

Corn Dust Research Consortium (CDRC)
Frequently Asked Questions
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- 1. The RFP does not specify specific amounts for each research questions. Do you intend to divide the money between the two research questions evenly?**

Principal Investigators may apply to address either or both of the proposed projects. We have a pooled resource of about \$300,000 that will cover the funding for the projects. The Consortium will allocate the funding between the project questions based on the proposals received. Proposals will be considered that address any and all project questions (1-4).

- 2. How will the grant be awarded?**

Proposals will be evaluation, ranked and discussed by the full CDRC. The CDRC will deliberate and reach a consensus on the best proposals to fund. The CDRC will notify research applications of their proposal status via mail (and/or email).

- 3. Does the CDRC Request for Proposal cover overhead?**

The standing policy for the Pollinator Partnership as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization is to not pay overhead on funded research grants.

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- 4. How will the funds be dispersed?**

The CDRC proposes funding in 3 payments. Approximately 60% of funds will be dispersed upon signature of the research study contract. A second payment of 30% will be dispersed after receipt of a progress report (late summer). And the last 10% will be dispersed upon receipt and approval of a final report (winter 2015-2016). Details of this will be determined in coordination with the PI.

- 5. Will there be potential for additional years of research?**

The projects will be funded for one year, with discussion of extensions to be considered at the end of the first year.

- 6. Will multi-state proposals be viewed more favorably?**

The intent is to evaluate factors that can reduce honey bee exposure to corn seed dust in the US Midwest and all North American corn production areas and in the main corn growing areas of Canada. Ideally, field investigations should be replicated in multiple locations in these regions. However, we are open to benefits that are explained in each proposal. Status as multi or single state will not impact project evaluations.

7. Who is the review panel comprised of?

The Corn Dust Research Consortium intends to include at least one representative or advisor from each primary sponsoring organization (industry, beekeeping, academia, government, and conservation). The CDRC will also seek input from regulatory agencies, including the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA). The exact composition of the CDRC is posted on the Pollinator Partnership website.

8. Is there any position that P2 takes on these research questions?

The Pollinator Partnership, along with all the CDRC, is eager to see the results of the scientific inquiries and will develop positions based on those results. The CDRC has been formed to review proposals and oversee the project execution, including review and comment on study protocols, draft reports and presentation materials prior to their execution and public release. Final decisions on technical interpretation of the study findings and content of study reports, publications and presentations will be made by the PI and his/her study personnel. The role of the CDRC on these matters will be advisory.