



Coldwater Outreach Conservation Fund Application Guidelines

This fund is a matching fund resource provided by GRTU to assist Trout Unlimited chapters with on the ground conservation projects that align to the Trout Unlimited mission.

GRTU limits the maximum annual award to individual chapters to \$5,000. Multi-year projects are considered, with a maximum of \$5,000 annual limit. Only one application for a multi-year project is required, but the applicant will need to re-apply for the grant disbursement annually.

Chapters are invited to apply for assistance using the form on GRTU.org.

Application Guidelines:

- Grant applications will be accepted from any Trout Unlimited Chapter for funding of local projects.
- The Fund will consider funding the following types of projects:
 - On-the-ground restoration, protection, or conservation efforts that benefit trout and salmon fisheries and their habitats
 - Education or outreach projects that increase the awareness and support of coldwater conservation among a non-TU audience
 - Applied research, assessment, or monitoring that addresses the causes of fisheries or watershed problems and informs the development of management solutions
 - Advocacy efforts that will positively influence government planning or policy to benefit coldwater resources, including coalition building with other partner organizations.



- Funding must be matched on a dollar value basis through contributions from the applicant TU Chapter. This contribution may be funding, material, contracted services or labor donations that at least match the value of the grant request amount. Provide quotations or estimates associated with purchased materials or contracted services and list any funding your TU Chapter will be contributing.
- All GRTU COC Fund grant requests must include some provision for GRTU name recognition in association with the project. Such recognition may include project signage, press releases or articles that prominently acknowledge GRTU participation in the project. The funding request may include a line item to cover any costs associated with this recognition.
- Fund grant requests must include provisions for post-project audit by one of the GRTU project sponsors. At minimum, this should include a commitment by the applicant chapter to provide a conservation tour of the on-the-ground restoration, protection, or conservation efforts that benefit trout and salmon fisheries and their habitats for at least one GRTU member within one year of project completion.
- Grant applications need not be lengthy but should be sufficiently clear and detailed to allow potential GRTU sponsors and Evaluation Committee members to understand the project. At minimum, grant applications shall include a signed Application Form and a narrative project description. Additional supporting materials may also be submitted in support of the grant application. The Grant Application Contact should make themselves available for telephone or e-mail questions by potential GRTU Sponsors or the Evaluation Committee.
- Grant applications are accepted from June 1st thru September 30th each year. Applications are reviewed and voted on by the Board of Directors in the GRTU annual business meeting in November.



- Please submit your application to president@GRTU.org and copy the Conservation Chair (email address is listed on GRTU.org contacts page)
- The GRTU Chapter President will advise applicants of the results of the GRTU board decision