



ROAD TO RECOVERY

RFI Informational Forum

RFI Foro Informativo

January 7, 2026

Credit: Hugo Cobos





Welcome

Purpose of today's forum

- Share information about the R2R RFI
- Clarify who should respond and why
- Answer common questions



A Greater Sage-Grouse is shown in its natural habitat, displaying its iconic long, spiky feathers (tympani) and a bright yellow vent. The bird is facing towards the right of the frame. The background is a soft-focus green field.

What is this Request for Interest

Purpose of this RFI

- Gauge Working Group interest
- Inform future funding priorities
- Tailor technical support

This RFI proceeds an RFP process.
The RFP stage will be by invitation.





Overview of the Grant Opportunity

- Tipping Point Species only
- Geographic scope: U.S., Canada, Latin America, and Caribbean
- Emphasis on collaborative, multi-institutional Working Groups
- Information gathering for future opportunities



Three Tiers of Grant Support

R2R is using a tiered system to:

- Support groups in all phases of recovery
- Support progress towards recovery action
- Match funding levels to needs and capacity



Tier 1: Developing and Organizing

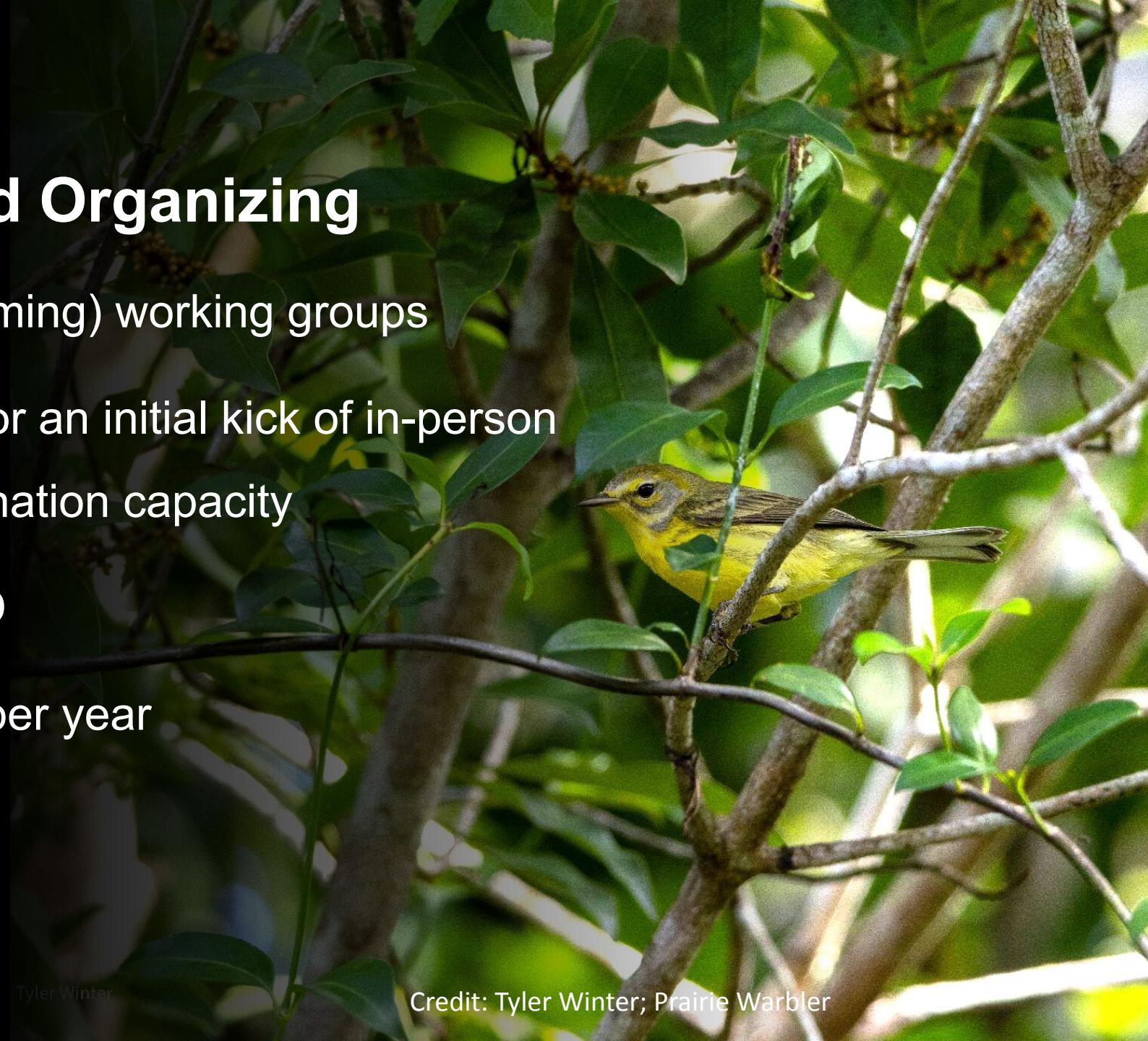
WHO: Newly forming (or re-forming) working groups

Example activities: Funding for an initial kick of in-person meeting, travel support, coordination capacity

Award size: Up to 25,000 USD

Number of awards: 9 total, 3 per year

Award duration: 1 year



Tyler Winter

Credit: Tyler Winter; Prairie Warbler

Tier 2: Advancing Towards Recovery

WHO: Existing groups in need of direct coordination support to continue filling knowledge gaps

Example activities: Funding a coordinator, supporting limiting factor identification

Award size: Up to 50,000 USD

Number of awards: 6 total, 2 new per year

Award duration: 1-3 years



Tier 3: Implementing Recovery

WHO: Existing groups that are ready to implement recovery action

Example activities: On the ground recovery work to mitigate identified limiting factors - engagement, outreach, equipment

Award size: Up to 100,000 USD/year

Number of awards: 4 awards

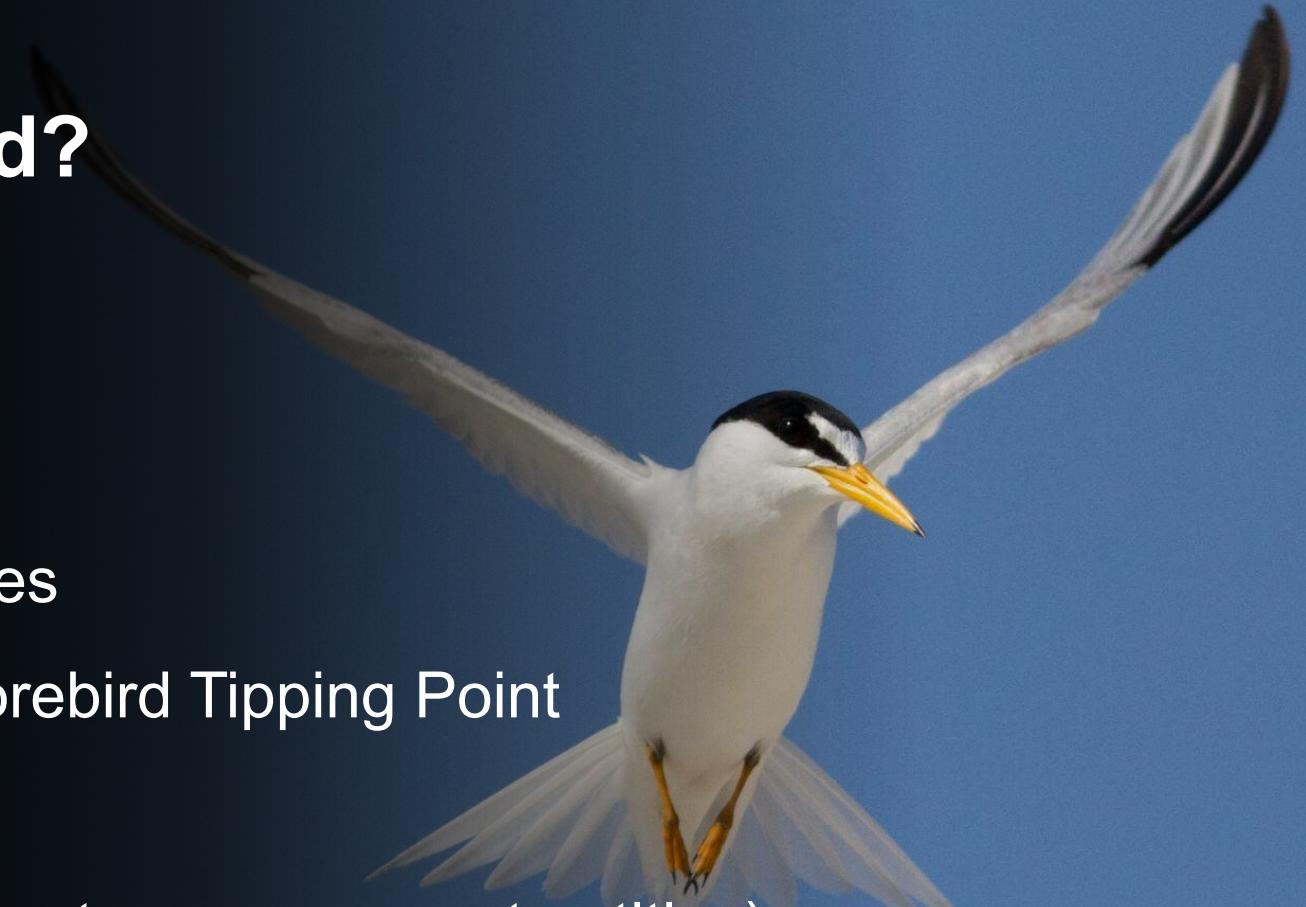
Award duration: 3 years (one base year with 2 additional years based on progress)



Credit: Kat Temple; Ruddy Turnstone

Who is eligible to respond?

