

## **APPLYING FOR AN OCEAN FUND GRANT**

### **The Process**

The Ocean Fund Award selection process is by invitation only.

#### **Ongoing:**

Emails of inquiry may be sent to [OceanFund@rccl.com](mailto:OceanFund@rccl.com) with a short description of your organization's history, mission, programs and link to your website within the body of the email (attachments will not be reviewed). Due to the volume of email inquiries, only organizations being considered for invitation will receive correspondence.

#### **February - April 2010:**

Organizations are reviewed for potential invitation to submit a letter of interest to Ocean Fund. Invitations to submit an initial letter of interest will be sent to selected organizations on April 29th.

#### **May 2010**

Letters of interest are due on May 30th and must include the project's objectives in the areas of climate change, key marine species, technology, and/or targeted education of Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. stakeholders and communities as applicable and long term conservation impact.

#### **June 2010**

Letters of Interest are reviewed and prioritized based on long term conservation impact and focus within the following categories: climate change, key marine species, technology and targeted education of Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. stakeholders and communities. A committee of experts will be assembled to review the letters of interest and establish the request for proposal nominee list.

A request for proposals and an Ocean Fund Grant Template will be emailed to all nominated organizations, based on the committee's recommendations by June 30, 2009.

#### **July - September 15, 2010:**

Complete Ocean Fund Grant proposals (using the template provided) are due by September 15, 2010, 6:00 PM EST. Should you have questions please review our FAQ section (*coming soon*), if you still need assistance please contact us at [OceanFund@rccl.com](mailto:OceanFund@rccl.com).

#### **December 2010:**

A committee of marine conservation experts and cruise line executives meets to evaluate the proposals.

#### **January 2011:**

Grant notification letters are sent to all applicants.