



WESTERN NATIVE TROUT INITIATIVE

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Announcing the Western Native Trout Initiative 2017 Small Grants Program Request for Proposals

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The Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI) and our partners are proud to announce our 2017 Small Grants Program Request for Proposals. WNTI is an initiative of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and a recognized National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP) that seeks to cooperatively restore and recover 21 western native trout and char species and sub-species across their historic range by funding efforts that raise awareness for the importance of native trout and focus limited financial and human resources toward the highest-impact, locally-led, on-the-ground projects.

Since its inception in 2006, the Western Native Trout Initiative has directed almost \$5 million in federal fish habitat funds leveraged to \$19 million public and private matching dollars for 123 priority native trout conservation projects. With the collaboration and coordination of WNTI Partners, together we have removed 75 barriers to fish passage, reconnected or improved 1,033 miles of native trout habitat, and placed 29 protective fish barriers to conserve important native trout conservation populations.

In addition to directing NFHP federal funding annually toward large, on-the-ground native trout conservation projects, WNTI administers a separate Small Grants Program to 'jump start' or complete smaller, high-impact efforts by community groups to restore or recover western native trout in the rivers, lakes and watersheds where they remain. We would like to thank Rocky Mountain Flyathlon, Orvis, and all of our individual donors for contributing funds in support of the Small Grants Program this year.

Thanks to a generous contribution from the [Rocky Mountain Flyathlon](#), we have \$15,000 in small grant funding this year specifically for projects in Colorado, plus an additional \$15,000 in small grant funds that are available for projects in all other western states.

Projects considered for funding under the Small Grants Program may include riparian or in-stream habitat restoration, barrier removal or construction, population or watershed assessments needed for prioritization and planning, water leases or acquisitions to improve in-stream flows, and native trout-focused community outreach and education. **Individual projects can be funded at a maximum of \$3,000.**

In order to help applicants put forward the best possible projects, WNTI has a set of criteria by which projects are evaluated for funding. Applicants should address these criteria in their project applications.

The deadline to submit a project application under the Small Grants Program is June 16, 2017. Please feel free to contact us at tthompson@westernnativetrout.org with questions.

Sincerely,

Therese Thompson, Project Coordinator





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2017 Small Grants Program *Grant Application Instructions*

The Small Grants program seeks to provide seed money to help ‘jump start’ or complete high-impact, high-value projects that conserve and recover western native trout species. Projects considered for funding may include riparian or instream habitat restoration; barrier removal or construction; population or watershed assessments needed for prioritization and planning; water leases or acquisitions to improve instream flows; and native trout-focused community outreach and education. Individual projects can be funded at a maximum of \$3,000. The Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI) Steering Committee ranks projects on how well the application describes its intended impact on aquatic habitats or other actions that help conserve or raise awareness of native trout conservation. The project description section of the application lists the selection criteria for the Small Grants Program.

Grant Application

Applications should not exceed 10 pages including support documents. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Include the following:

- Completed Grant Application
- Detailed Project Budget
- Optional Attachments - Letters of support, photographs of project site, designs, maps, planning documents, permits, articles, scientific studies, etc.

Submission Instructions

- Combine all documents and attachments into a single .pdf file. Number each page (**no more than 10 pages total**).
- File names should include the organization name followed by the submission date (Example: “Trout Friends 061717”)
- Submit electronically as an email attachment to Therese Thompson at tthompson@westernnativetrout.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

Deadline

- Applications are due on **June 16, 2017. Applications must be received by 5:00 pm Mountain Time.**

Reporting

- A several page report, with photos, is expected when the project is completed. It should describe what was accomplished, how it was done, who was involved, along with before and after photographs of good quality. We post our small grant reports on our website!

Selection Process

- Grant applications will be reviewed by the WNTI Steering Committee at the WNTI July meeting. Applicants will be notified as soon as final decisions are made. Project funds are awarded on a reimbursable basis and must be expended by December 31, 2018.

