SFI Conservation and Community Partnerships Grant Program
Request for Proposal (RFP) Timeline and Information

New Timeline
In an effort to make the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Inc. (SFI) Conservation and Community Partnerships Grant Program even more impactful and user friendly, SFI is shifting the timing of the 2015 RFP to August of 2015, with grant applications due by early October 2015. Applicants will be notified of the status of their application by end of calendar year 2015, to facilitate planning for the field season in 2016.

To be placed on the RFP notification list, please click here.

Specific deadlines, guidelines, rules and project parameters will be made available with the RFP in August, but the following general rules will apply:

- The project Lead Organization (i.e. the Applicant) must officially be a tax exempt, non-profit organization. Colleges, universities and schools and tribal or aboriginal groups qualify as non-profit organizations. SFI Implementation Committees can serve as the lead organization on community grant projects.
- The project must include a SFI Program Participant or a SFI Implementation Committee (SIC) as a Project Partner; additional partners, including government agencies, academic or research institutions, and non-profits and tribal or aboriginal groups are encouraged and will add strength to the proposal.
- Conservation projects are not limited to SFI certified lands. Desirable projects will have implications or benefits that are applicable to other sites, or which may be adaptable to a larger scale.
- Conservation applications which include significant matching resources from other sources will be given the highest consideration. Projects that demonstrate the impact or contribution of SFI certified lands to conservation attributes of broad interest to the conservation community will be of particular interest.
- Community partnership grants, though smaller, play an important role in fulfilling SFI’s responsibility to communities, through support for forest-based activities, or through demonstration of the value of SFI certified lands or products.

Program Overview
Since the program’s inception in 2010, SFI has awarded more than 50 SFI Conservation and Community Partnerships grants, totaling more than $1.9 million, to foster conservation and community-building projects. When leveraged with project partner contributions, that total investment exceeds $7.1 million.

In 2014, SFI awarded more than $400,000 to 10 conservation projects and 8 community based projects as part of its 2014 Conservation and Community Partnerships Grant Program. These projects support efforts towards continuous improvement in sustainable forest management and forest conservation throughout the United States and Canada.

Specific guidelines for the 2015 Conservation and Community Partnerships Grant program will be issued in August of this year.

Questions??
Questions regarding the 2015 SFI Conservation and Community Partnerships Grant program should be directed as follows:

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