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REWILDING THE
INDIAN EASTERN
HIMALAYAN GRANT



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INTRODUCING : BALIPARA FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT FOR 'REWILDING THE EASTERN HIMALAYAS'

Rewilding is about restoring the natural ecosystems and landscapes that make life on this planet possible today. The development of nature through rewilding is an opportunity for a new economy. It enhances the lives and livelihoods of our local communities.

Earth Heroes around the Eastern Himalayas are weaving wondrous blue and green ribbons of wilderness that wrap the Earth in beauty, offering the promise of a better future, and habitats for all.

Balipara Foundation with a vision towards Rewilding our collective Future across the Indian Eastern Himalayas, is hereby delighted to announce a social grant of INR 5,00,000, this year to honour and support an individual or community organization working towards implementing a conservation model that is helping to rebuild healthy ecosystems, restoring habitat for plants and wildlife and enhancing community engagement in the process. The grant will facilitate field activities and provide an opportunity to leverage this support to make their work more sustainable.

Parameters to Apply for the Grant

APPLICABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS/COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES/ COMMUNITY-RUN ORGANISATIONS

- The project should be based in the Indian Eastern Himalayan region.
- Preference will be given to project proposals from Assam, Mizoram, Meghalaya Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh states of the Indian Eastern Himalayan belt.
- The project must be aligned to the theme of 'Rewilding the Indian Eastern Himalaya'.
- The project should cover a minimum area of 25 Hectares and cover a minimum of 25,000 saplings in the area.
- Project impacts must be measurable and appropriate indicators must be provided.



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- Projects designed to engage and enhance well being of forest-fringe indigenous communities, women, youth in the will be given preference.
- Approximately 80% of the total grant should cover programme operations. The budget layout should clarify the operations verticals (Travel, miscellaneous expenses needs to be justified in the proposal) and assets (infrastructural building) specifically. Funding must be used predominantly towards field-based activities.
- Preference will be given to projects which already have a community conservation framework/restored habitats site and have already been a part of the rewilding journey.
- Applications will only be accepted through the online grants portal on The Balipara Foundation website .
- Successful applicants must submit quarterly reports and a final report on the work by the Balipara Foundation.
- The applications will be reviewed through a structured process that would assess in detail the impacts of the program, deliverables and sustainability of the proposed work.

Mentorship: The Balipara Foundation is pleased to announce a dedicated mentorship module for the **Rewilding project** dedicated under its **social grants**, to enhance scientific intervention for the selected individual/ community organization, support technology utilization & facilitation and strengthening implementation strategies of the project in the proposed site with knowledge and technical support from the Balipara Foundation consultation team. The Mentorship module will include-

- a) Nurturing the recipient of the grant to enhance skill training and development in the rewilding journey.
- b) Assisting and guiding in documentation and formulation of the programme.
- c) Orchestrating in-depth discussions/ panels with policy makers/businesses/ government/local NGOs – bringing forward the community model to the global audience.

