CONSERVATION FINANCE NETWORK

Welcome to the 2027 Conservation Finance Boot Camp application! The Conservation Finance Network will host the course from June 8-11, 2027 at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO in partnership with CSU's Center for Collaborative Conservation. We will also hold a session to introduce key concepts on zoom on May 11, 2027, which Boot Camp participants are required to participate in.

The ideal Boot Camp applicant is someone who is looking for an introduction to the range of Conservation Finance tools. Before filling out this application, please review our Boot Camp webpage for responses to frequently asked questions, information about ideal applicants, and materials from previous Boot Camps.

This application will take about 30 minutes to complete. Please answer all questions in this application; we will not review incomplete applications. The website also includes a PDF copy of this application should you wish to review the questions before beginning the application. We recommend saving your responses to the short answer

questions in a separate document and pasting them into this form to prevent you from losing your work unexpectedly.

Applications are due January 17, 2027 (midnight PST). Applications submitted after the deadline will be waitlisted.

Thank you for your interest in the Conservation Finance Boot Camp. We look forward to reviewing your application!

First Name *

Last Name *

Would you like to be added to CFN's newsletter? *

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Organization Name *

Job Title *

Organization Website *

Address *

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State/Province/Region

Postal/Zip

USA

Phone Number *

LinkedIn Profile (optional)

How did you hear about the boot camp? (check all that apply) *

- [ ] Colleague

- [ ] CFN Website or Newsletter
- [ ] Social Media
- [ ] Conference or Event
- [ ] Boot Camp Alumni
- [ ] Other

If a specific person told you about the Boot Camp, please list their name

Have you applied to the Boot Camp before? *

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

What sector(s) best describe your work? *

- [ ] Land Trust
- [ ] Nonprofit conservation or resource management organization
- [ ] For-profit business, corporation, or investment firm
- [ ] Federal Agency
- [ ] State Government
- [ ] Municipal or Local Government
- [ ] Tribal/First Nation
- [ ] Other

Attendance is required for both the pre-Boot Camp introductory virtual session and throughout the full course. If admitted, are you able to attend the full Boot Camp (the pre-Boot Camp virtual session will take place May 11, and the in-person portion of the boot Camp will begin with breakfast on June 8 and go until early afternoon June 11)? *

- ○ Yes
- ○ No (explain below)

Please describe your organization or program's mission *

How many people work at your current organization (# of Full Time Equivalent Staff)? *

What is your organization's annual operating budget? *

Do you have your supervisor's approval to apply for the Boot Camp? *

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Please provide a short bio describing your current work, your role in your current organization, and your professional background (**100 words or less**) *

In what region(s) do you work? (Please note that the Boot Camp content will be geared towards the funding and legal systems in the United States) *

- [ ] United States
- [ ] North America (non-U.S.)
- [ ] South America, Central America, or the Caribbean
- [ ] Europe
- [ ] Africa
- [ ] Asia or Pacific Islands
- [ ] Australia or New Zealand
- [ ] Other region

In what region of the United States do you work? (if you work in multiple regions, please select the region(s) where your work is **most** prevalent) *

- [ ] Nationwide
- [ ] Northeast (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont)
- [ ] Mid-Atlantic (Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia)
- [ ] South (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas)
- [ ] Midwest (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South

Dakota)

- [ ] Mountain West (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming)
- [ ] Pacific Coast (California, Oregon, Washington)
- [ ] Alaska
- [ ] Hawaii
- [ ] Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and other U.S. territories
- [ ] Other or outside the U.S. (please specify)

What types of conservation lands or natural resources is your organization most focused on? (check all that apply) *

- [ ] Forests
- [ ] Farmland
- [ ] Prairies and grasslands
- [ ] Coastal areas and estuaries
- [ ] Urban parks and natural areas
- [ ] Recreational lands (includes trails)
- [ ] Rivers and wetlands
- [ ] Other focus

Please respond to these short answer questions in 3 brief sentences or less (150 words), and be as concise as possible.

How many years of conservation or conservation finance program or project experience do you have? *

Please describe your current experience with conservation finance. Please describe any specific tools you have used, and rank your overall level of familiarity (beginner, intermediate, or expert). *

What types of conservation funding and financing has your organization had experience with? (e.g. income from the land, public funding, borrowing money, ecosystem service markets, impact investing, etc.) *

What types of conservation finance tools do you most want to learn about at the Boot Camp? *

- [ ] Grants: Federal
- [ ] Grants: State or Local
- [ ] Philanthropic funding from individuals or institutions
- [ ] Creative uses of philanthropic funding (i.e. loan loss reserves, recoverable grants, guarantees)
- [ ] Corporate funding or sponsorship
- [ ] Private investment
- [ ] Outcomes-based finance
- [ ] Ecosystem service markets

- [ ] Blended finance
- [ ] Loan capital

Please describe: focus on the two tools above that you are most interested in and describe why you would like to learn about them. *

What are your greatest frustrations or challenges with funding and financing your conservation work? *

How do you plan to make use of insight, information, and professional connections gained from the Boot Camp? *

Are you working on a specific project, programmatic challenge, or initiative that could benefit from consultation at the Boot Camp? (This is strongly recommended but not required. We have found that attendees working on a specific initiative are best suited to learn from and take action on content presented at the Boot Camp.) *

- ○ Yes (please describe below)
- ○ No
- ○ Maybe

If you answered yes or maybe, please describe your specific project; Descriptions can include an overview of the project/issue, how much money is needed, timeline, location, key challenges, etc. We will use responses to this question to identify a few projects to workshop during the Boot Camp. (**If you selected no, type N/A**) *

If selected, would you be interested in presenting this project as part of the Boot Camp? *

- ○ Yes
- ○ Maybe
- ○ No

If selected to attend the Boot Camp, will you or your organization be able to cover the $3,300 tuition plus lodging and travel costs? (*Please note that we have a very limited number of tuition scholarships available which are most often provided by foundations to sponsor their grantees or to support attendees from small and under resourced organizations.*) *

- ○ Yes
- ○ Maybe (may need partial scholarship support for tuition)
- ○ No (would need full scholarship support for tuition)

In 1-2 sentences, please describe your scholarship need and the amount you need to be able to attend the Boot Camp. We are not able to cover travel and lodging costs through scholarships, just the cost of tuition. Please note that if scholarship funds are available, they will be very limited. (**If you selected no, type N/A**) *

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