2023 Partners in Conservation Grants ZoomGrants Application Questions

Please read the questions carefully and answer with the best available information you have at the time you submit your application. All questions must be completed. If the question does not apply to you, write N/A.

**Organizational Background**

1. Briefly describe your organization *(Include your mission, primary programs and constituents, number of board members, and number of paid staff.) Limit 800 characters = about 150-200 words.*
2. Please indicate the type of organization *(multiple choice)*
3. How many years has your organization been in operation? *(The number of years since your organization was founded.)*
4. What is the annual operating budget of your organization? *(Multiple choice. For large institutions, such as universities or cities, please provide the amount for your department or program.)*
5. Has your organization been awarded a PIC grant in the past 5 years? *Y/N/DK*
6. Does your organization have an equity and/or non-discrimination policy or statement? *(If yes, please include in a separate PDF document uploaded in the Documents tab.)*
7. If you have a fiscal agent to receive funds on your behalf, please provide the name of the organization, the Executive Director and contact information. *(A fiscal agent is different from the lead applicant. When using a fiscal agent, you must provide a letter of support indicating their willingness to serve in that function. If no fiscal agent, please write N/A)*

**Your Project in Brief**

1. Briefly describe the project or program this grant will help support. *(This description is the basis of what will be shared publicly about your project).* *Limit 800 characters = about 150-200 words.*
2. Planned start date
3. Planned completion date
4. If your project or program is site-based, please provide the physical address of all locations where the project will take place (or nearest intersection). If no locations, please write N/A*. You may include a site map in the documents upload section of the application)*
5. Identify the watershed(s) where project activities will occur *(check all that apply).*
6. Identify the primary natural resource issue addressed by the project *(select only one based on how the majority of the funds will be used).*
   1. Water quality/toxics reduction
   2. Soil health
   3. Sustainable agriculture/urban food gardening
   4. Habitat restoration or conservation
   5. Urban tree canopy/urban forestry
7. Briefly describe the resource issue or conservation problem addressed by your project or program. *How does this project/program* *address this problem?* Limit 2000 characters.
8. What EMSWCD Grant Program Goals does your project or program most clearly meet? *Limit 3000 characters.*

Partners in Conservation Grant Program Goals

1. Complement other EMSWCD program efforts in water quality, soil health, habitat restoration and sustainable agriculture.
2. Increase environmental literacy of EMSWCD residents.
3. Increase capacity and strengthen organizational structures needed to advance equitable conservation outcomes.
4. Establish and support sustainable school and community gardens throughout the urban areas of the EMSWCD service area.
5. Increase the urban tree canopy and support a sustainable urban forest.
6. Increase conservation benefits for communities and populations experiencing disparities in environmental health, environmental education, and natural amenities.

**Project Details**

1. Describe the details of your project, including the major objectives, deliverables, and the primary benefits to the community and/or watershed. (*A project work plan detailing the activities, timelines and outcomes is required as a separate section of the application.) Limit 3000 characters.*
2. For on-the-ground projects: Please provide a detailed site description including size of the project, habitat type, and condition. (*Upload a map or image of the site in the documents section of the application.)*
3. Who will you be working with? List your partners (groups or people). *What role do they have in implementing the project and why were they selected as partners? Limit 3000 characters.*
4. What do you estimate as the total number of people served/participants/beneficiaries of this project or program?
5. What percentage of the total number of people served/participants/beneficiaries will be from within the EMSWCD service area? Where this is not known, please provide your best estimate. [*Link to the EMSWCD service area map*](https://emswcd.org/about/)*.*

**Equity and Impact**

1. How does your project/program increase conservation benefits for communities and populations experiencing disparities in environmental health, environmental education, and natural amenities? *Limit 3000 characters.*
2. Does your project directly attempt to build resilience to climate change impacts, mitigate climate change through carbon sequestration or reducing emissions, and/or educate the public about climate change. *If so, briefly explain. Limit 3000 characters.*
3. Does your project involve or primarily benefit Black, Indigenous or other communities of color, low-income communities, or other historically marginalized groups? If so, describe the level of their involvement in the project. Please add any information not already included in your response to the questions above. *For example: How was the need for the project or program identified? How was the project or program designed? Who participated in designing the project or program? Limit 3000 characters.*
4. How will the success of your project and its impact be determined? Describe how you approach project or program evaluation, who is responsible for conducting evaluation, and how past evaluation has influenced your programs/projects? *Limit 3000 characters.*
5. For on-the-ground projects: Please indicate how the site and project elements will be protected and managed over the long term to ensure that outcomes are sustained? (For example, what legal mechanism protects the site, who is responsible for monitoring/maintaining the site, and is there a plan for long-term maintenance? Include a description of planned maintenance activities, frequency, and duration.) *Limit 3000 characters.*