- Multi-institutional working groups
- Species eligibility by tier
 - Tier 1: All Tipping Point Species
 - Tier 2 & 3: Grassland and shorebird Tipping Point species
- Organizational eligibility (tax-exempt or government entities)



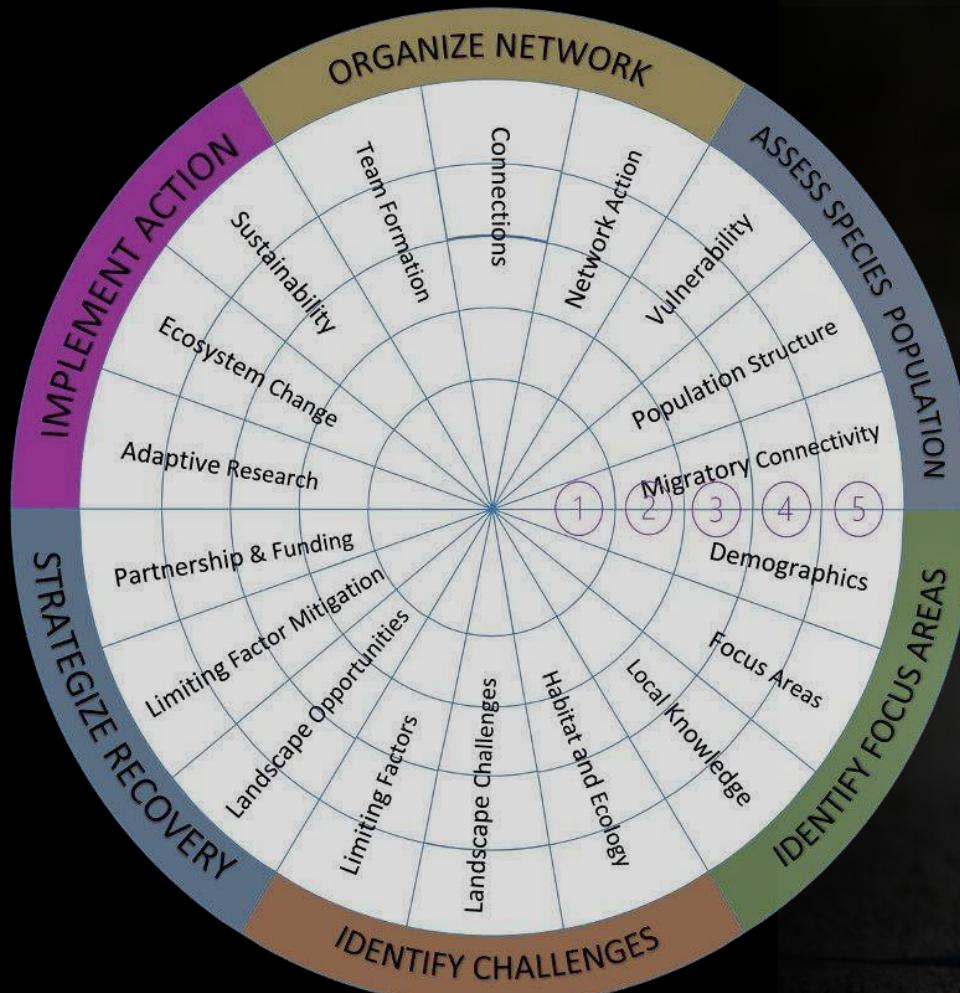
Credit: Katie Barnes; Least Tern

Preference Criteria (what strengthens a response)

- Urgency of species need - red and orange alert species
- Cross-sector and cross-geography collaboration
- Integration of biological and social approaches
- Inclusivity and equitable participation



The R2R Species Recovery Wheel



Credit: Katie Barnes; Wilson's Plover

What Information does the RFI Request?

