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Montana Trout Unlimited

Mini-Grant Application

Eligibility:

To be eligible for funding, **Trout Unlimited (TU) chapters** or **their affiliates in Montana** must meet the following criteria:

* Be in **good standing** with **Trout Unlimited National** and the **Montana State Council.**
* Satisfy all **state and federal filing requirements**.
* Meet the **reporting requirements** for any past awards received from the program.
* Proposals must be authorized by the **chapter president** or the presiding officer of the chapter or affiliate.

Reporting Requirements:

Recipients of Mini-Grant funding must provide regular project updates to remain in good standing for future funding cycles.

* **Progress Reports:**

Chapters must submit a **project update** or **final report** by the deadline of the following funding cycle.

* + For example, if you receive a grant in the **spring cycle**, a report must be submitted by the **fall cycle.**
* **Timely submission**:

Chapters that fail to submit reports by the deadline may be **ineligible** for future grants until the outstanding report is received.

* + Reporting Deadlines: **November 1st** and **April 1st.**

How to Apply:

Application deadlines are **November 1st** and **April 1st.**

* Applications must be submitted to [**apply@montanatu.org**](mailto:apply@montanatu.org) and should include a completed **project budget.**

Note: Please ensure that all files have distinguishable names for easy identification *(e.g., Swift Creek Stream Bank Restoration, Mini-Grant Application, 2025)*

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Date: [Insert Application Date]

Applicant (TU Chapter): [Insert Chapter]

Chapter Address: [Insert Mailing Address]

Chapter President: [Insert Name]

Chapter President Email: [Insert Email]

Project Manager/Contact: [Insert Name]

*\* Provide the name of the project manager or contact if this is someone other than the Chapter President if there are questions about the proposal.*

Project Manager/Contact Email: [Insert Email]

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

Title: [Insert Project Name]

Project Location: [Insert Location Description]

*\*Provide location of project (e.g. GPS coordinates, waterbody, reach, or watershed).*

Project Partners: [Insert List]

*\*Please list out other project partners (e.g. conservation districts, agencies, other NGO’s).*

Anticipated Project Start Date: [Insert Date]

Anticipated Project End Date: [Insert Date]

Grant Amount Requested: [Insert Amount]

\**Amount ($) requested from MTU*

Chapter Match: [Insert Description]

*\*Provide a brief description of matching funds and/or sources of in-kind labor and equipment. (e.g. chapter funds, volunteers, equipment contributed)*

**SELECT APPLICABLE FUND**

*\*Select* ***one*** *fund that most closely matches your project objectives.*

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Habitat Protection & Enhancement Fund

* Improve water quality.
* Improve riparian protection, including habitat restoration and acquisition of key conservation properties.
* Enhance stream flows, including investments in water-use efficiency and acquisition or leasing of water and water rights.
* Enhance watershed health.
* Protect important trout habitat from harm.
* Advocate for policy (within the limits of 501c (3) tax status) affecting the conservation, protection and restoration of wild trout and their habitats.
* Past recipients must have completed and submitted a Final Project Report for any funds received after November 2017.

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Steve Bryant Wild Trout Stewardship Fund

* Provide educational activities that foster understanding of the biological, cultural and economic values of wild trout.
* Provide education to landowners for conserving wild trout, water quality, streamflow and trout habitat.
* Communicate important conservation messages to the public, elected officials, policymakers and TU members.
* Support research specifically designed to accomplish or contribute to the conservation, protection or restoration of wild trout and their habitats.
* Benefit Montana’s native trout and grayling.

**Executive Summary:**

*\* In 350 words or less, provide an overview of the project. Please note the project background or purpose, proposed actions or methods, anticipated benefits, including any projected economic impacts in the project area.*

**Goals and Objectives:**

*\* Note the overall goal of the project. (e.g. restore critical habitat for a species of salmonid, improve scientific understanding of an issue to improve river or fishery management, etc).*

*\* List the specific conservation objectives of the project. (e.g. restore X amount of habitat by Y method, educate X number of people through Y means).*

**Project Budget:**

*\*Download a project budget from* [*www.montanatu.org/mini-grants/*](http://www.montanatu.org/mini-grants/)