

2023 Forest Health & Fire Resilience Project Grants

Chaffee County Grants Portal

Organization Information

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

Description of Geographic Area Served (specific to this proposal)

Character Limit: 1500

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: \$5,000 per year

Request maximum: \$500,000 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.
- d) new staff position*

Character Limit: 500

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 types: (Check all that apply)*

Choices

- Federal Agency
- State Agency
- Nonprofit organization
- For Profit organization
- Other

Type of Grant Requested (select all that apply):*

Choices

- Funding to augment existing programming
- New Program or Project
- New Staff Position
- Other

Grant Type Requested (other)

Type of Grant Requested: Other

If you selected Other, please describe.

Character Limit: 750

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

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 71 points

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

A. Forest Health and Fire Resilience*

Describe how the proposal addresses forest health and fire resilience. Describe how many acres are to be treated in moderate, high, higher and highest treatment priority areas as defined in the 2020 Chaffee County Wildfire Protection Plan. Does this project impact fire risk or resiliency in adjacent homes? If yes, how many homes are will be impacted?

Character Limit: 3000

B. Agricultural Sustainability*

Describe if there has been input by agricultural operators into the proposal. Describe if there are benefits to agricultural operators (such as protection or enhancement of ditches, grazing and soil health) and, if so, how many acres of land used for agriculture will directly benefit and in what way. Does the proposal impact the risk associated with agricultural burning? Is this proposal part of an inter-agency or cross-jurisdictional treatment and, if so, what agencies and jurisdictions are involved?

Character Limit: 1500

C. Recreation Impact Management*

Describe if and how the proposal relates to managing recreation impacts or decreasing risk to recreation users. For example, impacts may include user protection, evacuation routes treatment, prevention of human-caused fire, etc.

Character Limit: 1500

D. Wildlife and Habitat*

Describe if and how the proposal considers wildlife and habitat values and how wildlife and habitat will benefit, including specifics on species and habitat. Please reference the wildlife habitat maps.

Note: Field work should be discussed with Colorado Parks and Wildlife to determine best time of year for work.

Character Limit: 1500

E. Water*

Describe if and how water providers will be included in planning or educational efforts. Describe if and how drinking and irrigation water has been considered and how it will be impacted. Are source water protection areas in the project area? Are there soils of high erosivity in the project area?

Character Limit: 1500

F. Scenic Views*

Describe if and how scenic views have been considered, both in terms of protecting high-value view sheds from catastrophic fire and in optimizing the visual impacts of treatment activities. Describe any key public view corridors that will be impacted and what the impacts will be during treatment and after treatment

Character Limit: 1500

G. Scale/Connectivity of impact*

List the number of organizations involved in collaboration and describe how activities connect results across public and private ownership boundaries. If the project is adjacent to previously treated areas or areas with immediate plans for future treatments, please provide the total acres and/or length of fire break that will be treated.

Character Limit: 1000

H. Duration of impact*

State the proposal time frame and expected longevity of results. Is there a plan with funding approved to provide maintenance or additional treatment in the project area.

Character Limit: 1000

II. PROBABILITY OF PROGRAM SUCCESS – Maximum 13 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 involvement to-date, including planned future involvement. List project partners and describe their level of commitment. Explain the proposal's projected outcomes 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: 3000

Upload documentation confirming the project's readiness

File Size Limit: 5 MB

III. FUNDING LEVERAGE - Maximum 12 points

List both confirmed and potential cash and in-kind matching funds from other sources. List the percentage of program administration cost requested from the Chaffee Common Ground Fund. Describe the proposal's cost-to-benefit ratio.*

Character Limit: 1500

IV. SUPPORTS LOCAL RESOURCES - Maximum 4 points

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

Character Limit: 1500

Attachment 1. Organizational and Program/Project Budget Template

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

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 project budget template here.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Upload the completed organization budget here

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Attachment 2. Program or Project Timeline/Schedule

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

Not needed for government agencies.

Include the following information for each board member:

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

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Attachment 4. Proof of IRS Federal Tax Exempt Status

Not needed for government 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 form.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

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

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 used this fiscal sponsor? How long do 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?

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Fiscal Sponsor Tax Exempt Status*

Choices

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

If non-profit other than 501(c)(3), please describe

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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.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

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.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Board of Directors List*

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

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Attachment 5. Anti-Discrimination Statement

Not needed for governmental agencies

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

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Attachment 6. List of Names and Qualifications of Key Staff

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.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Other Attachments

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

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