Please note, the Western Native Trout Initiative will not consider:

1. Late requests.
2. Requests for programs or projects already completed.
3. Refunding projects, programs or items purchased before the grant is approved or awarded.
4. Participating in or funding of any political campaign on behalf of any issues, organizations or candidates.
5. Funding for the purchase of private land, general organizational operating revenue, or staff salaries and benefits.

Questions? Please contact Therese Thompson at tthompson@westernnativetrout.org or by phone 303-236-4402.

Organizations that have received WNTI or NFHP funding in the past must have current progress and/or final reports on file with WNTI in order to be eligible for funding during this cycle.



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2017 Small Grants Program *Grant Application*

Applicant Information

Lead Organization:

Contact Name:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone:

Address:

Email:

Website Address:

Project Information

Project Title:

Native Trout Species Benefitted by Project:

Total Project Budget: \$

Total Amount Requested: \$

Total Matching Funds or In-Kind Support Secured: \$

Project GPS Coordinates:

Project Start Date:

Project End Date:

Is your project listed in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife FONS system? Yes / No

Please indicate FONS Project Number (if applicable): _____

Project Components (select all that apply)

Riparian or In-Stream Habitat Restoration

Barrier Removal or Construction

Watershed or Population Assessment

In-Stream Flow Acquisition

Land/Conservation Easement

Monitoring

Education/Outreach

Watershed Planning

Anticipated Outcomes (fill in values applicable to project)

___ # Stream Miles Restored or Enhanced

___ # Stream Miles Reconnected or Reopened

___ # Acres of Lake/Wetlands Restored/Enhanced

___ # Barriers Removed or Constructed

___ Other (i.e. number of individuals reached by an educational program, number of presentations given, number of posters produced, etc.):

___ # Watersheds or Rivers Assessed

___ # Stream Miles Assessed

___ # Populations Assessed

Project Partners (list all Project Partners and Contributions)

Partner Organization:
Contact Name: Position:
Email: Telephone:
Matching Funds Provided to Project: *list any cash contribution*
In-Kind Support Provided to Project: *list support provided and estimated value*

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Project Description and Summary of Anticipated Accomplishment(s). Include this information in your narrative; it will be used to evaluate each proposal.

1. **WNTI Species** - Proposed projects must benefit **at least one** of WNTI's target native trout and char species or sub-species. For a list of species go to www.westernnativetrout.org and look at the tab "What are western native trout?" Please include any other fish species the project may benefit.
2. **WNTI Priorities** - Proposed projects must meet one or more of WNTI and NFHP goals or objectives. Please specify which western native trout species and conservation objectives and strategies will be addressed by the project. View [WNTI's 2016 strategic plan](#) update and the [NFHP Action Plan 2nd Edition](#).
3. **Project Objective(s)** – Ensure project objectives are realistic, measureable, and achievable.
4. **Project Methods and Anticipated Results** - The Small Grants Program will fund specific projects and programs that achieve measurable conservation outcomes that benefit western native trout. In your project description, provide the methods and indicate the anticipated outcomes of your project. Include how the success of the project will be evaluated.
5. **Project Budget** – Describe in detail how funding will be spent.
6. **Project Reporting** - The method by which project results will be reported back to WNTI at the completion of the project must be addressed.
7. **Outreach and Education** – WNTI supports projects that also have an outreach and education component. Provide detail if the project has an outreach/education component, has potential to foster/generate a community conservation ethic, and/or if the project increases public awareness of a native trout species, its threats and its habitat.
8. **Collaboration and Leveraged Resources** - Projects that have secured matching funds or in-kind support from partners and and/or involve diverse stakeholders are highly valued and encouraged.
9. **Acknowledgement** – WNTI respectfully requests acknowledgement of WNTI funding/support on any signage, outreach materials, social media, and/or reports written for all projects we fund. We will provide our logo.

Project Budget Description:

Description of Service or Activity	Match Dollars	WNTI Grant Dollars requested
Budget Totals		

Signature of Applicant

I certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Print Individual Name:

Organization Name:

Signature:

Date: