**Watersheds United Vermont (WUV)**

**2023-2024 Project Development Grant Application**

**Grant Opportunity Overview:**

**Application Due Date:** December 7, 2022.

**Grant Dates:** WUV will announce funding decisions byDecember 21, 2022.All project work, invoicing and reporting must be complete by June 30, 2024.

**Purpose:** Watersheds United Vermont Department is administering our 2023-2024 Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Project Development Block Grant to subgrant funds to watershed groups and other nonprofit implementers to develop water quality improvement projects.

Funds should be used for getting landowners, municipalities and other partners “on board” with projects to improve water quality and to move projects towards design and implementation. WUV will administer a subgrants program to select eligible projects for funding.

We recognize that project development work involves exploring multiple project opportunities. We also recognize that project development work can shift and change over time as new project opportunities become available and as other projects, once explored, are determined not to be feasible. We are therefore allowing your organization to apply for funding in the following ways:

1. For the ***general project scoping*** of a set of projects connected to a certain aspect of work (ex. scoping all stormwater projects identified in a stormwater master plan or reviewing the watershed project database for specific project type or location). Any general project scoping activity must lead to specific project development for projects that are scoped and identified as eligible for development activity.
2. For the development of ***specific projects*** or a suite of projects to ready those projects for design or implementation. This may take significant coordination with the landowner and/or other partners. The funding can’t be used for preliminary or final design, but can be used in between design phases.

**Project Development Definition and Eligibility Information:**

Please refer to the ***WUV’s Grant Guidance Document*** for full project development definitions, eligibility requirements, and prioritization criteria. ***Applicants will not be able to complete this application without first reading the Grant Guidance Document,*** *which can be found at:* https://watershedsunitedvt.org/resources/block-grants

**Selection Process**

Given that your organization might be applying for multiple types of projects, WUV will either:

1. Approve all project development work proposed
2. Approve none of the work proposed
3. Approve some aspects of work proposed but not others
4. Ask for modification to meet eligibility for all or some aspects of the work.

**WUV Project Development Grant Application**

Email completed application by December 7, 2022 to

watershedsunited@gmail.com and christian@whiteriverpartnership.org

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| **ApplicaNT information** |
| Organization name: |
| Point of contact name and title: |
| Mailing Address: |
| Telephone: |
| Email: |
| Is your organization a self-identified minority or women Led organization?  Yes  No |
| Does your organization have 501c3 status?  Yes  No  If no - do you have a fiscal agent who will be applying on your behalf? Please include fiscal agent name and contact information, if appropriate: |

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| **Section 1: GeneraL Scoping Project Development Request** |
| Please skip this section and proceed to section 2 if you are not applying for general scoping funding. If this section is completed, Section 2: Specific Project Development Request must also be completed. |
| What Project Types will you be scoping (may check more than one box if applicable)?  Stormwater Projects  Riparian Buffer Planting Projects  Dam Removal/Culvert Replacement Projects  River Restoration Projects  Other (including lakeshore/wetlands): |
| What Project Prioritization Source will you be reviewing (may check more than one box if applicable)?  Tactical Basin Plan  River Corridor Plan  Stormwater Master Plan  Watersheds Project Database  Lake Watershed Action Plans  Other (please explain): |
| General Project Scoping Amount Requested (recommended range $500 - $2,000): $ |
| Project(s) Location(s) including watershed/sub-watershed (provide as much detail as you are able): |
| Please briefly describe your past experience with project development work including your history of relationship-building with landowners in the community where work is proposed? |
| Please briefly describe if and how your general scoping activities will support an Environmental Justice Focus population or an otherwise historically under-represented group? |

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| **General Project Scoping Narrative Questions** |
| For each question below, please organize your answers by project type under the headings provided below. Please delete or leave blank any project types that you are not applying for. If you are applying for buffer funding and stormwater funding, you would provide you answers for each question under those two headers and delete or leave the remaining headers blank. |
| **A. PROJECTS OVERVIEW** Please provide a brief overview of the project work, including why the work is a priority for your organizations and your experience working in this project area, the problems addressed by the projects and water quality goals that this project(s) will accomplish if implemented. Please outline how you will approach scoping work and how you will ensure that the scoping work meets the eligibility requirements for general project scoping. Please be sure to indicate how you will coordinate with other groups doing project development work in your basin if applicable?  Stormwater Projects  Riparian Buffer Planting Projects  Dam Removal/Culvert Replacement  River Restoration Projects  Other (including lakeshore/wetlands) |
| **B. SCOPE OF WORK** Describe the general scoping project development steps you plan to take to narrow down the number of projects for specific project development. Please include an approximate timeline.  Stormwater Projects  Riparian Buffer Planting Projects  Dam Removal/Culvert Replacement  River Restoration Projects  Other (including lakeshore/wetlands) |
| **d. General SCOPING Project Budget:**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Expense/Item** | | |  | **Grant Request** | | **Staff Expenses – General Scoping** | **$** | | **Contractor Expenses – General Scoping** | **$** | | **Other Eligible Expenses – General Scoping** | **$** | | ***Project Subtotal***  *(Staff Expense + Contractor + Other)* | **$** | |  | **Indirect Request** | | ***Indirect*** *(can be up to 10% of Project Subtotal)* | **$** | | ***Project Total***  ***(Project Subtotal + Indirect)*** | **$** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | ***Estimated Match\**** | **Match Amount** | **Match Source (Cash, In-kind, Volunteer Hours, etc)** | |  |  |  |   \*WUV does not have a match obligation for grant round and will not but using match to evaluate applications; we appreciate any match offered and request that groups track and report on match. |
| **E. BUDGET NARRATIVE**. Please include budget details including hours and rates, type of contractor, and any other details you think WUV or the project review team will find useful. Also, include an explanation of what you will use for match, if applicable. |

