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ABOUT TETON CONSERVATION DISTRICT GRANTS

Teton Conservation District (TCD) provides grant funding for natural resource conservation projects through our annual Partners in Conservation (PIC) grant program. TCD prioritizes grant applications that support our [2020-2025 Strategic & Long-Range Plans](#) and demonstrate a benefit to the environment and/or community in one or more of the following grant categories:

- **Land:** TCD cooperates with public land managers and private landowners to support agriculture, including production of agricultural goods and vegetation monitoring on public land grazing allotments. Other areas of interest include soil sampling and analysis, irrigation infrastructure improvements, community and school garden projects, and more.
- **Water:** TCD prioritizes preserving water resources by dedicating staff time and funding to monitor and address water quality issues, waterbody health, aquatic habitat, flooding, and erosion. Current areas of focus include stormwater and wastewater management, nutrient pollution, and drinking water.
- **Vegetation:** We prioritize maintaining and restoring native vegetation through education, on-the-ground actions, and partnerships. We support landowners and partners in decreasing the presence of invasive species on the landscape, promoting native plant education and use, and reducing the risk from wildfire on private land.
- **Wildlife:** Through a combination of staff expertise and grants, TCD works to support healthy populations of native species, protect habitat, limit human-wildlife conflict, foster wildlife permeability, and quantify and mitigate the impacts of development on wildlife and natural resources.
- **Geographic Information Systems (GIS):** TCD staff specialize in geospatial data creation, analysis, and cartography, and provide technical expertise and recommendations to decision makers to assist with natural resource conservation.
- **Sustainability:** TCD supports and leads initiatives to conserve natural resources, including recycling, composting, hazardous waste disposal, and alternative energy efforts.
- **Education:** TCD supports conservation education efforts, such as school projects and lessons, symposiums and events, publications, and more.

GRANT GUIDELINES & ELIGIBILITY

- Projects must be located within the district boundaries or serve the district's residents and/or environment. The district boundaries encompass Teton County, Wyoming and Wyoming's portion of Yellowstone National Park.

- Nonprofits, businesses, educational institutions, government agencies, individuals/landowners, and other types of entities are welcome to apply for a PIC grant.
- Applicants may apply for funding for up to 50% of the total project budget. Matching funds may come from direct dollar and/or in-kind contributions.
- There is no minimum or maximum limit on the amount of funding you can request in a grant application. Typical requests range from \$2,000 to \$10,000.
- Grant funding may be awarded in advance of your project start date or as reimbursement after project completion.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much can I ask for? There is no minimum or maximum limit on grant requests. Typical requests range from \$2,000 to \$10,000. TCD staff are available to discuss funding request amounts.

What types of projects have been funded in the past? TCD prioritizes projects that support our work and goals outlined in our [2020-2025 Strategic & Long-Range Plans](#). TCD does not typically fund grant administration overhead, staff time, indirect costs, and capital equipment purchases with a lifetime beyond the project timeframe. Capital expenses for the project duration are acceptable. TCD may provide partial funding or select the most appropriate parts of your application for funding.

When will I get the funding if I'm successful? TCD prefers to distribute grant funds as a reimbursement after your project is complete. You will receive your check upon submission of your Final Grant Report, which requires documentation of spent funds. TCD acknowledges that certain projects require funding in advance of your project start date. In these cases, TCD can provide funding to the grant recipient before the project begins. If this applies to your project, you will signify on your application that you require funding in advance of your project start date. If TCD determines that we can accommodate your request, a check will be sent within two weeks of TCD's receipt of your signed award letter.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

STEP 1: If you have further questions or seek guidance on your grant application, email lizc@tetonconservation.org or call Liz Collins at (307) 733-2110. Our program experts often provide feedback on draft applications, but please get in touch with us *at least* two weeks before the application deadline to allow us adequate time to assist you.

STEP 2: Complete the Grant Application Cover Page & Narrative Form and the Grant Application Budget. You can download these documents at: www.tetonconservation.org/pic-grant-application. If you're unable to apply for a grant using a computer, hardcopy applications are available upon request. At the link above, we also provide an Example Grant Application Cover Page & Narrative. An example budget is included in the third tab of the Grant Application Budget spreadsheet.

STEP 3: Submit an electronic copy of your grant application by email to Liz Collins, Grants and Communications Specialist at lizc@tetonconservation.org. **PIC grant applications are due by 5:00 p.m. (MT) on February 1, 2024.** All grant applications need to include the following:

1. **Grant Application Cover Page & Narrative** – Required.
2. **Application Budget** – Required.
3. **Landowner Letter of Authorization** - Required only if your project is taking place on private land and the landowner is not the applicant. If this applies to your project, include a signed letter from the landowner(s) authorizing the Applicant Representative to apply for a grant for work to be conducted on their land.
4. **Supplemental Materials** - Optional. You may attach supplemental materials such as additional technical or scientific information, photos, maps, diagrams, letters of support, or anything else that supports your application. Please compile your supplemental materials into one document if possible. Note that your supplemental materials will be printed multiple times; please consider the number of pages you attach.

STEP 4: PIC applicant finalists will have the opportunity for a 5-minute presentation and 10-minute question and answer session with the Teton Conservation District board. The board will have reviewed your application prior to your presentation.