

## 2017 Tallassee Fund Request for Proposals

### Proposals due November 3, 2017

The Board of the Tallassee Fund is soliciting proposals for natural resource stewardship grants in the Little Tennessee River watershed. The Tallassee Fund (“Fund”) was established to finance natural resource stewardship activities through a Settlement Agreement among numerous parties in the relicensing proceeding for FERC hydropower Project No. 2169-020 (“Project”) on the Little Tennessee River in Tennessee and North Carolina. The Fund’s board is comprised of representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, The Nature Conservancy, National Parks Conservation Association, Tennessee Clean Water Network and American Rivers.

Natural resource stewardship proposals the Fund considers include, but are not limited to the following:

- Threatened and endangered species recovery efforts
- Ecosystem enhancements and restoration
- Management and control of exotic species
- Environmental outreach and education
- Cultural resource preservation
- Land acquisition

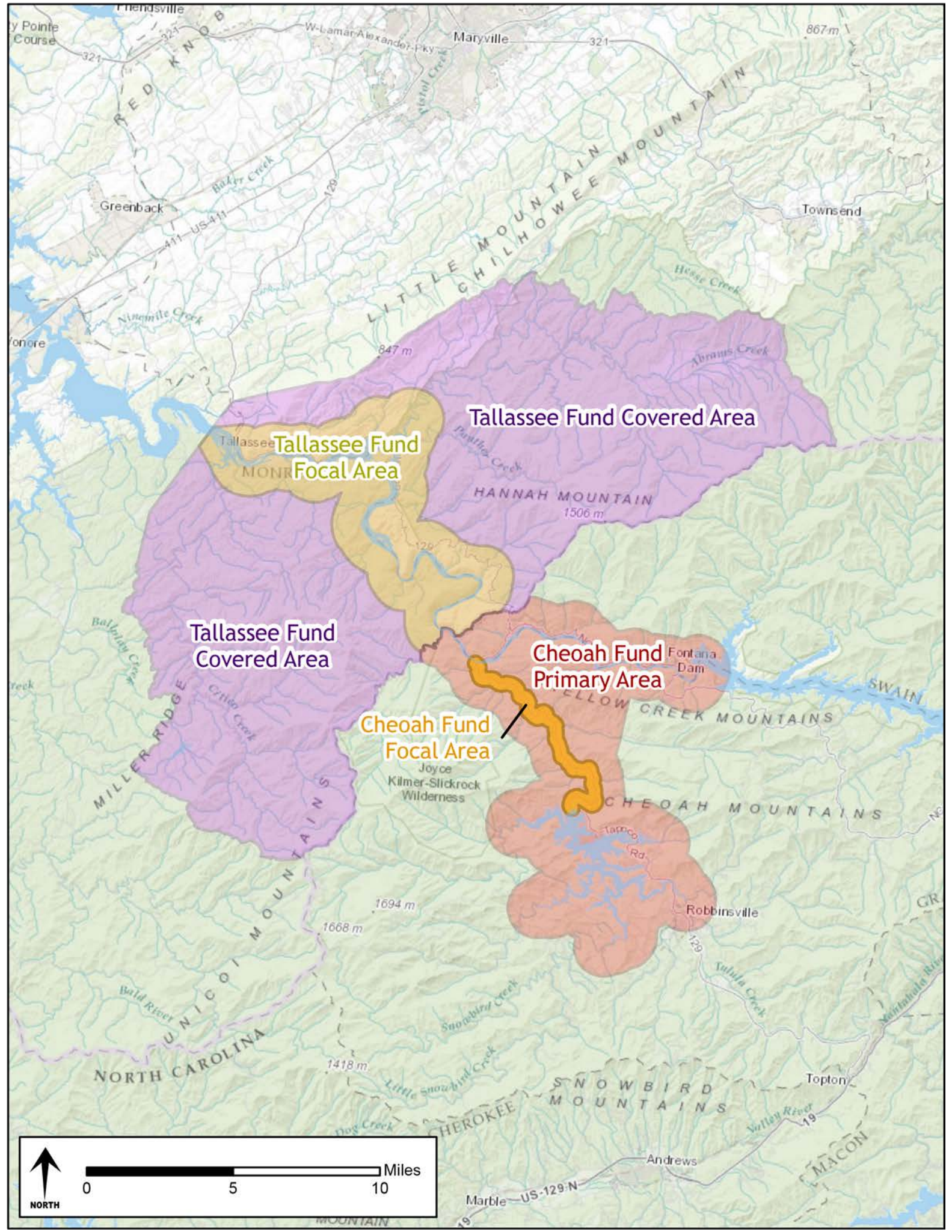
The Tallassee Fund’s intent is to mitigate the continuing environmental and social impacts associated with the operation of the Chilhowie and Calderwood hydroelectric facilities; therefore, mitigation and enhancement proposals for projects should directly or indirectly address these impacts. Geographically, proposals are limited to the Little Tennessee River or on the adjacent watershed of the Little Tennessee River in Tennessee, that directly or indirectly relate to the Project and non-project lands in the Little Tennessee River in Blount and Monroe Counties in Tennessee. Project lands generally can be described as those lands on and adjacent to Calderwood and Chilhowie reservoirs within the Little Tennessee River watershed. Further details including maps are provided on our website:

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The Fund will consider funding proposals for projects that will be implemented in 2018. Multiple year projects will be also be considered. Proposals should be succinct (5 pages or less) and include a project introduction, objectives, approach, budget, and timeline. Match is not required although applicants are encouraged to document additional sources of funding that will be applied to their project.

**Proposals are due by 5 pm eastern on November 3, 2017.** Proposals should be submitted via email with the subject line “2017 Tallassee Fund Proposal” to Bryan Tompkins at [bryan\\_tompkins@fws.gov](mailto:bryan_tompkins@fws.gov). For questions, please contact Bryan Tompkins via email or phone at 828-258-3939 ext. 240.

Proposals awarded funding will be required to submit a final report. Multiple year proposals will also submit yearly interim reports. **Annual reports from previous grantees are also due on November 3, 2017.**



Tallassee Fund Covered Area

Tallassee Fund Focal Area

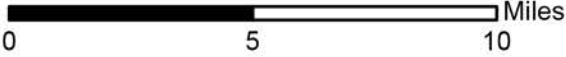
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