

# Spring 2022 Sustainable Agriculture Enhancement Grants

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*Chaffee County Grants Portal*

## *Organization Information*

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**Organization Information.** If the applicant is a program within a governmental agency such as US Forest Service, BLM, Colorado State Forest Service, a Department of Chaffee County Government, etc. then questions such as Year Founded, Mission Statement, Financial Information should not be completed.

### **Year Founded**

*Character Limit: 4*

### **Mission Statement**

*Character Limit: 1500*

### **Geographic Area Served (specific to this proposal)**

#### **Choices**

All of Chaffee County

A part of Chaffee County (Describe below)

Chaffee County and surrounding region (Describe below)

Other (Describe below)

### **Tax Exemption Status: (Check all that apply)**

#### **Tax Exempt Status.**

#### **Choices**

501(c)(3) nonprofit-public charity

Government agency

Using a fiscal agent/fiscal sponsor, identify below

Tax exempt entity or nonprofit other than 501(c)(3), describe below

## *Geographic Area - Description*

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### **Description of Geographic Area Served (specific to this proposal)**

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## *Tax exempt entity or nonprofit other than 501(c)(3)*

**Describe your non-profit and tax exempt status since not 501(c)(3).**

*Character Limit: 750*

## *Grant Request Information*

### **Project Name\***

*Character Limit: 100*

### **Amount of Request**

*Request minimum: \$1,000 per year*

*Request maximum: \$100,000 per year*

*Character Limit: 20*

What amount of the requested funds are for:

- a) direct payments to landowners, for example for conservation easement or program funds
- b) direct project costs (materials, contractors, project staff)
- c) overhead or administrative costs.

*Character Limit: 1000*

If the full amount requested is not available fill in a minimum amount you believe would allow a scaled-back version of this program to be viable.\*

*Character Limit: 20*

### **Eligible funding organization or applicant types: (Check all that apply)\***

#### **Choices**

Chaffee County Rancher or Farmer

Federal Agency

State Agency

Nonprofit organizations including ditch companies

For Profit organization

Other

## *Proposal*

### **One-page Summary\***

Provide a one-page summary of the programs, proposed activities and specific measurable results that will result from this proposed grant.

*Character Limit: 3000*

## *Narrative*

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**NARRATIVE.** The six areas in the narrative section describe the specific factors that will be scored in ranking grant applications. The questions under each heading are to guide you in providing information concerning your proposed grant. Please provide specific measurable results where applicable.

### **I. IMPACT TO COMMON GROUND PROGRAM GOALS AND THE COMMUNITY VISION – Maximum 55 points**

**It is understood that many proposals will not cover all areas.**

#### **A. Agricultural Sustainability\***

Describe how many acres of agricultural land will be enhanced by the proposal. If any of the land to be enhanced is outside of Chaffee County list this separately. Describe the purpose of the enhancement and how it will make the land more sustainable.

*Character Limit: 1500*

#### **B. Forest Health and Fire Resilience\***

Describe if and how the proposal addresses forest health and fire resilience. Describe how it is related to the Chaffee County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), a local CWPP, or another community-based assessment of wildfire risk (provide a reference). Describe how the proposal is related to the CWPP Treatment Priority Area Map. How many acres that are being impacted are in the Highest, Higher, High or Moderate priority areas.

*Character Limit: 3000*

#### **C. Recreation Impact Management\***

Describe if and how the proposal relates to managing recreation impacts. Describe whether it protects or improves water quality, reduces conflicts between agricultural operations and recreation users, and/or reduces the impacts of recreation to wildlife.

*Character Limit: 1500*

#### **D. Wildlife and Habitat\***

Describe if and how the proposal will:

- Support Threatened and Endangered species or Colorado State Species of Special Concern;
- support areas of high biodiversity as identified by the County Biodiversity Map;
- support and protect significant wetlands and/or riparian areas;
- have positive impacts on wildlife, for example elk/mule deer/bighorn sheep migration corridors and winter range, fall black bear concentration areas, lynx habitat and/or

aquatic habitats as summarized in the Composite Habitat Map. How is the proposal area rated on the Composite Habitat Map?

*Character Limit: 1500*

### **E. Water\***

Describe if and how the proposal includes protection and continued use of water rights. Describe the water right(s) protected including location, priority date, quantity of water diverted, how the water is delivered and used. Describe whether the proposal will enhance water quality or include or protect flood irrigation areas.

*Character Limit: 1500*

### **F. Scenic Views\***

Explain if and how the proposal addresses scenic views. Describe how the proposal directly impacts scenic views in the following areas:

- Areas with high visual exposure on scenic byways (US285, 291, 50 or 24), the Arkansas River corridor and/or unique scenic quality of regional importance and scale;
- areas with significant visual exposure from secondary travel routes and/or areas of high visual quality that identify community or sense of place;
- exploratory routes off of scenic byways or high-use areas such as Chalk Creek;
- areas with low visual interest or views from less traveled roads;
- areas that cannot be seen by the public or of low scenic interest.

*Character Limit: 1500*

### **G. Scale/Connectivity of impact\***

Describe how many acres the proposal will impact. Will the proposal support multiple agricultural producers and, if so, over how many probable acres? Describe how the proposal will connect to lands that are already protected. List total acreage that will be protected including the land in the proposal.

*Character Limit: 1500*

### **H. Duration\***

State how many years the results will likely remain in effect.

