have submitted my application as a lead agent on behalf of a consortium, what happens next?

All applicants will receive a response from us by Friday 7th July 2023.

Successful applicants will be contacted via email, receive a feedback sheet with comments on their concept note and an invite to an online clarification meeting.

Following agreement between The Donkey Sanctuary and the lead agent (in representation of all members of the consortium selected), the co-design phase will start which will include the completion of proposal documents such as: project narrative, logical framework, monitoring and implementation plans, risk log and detailed budget.

Prior the release of funds and contract sign-off, The Donkey Sanctuary will carry out its due diligence process on all organisations within the consortium.

11. What is The Donkey Sanctuary's due diligence process and why is it necessary?

The due diligence process is an exercise of care to confirm that the information provided by prospective partners is factual. Due diligence is a critical stage in approval, without which no grant will be issued. The Donkey Sanctuary's due diligence process is not only a legal requirement but also ensures that the organisation's resources are used transparently, ethically and in line with its vision and mission.

12. What are the reporting requirements associated with this grant?

While this will be fully defined during the co-design phase of the project, following our internal policies and procedures, this grant will require: (i) progress reports (frequency to be defined), (ii) a mid-term evaluation and associated report, and (iii) a final evaluation and its associated report. All reporting will require a combination of narrative and numeric information against the indicators within the logical framework.