



# Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent

Connecting People to Sustain and Enhance Culture, Community, and Conservation

## **Adaptive Management Initiative 2013 Grants Program Request for Proposals**

The Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent is pleased to announce the second round of grants through its Adaptive Management Initiative – a program that supports collaborative, on-the-ground climate adaptation efforts that will build a sustainable and resilient future for the Crown of the Continent (COTC). Interested organizations should carefully review the information outlined in the Request for Proposals (RFP) and submit to Melly Reuling at [melly@climateconservation.org](mailto:melly@climateconservation.org) no later than 5:00PM Wednesday, October 23, 2013.

### **I. Program Overview**

The Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent (Roundtable), which began as an informal workshop to explore common interests of regional citizens in 2007, has developed into a regional forum where stakeholders explore ways to work together to sustain and enhance the region's cultural, community, and conservation values. These landscape scale discussions catalyzed a joint effort among stakeholders to build one of the first large-scale, multi-stakeholder adaptive management systems in North America, now known as the Adaptive Management Initiative (AMI).

The Adaptive Management Initiative builds resilience into the Crown's landscapes and communities by promoting climate adaptation strategies to improve ecological integrity and enhance community vitality through local action. Over the past year, the AMI has evolved successfully into a collaborative program of on-the-ground project work advancing adaptive management. In 2012, thirteen projects were chosen by the Roundtable Leadership Team to encourage mutual learning and to help ensure that successful efforts in one community, watershed, or landscape could inform others and be replicated elsewhere in the region. The projects addressed the general themes of water, forestry, indigenous perspectives, working lands, and sustainable economies.

**II. Eligibility:** Projects supported by the Adaptive Management Initiative must address:

- a) **The Roundtable's Values and Strategic Goals:** The project should be aligned with the Roundtable's values, principles, and vision as articulated in the Statement of Values and Principles of Friends of the Crown (<http://www.crownroundtable.org/friends-of-the-crown.html>). Strategic goals include: engaging and inspiring leaders and citizens; connecting people to foster respectful dialogue, share successes, and build community; solving challenges and building resilience; and catalyzing new conversations, partnerships, exchanges and innovative learning.
- b) **Rationale and Relevance for Action:** Potential, whether direct or indirect, to affect climate adaptation implementation and/or awareness within the COTC area or to support policymakers and managers in their efforts to address climate change impacts. Proposed efforts should result in shared knowledge, increased education and communication, capacity building and/or the development of new tools which promise measurable outcomes to affect conservation, community, and culture in a positive way.

- c) **Geographic Distribution:** Funding must be for projects addressing issues directly in the Crown of the Continent region. The Grants Review Committee may consider the geographic and institutional distribution of projects within the region in an effort to select technically sound projects that are distributed across the COTC area at both a geographic and institutional level to achieve a reasonable balance of funding across the Crown.
- d) **Value Added:** Demonstration of techniques or approaches that build upon prior efforts in value-adding ways will be given priority. Projects should build on existing efforts.

### III. Application Criteria

Applications can be for projects lasting 12-24 months beginning Nov 15, 2013. Second year funding will not be guaranteed and projects with matching funds are desirable. The typical range of funding is between \$5000-\$25,000 per project. Evaluation criteria include the following:

- a. **Intentionality to address climate change adaptation implementation:** Project addresses impacts of climate change to land use, water management, invasive species, forest management, etc.
- b. **Relevance of the project to the goals of the Roundtable Strategic Plan:** Project connects people to sustain and enhance culture, community and conservation through increased engagement, collaboration and communication.
- c. **Relevance to on-the-ground climate adaptation implementation:** The project increases effective climate adaptation delivery and provides information to address adaptation actions. It informs or prioritizes delivery actions or locales in the near future and provides information for decision making for important resources or species.
- d. **Geographical scope:** The project includes inter jurisdictional or trans-boundary landscapes/habitats/communities within the COTC and connect scales of effort. It should build toward an ecosystem scale of implementation.
- e. **Collaboration:** The project articulates benefits for all partners and other programs that share resources, jurisdiction and geographic boundaries. It engages, leverages or catalyzes a broad existing partnership that may include federal, state, Tribal, local, NGO, and private or corporate support (support in-kind and/or monetary) and engage “new” partners.
- f. **Ability to communicate success in project period:** The project ensures success in the project period through a clearly articulated outcome and high confidence in completion and application of goals.

### IV. Project Proposal Guidelines

Please limit proposals to 4 pages maximum (12 point type), not including a one-page budget (see template below). Include the following:

**Project Title** (max. 100 characters)

**Project Organization and Coordinator** (with contact information)

**Project PI(s)** (who is doing the work/writing the reports; contact information)

**Partners** (name, affiliation, location)

**Collaborators** (entities you will collaborate with and why they were chosen)

**Project Summary** (4 sentence target)

**Need:** Address how this project will contribute to on-the-ground climate adaptation in the Crown of the Continent. While it may be useful to include a brief amount of background information in this section, be sure to clearly address the following:

- What is the need within the Crown of the Continent?
- What landscape-level issue is this work related to and how (e.g. climate, habitat fragmentation)

- Why is it important?
- What products will be provided, problems addressed?
- What is the community you will be targeting and how will outreach occur?
- What is the geographic scope of your work?

**Expectations and requirements:** Project leaders will be expected to submit a 6 month interim report and a final report by the requested date. Reports will be relatively brief and follow a template. Reports will be expected before interim and final payments are made.

AMI projects are focused on collaborative efforts in the Crown. Please address:

- What projects are similar to yours in the Crown and will you be able to collaborate with these projects outside of the AMI collaborative work?
- Is your work needed in other areas and how could it be translated to other areas?
- In order to support the AMI objective of building a collaborative program we request that grantees confirm that they would, at a minimum, be able to:
  1. Participate in monthly conference calls of AMI project leaders?
  2. Give a short presentation on your project to the AMI group?
  3. Contribute an article to the Crown of the Continent website/newsletter?
  4. Attend the Annual Crown Conference and prepare and present a poster of your project?

**Budget: (Please use the following format)**

<b>Category of Expense</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>AMI Request</b>	<b>Other funds</b>	<b>Total Project Costs</b>
<b>Staff (salaries and benefits)</b>	<i>(staff details)</i>			
<b>Consultants</b>				
<b>Conference and Fees</b>				
<b>Travel and Meetings</b>				
<b>Administration and Communication</b>				
<b>Publications or other outreach</b>				
<b>Technological Transfer and outreach*</b>				
<b>Other (specify)</b>				
<b>Total</b>				

\* This may include the expenses related to collaboration with other Crown AMI projects such as attending the annual Crown Conference, creating a poster, collaborating on calls and possibly other meetings or collaboration.