# 2026/27 CDFW Mojave Desert Tortoise Recovery Solicitation Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can applicants upload supplementary tables, figures, references as an additional document or is this not advised?

   Yes, supplementary information can be uploaded to the attachments section of the WebGrants application.

2. How many projects and how much funding per project is anticipated?

   CDFW has not defined how many projects will be awarded or the size of each award. This will be determined by the applications that are submitted.

3. The proposal length is quite short. Do you have any advice for how to use the limited space wisely to make a compelling application?

   If more space is needed to describe the proposal, additional information can be uploaded in the attachments section of the application.

4. Is there a more specific map for applicable lands where the grants can be used?

   No, other than the counties identified in the solicitation as being in the range and recovery unit of the Mojave Desert Tortoise (Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino), CDFW does not have a more specific map.

5. Can you address the balance between "research" and practical application of methods (e.g. acreage treated)?

   Research projects are not eligible for funding through this solicitation. Project activities should focus on the on-the-ground recovery efforts for the Mojave Desert tortoise.

6. Is a tiered approach to funding advised? If a project with a larger budget is submitted, would the agency be willing to discuss how to scale back the project, or would this project be more likely to be rejected?

   It is allowable for applicants to split a project into phases. The budget should show the costs associated with each phase as well as the total project cost. CDFW may elect to fund a portion of a project if funding the entire project is not feasible.

7. Can you define or list what are considered research projects?

   Research or scientific projects are empirical in nature and focus on gathering data or testing a hypothesis rather than implementing recovery actions.

8. Eligibility: it was mentioned that a private organization/member of the team could be a sub-consultant. Are there any further parameters? There are multiple private organizations on our team and they aren't "sub-consultants", more like partners in the work.

   If a Grantee wishes to subcontract out for some project activities, they must have an agreement in writing with the subcontractor and submit this document to the CDFW grant manager. In addition, the subcontracts must meet the conditions described in the CDFW General Terms and Conditions.

9. Can there be a research component involved in a project that is acceptable to the grant?

   With the limited funding available, including research components in a proposal is not recommended.

10. Can the grant have an outreach to the community, signage, presentations, or educational component as part of the activities for the project?

    Project activities should focus on on-the-ground recovery efforts for the Mojave Desert tortoise.

11. Are projects that work primarily on federal land (e.g. BLM) eligible?

    Yes, works on federal lands are eligible as long as the applicant can demonstrate they have access to the site through a MOU or landowner access agreement.