



# LONGLEAF ENHANCEMENT FUND for Nurseries and Seed Production

The Longleaf Alliance (TLA) is soliciting proposals that will increase the quantity and quality of longleaf pine seedling production at established longleaf nurseries or seed producers across the range. Awards to incent the selected projects will be paid upon verification of completion of the enhancement.

**Why expand longleaf seedling production?** We seek to increase the acreage of longleaf pine restored annually, in recognition of increasing incentives for private landowners choosing longleaf. This funding, derived from a NFWF LLSF award, can help address known bottlenecks to production in seed supply or seedling production. We invite proposals from \$25,000 to \$500,000 in this 2024 cycle. If your proposal exceeds these parameters, please call to discuss.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

<p><b>Step 1: Contact</b></p>	<p>Producers who seek to grow can find assistance to address known bottlenecks that limit production, including capacity, equipment, or production efficiency. Contact TLA to discuss your project.</p>
<p><b>Step 2: Apply</b> (<a href="#">Online Form</a>)</p>	<p>TLA works with you on your <i>confidential</i> proposal detailing the intended enhancement, budget, time to implement, and expected impact of the project. Some projects may require seed money to start. Unreimbursed costs can be used as in-kind match towards the grant and will strengthen your proposal. <b>Deadline to apply: April 30, 2024</b></p>
<p><b>Step 3: Team Review</b></p>	<p>The Proposal Evaluation Team (formed of Federal, State, Private, and NGO partners) will evaluate and rank the completed applications received, maintain confidentiality, and select the projects to incent based upon impact, additive benefit, time to implement, and cost.</p>
<p><b>Step 4: Implement Project</b> (If selected)</p>	<p>Awards notification expected in June; finalize Agreement and implement project. After the work is complete, TLA conducts a site visit to certify the work and document. If the project can't be completed in the agreed upon time, contact TLA to modify the Agreement.</p>
<p><b>Step 5: Receiving Award</b> (Project reimbursement)</p>	<p>For reimbursement, the producer will provide TLA with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter quantifying and reporting the realized benefit.</li> <li>• A letter and invoice requesting reimbursement and detailing costs of the enhancement(s).</li> <li>• Financing and reimbursement arrangements can be flexibly arranged based upon the proposal.</li> </ul>

**Longleaf Enhancement Fund Contact:** Ad Platt, The Longleaf Alliance, [ad@longleafalliance.org](mailto:ad@longleafalliance.org) or 850-982-8480

**Online Application Form:** <https://longleaf.info/EnhancementFund>

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