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RE: NFWF funding application

1 message

Anne Butterfield <Anne.Butterfield@nfwf.org>

Thu, Apr 7, 2016 at 3:46 PM

To: "McChesney, Gerry" <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov>, "Thies, Matthew" <matthew_thies@fws.gov>

Thank you, Gerry!

Matt, I have attached the NFWF Payment Request Form that serves as the written disbursement request to NFWF at the start of the project, as referenced in the Letter of Agreement. Please let me know if you have any questions when filling it out. Some of these sections may not apply (like match and international payments), so if you have any questions feel free to leave that section blank and we can address it together.

Once we receive a completed Payment Request Form from you, I will look it over to make sure that we have everything that we need and then I will initiate the process to issue payment in the amount of \$34,802.58.

Thank you!

Anne

From: McChesney, Gerry [mailto:gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov]

Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2016 10:04 AM

To: Anne Butterfield

Cc: Thies, Matthew

Subject: Re: NFWF funding application

Anne,

Attached is the Letter of Agreement with my signature and proposal with revised title. The funds will need to be sent to Matt Thies so please work with Matt on that end. Once Matt has the funds, he will create an account to get the funds to me.

Thanks for all your assistance with this!

On Wed, Mar 23, 2016 at 4:36 PM, Anne Butterfield <Anne.Butterfield@nfwf.org> wrote:

Hi Matt and Gerry,

Thank you for your patience.

Please find attached the Letter of Agreement for the donation to USFWS in the amount of \$34,802.58 for the Salamander Anticoagulant Study.

Please return a signed copy via PDF.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out!

Many Thanks,

Anne

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From: Thies, Matthew [mailto:matthew_thies@fws.gov]

Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 12:28 PM

To: McChesney, Gerry

Cc: Anne Butterfield

Subject: Re: NFWF funding application

Hi Gerry,

Just wanted to let you know I'm preparing for a budget meeting I have in Boise early next week, so it won't be until I'm back from that later next week before I'll have a chance to review this and provide input to Anne.

I just didn't want you to feel I was ignoring your request.

Thanks!

Matt

Matthew Thies, Budget Analyst, Reimbursable Team

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On Fri, Feb 19, 2016 at 12:15 PM, McChesney, Gerry <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Anne. Please also send the agreement to Matt Thies (cc'ed here). He will be the the budget analyst reviewing the agreement. Matt just reviewed another NFWF agreement of mine (from the North Pacific Seabirds program). He did need some changes to the boiler plate NFWF language, so it might be good if you both connect beforehand to speed up the process.

Matt, this will already be an advance. But can you let Anne know some of the other changes we needed so that hopefully Anne can incorporate them into her original agreement. Attached is the grant proposal. Thanks!

On Fri, Feb 19, 2016 at 11:54 AM, Anne Butterfield <Anne.Butterfield@nfwf.org> wrote:

Thanks, Gerry! I'll get that Letter of Agreement drafted and approved and will send it your way once I'm ready for you to review and execute. Once executed, you will send us a few forms that we need in order for you to request payment (it will be an advance, and I will send you these forms once we have executed the Letter).

I hope to be able to provide you with that Letter of Agreement by the end of this month. We are approaching our Spring board meeting so I may need an extra week to turn it around.

Thanks!

Anne

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From: McChesney, Gerry [mailto:gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov]

Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 11:33 AM

To: Anne Butterfield

Subject: Re: NFWF funding application

Anne,

We'll do everything we can to make it work. Here is revised proposal.

Thanks.

On Fri, Feb 19, 2016 at 11:24 AM, Anne Butterfield <Anne.Butterfield@nfwf.org> wrote:

Hi Gerry,

I just heard back from Damian a few minutes after you sent your email! His ears must have been burning 😊

I wanted to confirm that he was okay with our new approach of awarding to USFWS instead of USDA.

Now that I have heard back, please do revise the end date. We typically receive our final report 30 days after the project end date (and once you have spent all of the funds and can report on that). To place a deadline of December 1, 2016, we would likely need a project end-date of November 1, 2016. If this is too soon (since that is 2 months less than you had proposed), perhaps we can settle on a November 15, 2016 end date and a December 15, 2016 final report due date? Do you have any concerns with this?

Let me know!

