



LONGLEAF ENHANCEMENT FUND for Seed and Seedling Production

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

Why enhance longleaf seed and seedling production? We seek to increase the efficiency and security of longleaf pine restoration, reduce costs of producers contributing to what is now the second most planted conifer in the U.S., and to improve planting material for all choosing longleaf. This funding can help address known bottlenecks in seed supply or seedling production. We invite proposals from \$25,000 to \$250,000 in this 2026 cycle. If your proposal exceeds these parameters, please reach out.

APPLICATION PROCESS

<p>Step 1: Contact</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>Step 2: Apply (Online Form)</p>	<p>TLA works with you on your confidential 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. Deadline to apply: June 30, 2026</p>
<p>Step 3: Team Review</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>Step 4: Implement Project (If selected)</p>	<p>Awards notification expected in August; leading to the formal Agreement and to project implementation. Upon completion, 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>Step 5: Receiving Award (Project reimbursement)</p>	<p>For reimbursement, the producer will provide TLA with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter quantifying and reporting and detailing the realized benefit. • Invoice and supporting documents for reimbursement costs of the enhancement(s). • Financing and reimbursement arrangements can be flexibly arranged based upon the proposal.

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

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