*Character Limit: 1500*

## **II. URGENCY AND READINESS - Maximum 12 points**

Describe the urgency of this proposal. Are there current negative impacts to be resolved? Are there imminent negative impacts? Are negative impacts likely? Describe the engagement to-date with landowners who will be involved. Is there written or verbal agreement from landowners to participate in the program, or is engagement with landowners pending?\*

*Character Limit: 1500*

### **III. PROBABILITY OF PROGRAM SUCCESS – Maximum 16 points**

Describe the applicant’s record of success in local projects of similar scope and scale, including a plan to address any experience gap. Describe public or adjacent landowner involvement to date, including planned future involvement. List project partners and describe their level of commitment. Clearly list the proposal’s projected outcomes/deliverables and how they will be measured, reported and monitored. Explain whether long-term stewardship is required to maintain benefits and how that will be funded. Describe the level of planning and preparedness to-date. Describe how the outcomes will be sustained to remain relevant. Provide a complete project budget and timeline (link to templates).\*

*Character Limit: 1500*

### **IV. FUNDING LEVERAGE - Maximum 13 points**

List both confirmed and potential cash and in-kind matching funds from other sources. For in-kind evaluation of equipment use, click here for the FEMA Equipment Rate Schedule.

Does this proposal represent a transferable solution that can be used elsewhere? If yes, please describe.

List the percentage of program administration cost requested from the Chaffee Common Ground Fund.\*

*Character Limit: 1500*

### **V. LOCAL RESOURCES - Maximum 4 points**

List the percentage of work to be completed by Chaffee County-based contractors, non-profits and staff.\*

*Character Limit: 1500*

## *Attachment 1. Organizational and Program/Project Budget Template*

### **Organizational Budget - (Do not complete if a government agency.)**

If the applicant is a nonprofit or other organization, please provide a complete budget for the organization's current fiscal year that is making the application using the link to the Organizational Budget Template provided only if you do NOT have a full 990 or 990EZ form to submit. If you are submitting a 990 as part of your application, you do not need to complete the organization budget template.

**Program or project budget** - Please provide a proposed program or project budget using the link to the Program/Project Budget template. If the request is for multi-year funding, include all years applicable to this application.

For budgeting in-kind equipment rates please use the link to the FEMA Schedule of Equipment Rates.

Once the template has been downloaded, save it to your computer, complete the information on the applicable tabs and upload below.

### **Budgets\***

Upload the completed budget template here.

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## *Attachment 2. Program or Project Timeline/Schedule*

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**Proposed Timeline/Schedule.** Include a timeline of activities anticipated in this project or program. Use the link to access and download the Timeline Template and Timeline Example with Milestones. The comments/milestones column can be used to make helpful notations or provide key milestones in the project or program.

Please download the spreadsheet, save it to your computer, complete the form and upload it through the prompt below.

### **Timeline\***

Upload your Project Timeline here.

*File Size Limit: 1 MB*

## *Attachment 3. Board of Directors List*

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**Not needed for governmental agencies**

**Include the following information for each board member:**

- Position(s) on the board (officer and committee positions)
- Term date for each board member

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## *Attachment 4. Proof of IRS Federal Tax Exempt Status*

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### **Not needed for governmental agencies**

#### **IRS Federal Tax Exempt Status**

Upload proof of IRS federal tax-exempt status, also called a Letter of Determination and/or most recent 990 series return.

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

## *Attachment 4a. Additional Information for Fiscal Agents/Fiscal Sponsors*

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#### **Fiscal Sponsor Name\***

*Character Limit: 100*

#### **Fiscal Sponsor Address\***

*Character Limit: 500*

#### **Fiscal Sponsor Website**

*Character Limit: 100*

#### **Describe the relationship with the Fiscal Sponsor\***

How long has the applicant organization used this Fiscal Sponsor? How long to you intend to continue using this fiscal sponsor? Other details of the relationship.

*Character Limit: 500*

#### **Fiscal Sponsor Contact Person\***

*Character Limit: 100*

#### **Memorandum of Understanding\***

Upload **THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** or the contract between the organization and the fiscal agent/fiscal sponsor. This must include a clear description of the duties of the fiscal agent/fiscal sponsor accepting fiscal responsibility. What funds are committed by the fiscal agent/fiscal sponsor in support of the proposal. Will the fiscal agent/fiscal sponsor charge a fee? If so, how is the fee calculated?

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#### **Fiscal Sponsor Tax Exempt Status\***

##### **Choices**

501(c)(3) nonprofit-public charity

Tax exempt entity or nonprofit other than 501(c)(3), describe below

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### **Budget Attachment**

Attachment 1 - Budget for the fiscal agent/fiscal sponsor. This should be budget and financial information related to programs that are part of this grant.

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### **Proof of IRS Federal Tax Exempt Status\***

Proof of IRS Federal Tax Exempt Status and/or latest 990 series return for the fiscal agent/fiscal sponsor.

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### **Board of Directors List\***

Upload a Board of Directors List for the fiscal agent/fiscal sponsor.

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## *Attachment 5. Anti-Discrimination Statement*

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**Not needed for governmental agencies**

### **Anti-Discrimination Statement**

Upload your organization's current anti-discrimination policy or statement that has been adopted by the board of directors.

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## *Attachment 6. List of Names and Qualifications of Key Staff*

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### **Names and Qualifications of Key Staff\***

Upload a list of Names and Qualifications of Key Staff. Provide the names and a two line summary of the qualifications of each key staff member who will be providing services or working on the proposed project including length of services with the organization. Do not provide job descriptions or resumes.

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## *Other Attachments*

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### **Other Attachments**

You can attach other documents, such as land owner or agency approvals, agreement from partners, a map of the project area if applicable or other documents that will help support elements of this grant application.



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