Thanks,

Anne

From: McChesney, Gerry [mailto:gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov]

Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 10:52 AM

To: Anne Butterfield

Subject: Re: NFWF funding application

Hi Anne,

Just checking on this. Any updates? I just realized I did not revise end date per your request. Do you need me to do that?

On Fri, Feb 5, 2016 at 10:37 AM, McChesney, Gerry <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Anne,

Yes, I think we can make that work. Attached is revised proposal with modified dollar amount.

Thanks.

On Fri, Feb 5, 2016 at 10:24 AM, Anne Butterfield <Anne.Butterfield@nfwf.org> wrote:

Hi Gerry,

Thanks for your patience.

Regarding the amount requested: We have only \$34,802.58 remaining in this fund, so your proposal will need to request that amount (rather than \$35,000).

Regarding the period of performance: Our MOA with the USFWS relating to these funds expires January 31, 2017 and all projects must be closed well before then as we cannot issue an extension on the larger MOA. Regarding the December 31, 2016 end-date, is there a possibility that you could spend the \$34,802.58 before then and submit a final report prior to December 31, 2016 (perhaps by December 1, 2016)? We may be more comfortable closing this one out about 30 days prior.

I'm asking my supervisor about donating the funds to USFWS vs. USDA and will get back to you.

Thanks!

Anne

From: McChesney, Gerry [mailto:gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov]

Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 4:19 PM

To: Anne Butterfield

Subject: NFWF funding application

Dear Anne,

Many apologies for the long delay getting this application in. I hope it is not too late. After much back-and-forth about funding, what we could accomplish, who was most appropriate to receive the funds, etc., we finally have a plan. We decided it is best to have these come to me here at USFWS and I can get to USDA in an intergovernmental agreement. This will be better for overall project management. Application is attached. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss the proposal.

Thanks for your patience and assistance.

Gerry

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On Wed, Aug 12, 2015 at 11:50 AM, Anne Butterfield <Anne.Butterfield@nfwf.org> wrote:

Hi Gary,

I have attached an informal template that we will use to collect the information that we need to draft the Donation Letter to USDA. Please fill it out and return to me once completed. I used information that I already had on file, but please expand/correct/modify. The final section is relating to the project as a whole (if this relates to a larger overall project, what the outcomes will be, if there is a larger budget (aside from just NFWF funding or if NFWF is funding the whole project), etc.).

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Many Thanks,

Anne

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From: Anne Butterfield
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 4:14 PM
To: 'McChesney, Gerry'
Cc: Gary Witmer; Damian Higgins
Subject: RE: NFWF funding application process

Hi Gerry,

Thank you for your email! Given that you are still interested in receiving the remaining funds in our Northern Coastal California Restoration Fund, I will send you a template to fill out, in which we will collect the information that we need to draft a Letter of Donation. I plan on sending this to you and Gary tomorrow.

Unfortunately, we do not have any additional funding available as we have “wound down” the pot and are looking to identify a final project (yours) to disburse the remaining funds to so that we can officially close out this account. My apologies for the reduced amount, as we didn’t anticipate the need to extend the MOA.

I will be in touch with you tomorrow! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Many Thanks,

Anne

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From: McChesney, Gerry [mailto:gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 10:04 AM
To: Anne Butterfield; Damian Higgins
Cc: Gary Witmer
Subject: Re: NFWF funding application process

Hi Anne and Damian,

I spoke with my colleague at USDA, Gary Witmer (cc'ed here). The reduction in funds will mean the toxicity trials on salamanders will be reduced in scope, mainly through a reduction in sample size and possibly having to go with a surrogate species found through pet suppliers instead of wild-caught. It is still something we'd like to go ahead with, but if there's any way to increase the funding, it certainly would help.

Let us know what we need to do. Thanks so much.

On Wed, Aug 5, 2015 at 10:51 AM, McChesney, Gerry <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Anne. I will check with USDA. It will likely mean that the trials we would like to have conducted will be more limited in scope. Will let you know what I find out.

On Wed, Aug 5, 2015 at 10:37 AM, Anne Butterfield <Anne.Butterfield@nfwf.org> wrote:

Hi Gerry,

Thank you for following up!