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| **Section 2: SPECIFIC Project/s Development Request** |
| Project Title(s): |
| Project WPID(s), (please list all WPIDs for projects if known): |
| Project Development Focus (click all the apply):  Specific project  Suite of projects of a similar type (all stormwater, buffer planting, culvert/dam replacement, etc.)  Suite of projects of different types (a mix of stormwater, buffer planting, culvert/dam replacement, etc.) |
| Project Prioritization Source (may check more than one box if applicable):  Tactical Basin Plan  River Corridor Plan  Stormwater Master Plan  Watersheds Project Database  Lake Watershed Action Plans  Other (please explain): |
| Is the primary purpose of the specific project development work you are doing to improve water quality?  Yes  No |
| Are all proposed specific project development projects non-regulatory (regulatory projects are not eligible)?  Yes  No |
| Amount Requested for Specific Project/s Development (recommended maximum ~$15,000): $ |
| Project(s) Location including watershed/sub-watershed (provide as much detail as you are able,  please provide GPS coordinates if known (e.g. 44.26278, -72.58054): |
| Please briefly describe how your specific project development activities will support an Environmental Justice Focus population or an otherwise historically under-represented group? If you project does not directly support an Environmental Justice Focus population or an otherwise historically under-represented group, please explain how no disproportionate negative impacts on these communities will occur as a result of your project? |

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| **Specific Project/s Development Narrative Questions** |
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| **A. PROJECTS OVERVIEW** Please provide a brief overview of the projects, including why the work is a priority for your organization, the problems addressed by the projects and water quality goals that this project(s) will accomplish if implemented. Please address the following questions:  1. Will the proposed project lead to nutrient and sediment pollutant load reductions, other water quality improvements, and co-benefits (if information is readily available)?  2. Does the project address a pollutant of concern in a stressed or impaired/altered sub-basin as mentioned in a Tactical Basin Plan?  3. Is the project listed as a high priority in the Watershed Project Database or relevant sector-based assessment or comparable strategic planning/assessment process?  Stormwater Projects  Riparian Buffer Planting Projects  Dam Removal/Culvert Replacement  River Restoration Projects  Other (including lakeshore/wetlands) |
| **B. SCOPE OF WORK** Describe the project development steps you plan to take to move the project(s) towards design and implementation. Please include an approximate timeline. Include metrics where possible including number of landowners you plan to reach, the number of projects you hope to ready for design/implementation, etc. Also let us know how you will assess landowner interest in project implementation.  Stormwater Projects  Riparian Buffer Planting Projects  Dam Removal/Culvert Replacement  River Restoration Projects  Other (including lakeshore/wetlands) |
| **C. NEXT STEPS** Describe the next steps you would anticipate once the project development phase is complete. Provide ideas for how you might move the project from the development stage to design and/or implementation including possible funding sources for future work.  Stormwater Projects  Riparian Buffer Planting Projects  Dam Removal/Culvert Replacement  River Restoration Projects  Other (including lakeshore/wetlands) |
| **d. Project Budget:**  Please break down budget by project type (Stormwater, Riparian Buffer Planting, culvert/dam replacement, River Restoration, and Other). You can leave a project type field blank if you are not requesting funds for that type of project.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Expense/Item** | | | **Staff Expenses** | **Grant Request** | | Stormwater Projects | **$** | | Riparian Buffer Planting Projects | **$** | | Dam Removal/Culvert Replacement | **$** | | River Restoration Projects | **$** | | Other (including lakeshore/wetlands) | **$** | | *Subtotal* | **$** | | **Mileage** | **Grant Request** | | Stormwater Projects | **$** | | Riparian Buffer Planting Projects | **$** | | Dam Removal/Culvert Replacement | **$** | | River Restoration Projects | **$** | | Other (including lakeshore/wetlands) | **$** | | *Subtotal* | **$** | | **Contractor Expenses** | **Grant Request** | | Stormwater Projects | **$** | | Riparian Buffer Planting Projects | **$** | | Dam Removal/Culvert Replacement | **$** | | River Restoration Projects | **$** | | Other (including lakeshore/wetlands) | **$** | | *Subtotal* | **$** | | **Other (***supplies, printing, postage***)** | **Grant Request** | | Stormwater Projects | **$** | | Riparian Buffer Planting Projects | **$** | | Dam Removal/Culvert Replacement | **$** | | River Restoration Projects | **$** | | Other (including lakeshore/wetlands) | **$** | | *Subtotal* | **$** | | ***Project Subtotal***  *(Staff Expense + Mileage + Contractor + Other)* | **$** | | ***Indirect (****can be up to 10% of Project Subtotal****)*** | **Indirect Request** | | All project types combined for indirect | **$** | | ***Project Total***  ***(Project Subtotal + Indirect)*** | **$** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | ***Estimated Match\**** | **Match Amount** | **Match Source (Cash, In-kind, Volunteer Hours, etc)** | | All project Types Combined |  |  |   \*WUV does not have a match obligation for grant round and will not but using match to evaluate applications. |
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