



# WESTERN NATIVE TROUT INITIATIVE

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## Announcing the Western Native Trout Initiative 2018 Small Grants Program Request for Proposals

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The Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI) and our partners are proud to announce our 2018 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 \$5.3 million in federal fish habitat funds leveraged to \$23.4 million public and private matching dollars for 139 priority native trout conservation projects. With the collaboration and coordination of WNTI Partners, together we have removed 87 barriers to fish passage, reconnected or improved 1,130 miles of native trout habitat, and placed 30 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 the Rocky Mountain Flyathlon, RepYourWater, Basin+Bend 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 \$13,500 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 15, 2018.** Please feel free to contact us at [tthompson@westernnativetrout.org](mailto:tthompson@westernnativetrout.org) with questions.

Sincerely,

Therese Thompson, Coordinator





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## 2018 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 061718”)
- Submit electronically as an email attachment to Therese Thompson at [tthompson@westernnativetrout.org](mailto:tthompson@westernnativetrout.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

### **Deadline**

- Applications are due on **June 15, 2018. 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, and before and after photographs of good quality. We post our small grant reports on our website for the public to read.

### **Selection Process**

- Grant applications will be reviewed by the WNTI Steering Committee at the 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, 2019.

### ***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](mailto: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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### 2018 Small Grants Program *Grant Application*

#### **Applicant Information**

Lead Organization:

Contact Name:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone:

Address:

Email:

Website Address:

#### **Project Information**

Project Title:

Project Location State:

County:

Nearest town:

Congressional District of Project:

Watershed/Stream/Lake (if applicable):

Native Trout and Char Species/sub-species Benefitted by Project:

Total Project Budget: \$

Total Amount Requested: \$

Total Matching Funds or In-Kind Support: \$

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

Project GPS Coordinates (decimal degrees) Lat:

Long:

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

\_\_\_ # Watersheds or Rivers Assessed

\_\_\_ # Stream Miles Reconnected or Reopened

\_\_\_ # Stream Miles Assessed

\_\_\_ # Acres of Lake/Wetlands Restored/Enhanced

\_\_\_ # Populations Assessed

\_\_\_ # Barriers Removed or Constructed

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

**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 Accomplishments. 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 in their historic range: Apache Trout, Bonneville Cutthroat Trout, Bull Trout, California Golden Trout, Coastal Cutthroat Trout, Colorado River Cutthroat Trout, Gila Trout, Greenback Cutthroat Trout, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, Little Kern Golden Trout, Paiute Cutthroat Trout, Interior Redband Trout, Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout, Westslope Cutthroat Trout, Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout, Alaskan native Arctic Char, Arctic Grayling, Dolly Varden, resident Rainbow Trout, native naturally-occurring freshwater Kokanee, or native naturally-occurring Lake Trout. *Please also 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 and char. In your narrative, provide the methods/activities, 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.

