

# SOFAR Collaborative Project Guidelines

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SOFAR Project

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If an entity wishes to use the SOFAR Collaborative's name for a grant application: (1) Present the project to the Collaborative; (2) Provide a written summary of the proposed project, (3) If no one in the Collaborative opposes the project, it then has a SOFAR stamp of approval (per the charter decision-making guidelines).

Further, when a grant application describes a project as "within the SOFAR area," it is important to specify whether or not the project was put forth for Collaborative support/consensus.

## Draft Grant Language

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Some grant funding organizations (e.g., Sierra Nevada Conservancy) give funding preference to projects endorsed by collaborative groups with open and diverse stakeholder representation. For this reason, it is necessary to ensure that grant funding organizations do not confuse grant applications for projects that have been vetted by and received the endorsement of the South Fork American River Cohesive Strategy Collaborative with grant applications for projects that include mention of or relating to the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy, but have not been vetted or endorsed by the SOFAR Collaborative. To ensure this distinction is clear to grant funding organizations, the following language should be promptly included in all grant applications for projects in El Dorado County that include mention of "Cohesive Strategy."

If a project has been brought before the SOFAR Collaborative and received consensus support and the grant applicant chooses to include mention of "Cohesive Strategy" in the grant application:

**The proposed project has been vetted and received consensus endorsement by the South Fork American River Cohesive Strategy Collaborative.**

If a project has not been brought before the SOFAR Collaborative and received consensus support and the grant applicant chooses to include mention of "Cohesive Strategy" in the grant application:

**The proposed project is within the South Fork American River Cohesive Strategy project area. However, the proposed project has not been vetted or received consensus endorsement by the SOFAR Collaborative.**