Damian and I discussed the future of this fund last week and agreed to extend the MOA to accommodate for projects that will be completed after September 30, 2015. As such, we need to apply an administrative fee to the remaining balance, as the account will be managed for longer than originally anticipated. As such, the remaining balance to be obligated to a project is \$34,802.58, and I noted that the brief project summary mentions \$46,000.00 (I believe this was the number that I quoted previously). Do you see any problems with this/would the USDA still be interested in receiving ~\$35,000k?

Aside from that, I am waiting on approval that this project falls under our scope and will follow up as soon as I hear back!

Thanks!

Anne

From: McChesney, Gerry [mailto:gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:04 AM
To: Anne Butterfield
Cc: Damian_higgins@fws.gov
Subject: Re: NFWF funding application process

Hi Anne and Damian,

Any other info on this? Will I be able to apply for these funds?

Thanks.

On Thu, Jul 16, 2015 at 5:11 PM, Anne Butterfield <Anne.Butterfield@nfwf.org> wrote:

Thanks Gerry!

I think that we can make this work, it is just a matter of figuring out the process.

I have a call with Damian on July 28th and I will get back to you after I discuss the next steps with Damian.

All the best,

Anne

From: McChesney, Gerry [mailto:gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 5:01 PM
To: Anne Butterfield
Cc: Damian_higgins@fws.gov
Subject: Re: NFWF funding application process

Anne and Damian,

Attached is brief description of proposed study. As Dr. Witmer says, he would need until end of December to complete.

Look forward to hearing back from you. Hopefully there is a way to make this work. This study is not only important for the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge project, but is sorely needed by others conducting similar projects.

On Thu, Jul 16, 2015 at 2:37 PM, Anne Butterfield <Anne.Butterfield@nfwf.org> wrote:

Hi Gerry,

Thank you for the update! I've made note of the proposed project dates. I'm going to reach out to Damian to discuss next steps regarding this account and will provide further guidance.

Thanks again!

Anne

From: McChesney, Gerry [mailto:gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 1:50 PM
To: Anne Butterfield
Cc: Damian_higgins@fws.gov
Subject: Re: NFWF funding application process

Hi Anne,

My contact at USDA will get a short summary of the salamander toxicology study and estimated timeline by the end of today. Will have something to you today or tomorrow at latest. But he agreed that getting this done by end of September is pretty much impossible. Maybe something like end of calendar year.

On Tue, Jul 7, 2015 at 2:05 PM, Anne Butterfield <Anne.Butterfield@nfwf.org> wrote:

Hi Gerry,

I just heard back from our finance team. As of today, 7/7/2015, with investment income and fees frozen, there is \$142,848.58 remaining in the account. We have remaining project obligations in the amount of \$96,796.00, therefore the remaining balance to be obligated to a future project is **\$46,052.58**.

I understand that you are on vacation, and I will be on business travel from July 13 – 14, and then on vacation July 18-27. I hope that we can touch base on July 15, 16 or 17 to hammer out the next steps related to applying for the remaining funds. I am available to jump on the phone when we are both back in the office, or can write it out for you.

Thanks and I look forward to touching base later this month!

Anne

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From: Anne Butterfield
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 8:59 AM
To: Gerry McChesney; Damian Higgins
Subject: Re: NFWF funding application process

Thanks, Damian! I am still waiting to hear back from our Finance department regarding the exact figure, so that we know how much is left in the account and how much to obligate to this project in order to spend down the funds. As soon as I hear back I'll pass the information along!

Gerry, I look forward to working with you. Next steps would involve submitting a proposal for work in the amount of the remaining balance (which we can hopefully determine in the next few days). I'm going to reach out to my

colleagues to discuss the next best step, since there is not a current funding cycle open, and whether that involves our EasyGrants database or not. I'll get back to you as soon as possible and will provide instructions. Please let me know if you have any specific question at this time!

Many Thanks,

Anne

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On Jul 7, 2015, at 8:42 AM, "Damian Higgins" <damian_higgins@fws.gov> wrote:

Anne:

Please contact Gerry McChesney, Refuge Manager of the Farallons NWR. He needs info from you regarding process for applying for the remaining funds in the Northern California Coastal fund so we can close it out. His contact info is attached. I've also attached yours for his benefit too. Thanks.

<Gerry McChesney.vcf>

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