



Program Guidelines

Recreational & Educational Development

Purpose

- The purpose of the grant is to support projects that protect and restore watersheds, ensuring clean water, healthy ecosystems, and sustainable environments. The grants aim to fund initiatives that address water quality, habitat restoration, pollution prevention, and community education, promoting long-term environmental stewardship and resilience.

Activities

- **Water Quality Monitoring:** Conduct regular testing and monitoring of water bodies to assess and track water quality.
- **Habitat Restoration:** Restore natural habitats by planting native vegetation, removing invasive species, and creating riparian buffers.
- **Pollution Prevention:** Implement measures to reduce pollution from stormwater runoff, agricultural practices, and industrial activities.
- **Community Clean-Up Events:** Organize community events to clean up rivers, streams, and wetlands, removing litter and debris.
- **Educational Programs:** Develop and deliver educational programs and workshops on watershed protection, water conservation, and sustainable practices.

Ineligible

- **Private Property Projects:** Grants cannot be used for projects that benefit private properties or individual interests.
- **Operational Costs:** Funding cannot be used for regular operational expenses, such as salaries, office supplies, or utilities.
- **Non-Watershed Related Projects:** Projects that do not directly contribute to watershed protection, such as unrelated infrastructure improvements, are ineligible.
- **Political or Religious Activities:** Grants cannot support activities that promote political agendas, religious doctrines, or any specific political or religious group.
- **Routine Maintenance:** Applications solely for routine maintenance of existing facilities without significant enhancements or new developments will not be considered.
- **Completed Projects:** Funding cannot be awarded for projects that have already been completed or are in progress prior to the grant application submission.
- **Capital Campaigns:** Grants cannot be used for general fundraising or capital campaigns not directly linked to specific watershed protection projects.