High-level overview of required sections

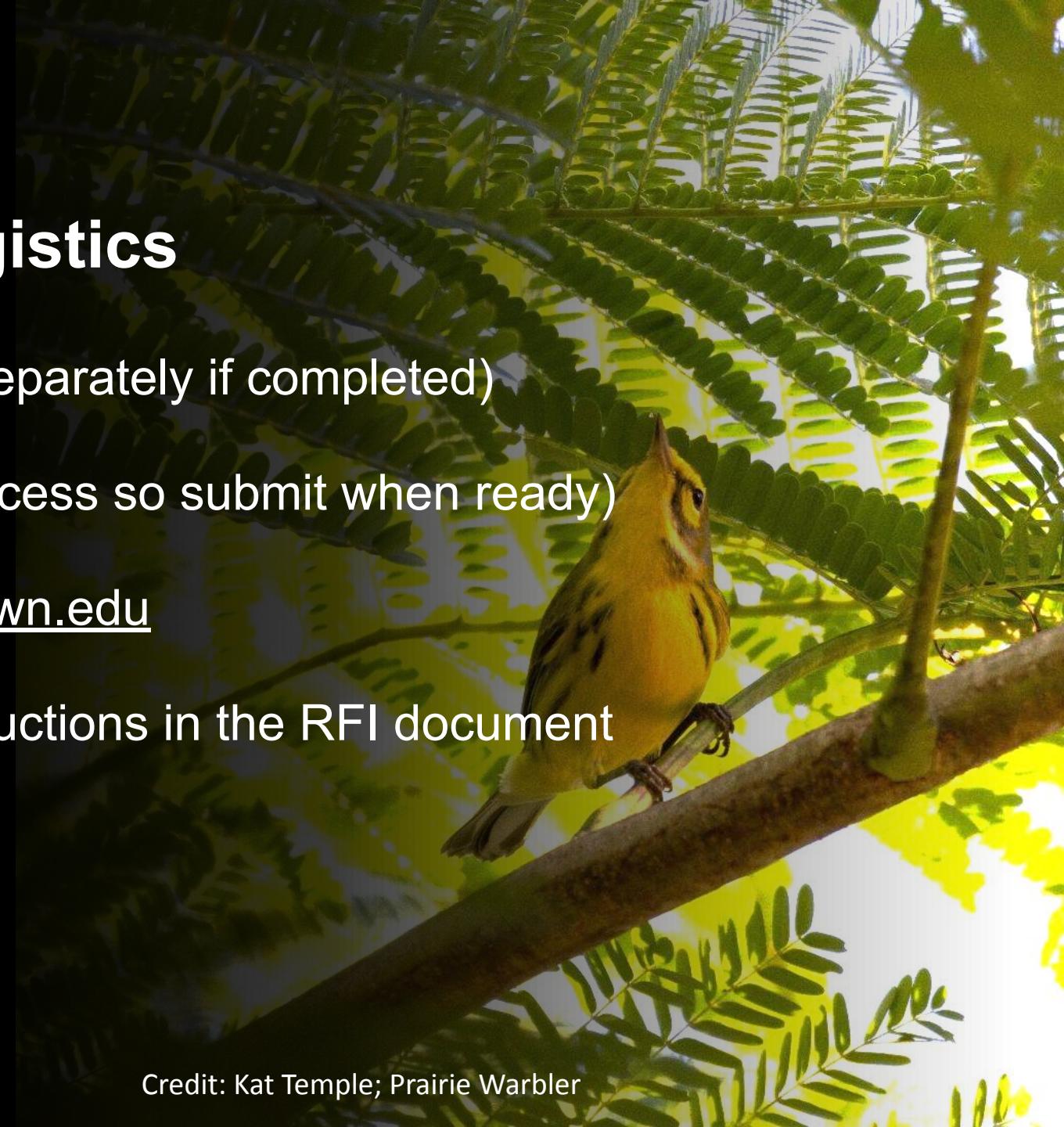
- Team overview
- Scientific factors
- Human dimensions
- Engagement with R2R framework
- Tier selection
- Needs and outcomes



Credit: David Webster, Cascadia Research Collective; Hawaiian Petrel

Submission details and logistics

- 3 page maximum (include Wheel separately if completed)
- Submit by Jan 30, 2026 (rolling process so submit when ready)
- Email submission to r2r@georgetown.edu
- Follow format and submission instructions in the RFI document



Credit: Kat Temple; Prairie Warbler

What happens after submission?

- R2R's review committee will review all submissions
- R2R will follow up with all groups
- RFP invitations will be extended to top qualifying groups
- Collaborative proposal development process with R2R





Key dates and resources

RFI Deadline: January 30, 2026

Contact email: r2r@georgetown.edu

All groups can expect a response from R2R by Spring 2026



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**We want to hear from you!
Send us your questions or visit our
website.**

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