

Land Conservation Application 2021

Welcome to the Land Conservation Application 2021.

Nurturing a healthy planet begins with taking care of where we live. Protected areas and working lands — restored, and sustainably managed — are critical to both natural systems and humans. Stewarding our natural resources on which all life depends is imperative to our survival. Particularly in the face of climate change, land conservation is vital to protecting our water resources, addressing flooding, carbon storage, recreational opportunities, open space, and sound land use planning. All communities, including those of color, must be engaged in these critical endeavors through equitable inclusion in the field.

CHICAGO REGION LAND CONSERVATION

We support innovative organizations and programs that advance land conservation across the Chicago Wilderness region, with emphasis on four key themes: protection and stewardship of natural and working lands; climate resiliency; policy advocacy; and benefits to diverse communities throughout the region.

LOWCOUNTRY LAND CONSERVATION

We support efforts throughout the Lowcountry, with an emphasis on five focus areas, which together span the entire coast: ACE Basin, Charleston Greenbelt, North Lowcountry, Sewee to Santee, and South Lowcountry.

Organization Info

Organization Legal Name

Organization Mailing Address

Primary Phone

Website

What type of organization? If you selected Other, please briefly describe.

Brief description of the organization

Secretary of State confirmation - A screenshot is acceptable. Must be valid/unexpired at the time of your application.

Year Founded

Have you completed a strategic plan in the last five years?

Number of Full-Time Staff

Number of Part-Time Staff

Staff List - List of primary organization and request staff, including emails

Board List - Please indicate board officers.

Primary Contact People

Primary Contact Person

Primary Organization Contact - If different from Primary Contact above, please include title, email, phone, and address.

Payee Contact - If a grant is approved, this person will be mailed the check or receive ACH notification. If different from above, please include title, email, phone, and address.

Financial Attachments

Organization's Fiscal Year End

Please attach the following financial documents.

Next Fiscal Year's Budget, If available

Budget with year-to-date actuals for the current fiscal year

Financials from Last Year

For your **prior fiscal year**, please submit **one** of the following in order of preference:

1. Audit
2. (NOT -N), or
3. Internally calculated figures, including profit loss statements and balance sheet

Financials from Two Years Ago

For the fiscal year two years prior, please submit one of the following in order of preference

1. Audit
2. (NOT -N), or
3. Internally calculated figures, including profit loss statements and balance sheet

Project Proposal - Chicago

This grant would support... Please enter a brief title for the project request.

Please summarize the project in 3-5 sentences.

Is this an ongoing or new project?

Who will do the work, what other partners or stakeholders involved, and does it complement a collaborative plan or vision?

Total Requested Amount

Over how many months?

Upload Detailed Project Budget

Briefly describe your organization's land conservation mission in the Chicago Wilderness region. Describe in detail how the project is primarily related to one or more prong of Chicago's Chicago Land Conservation Strategy. Identify which one(s), and the extent to which the project is advancing those and other goals of the strategy.

For example, how does the project utilize innovative conservation approaches to protect or steward natural or working lands (include land and activity type, location, and number of acres/parcel size protected or restored)?

How does the project integrate climate resilience?

How does the project utilize policy or land use planning advocacy, inclusive public engagement, and communications strategies to enhance impact of land conservation programs?

How does the project provide both ecological and human quality of life benefits, including for marginalized and diverse human communities in the region?

Please provide at least 2 project goals, 1-3 sentences each, and how each will be measured.

These should be related to the work that will be completed during the anticipated grant period. For example, if you're requesting a one-year grant, do not include three-year outcomes.

Keep in mind when you would receive a grant, if awarded. March proposals are awarded in mid-July. July proposals are awarded in late November.

Goal 1

Goal 2

Goal 3

Is there anything else you want to share in your proposal?

Project Proposal - Lowcountry

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Please summarize the project in 3-5 sentences.

Is this an ongoing or new project?

Who will do the work, what other partners or stakeholders involved, and does it complement a collaborative plan or vision?

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Regional Conservation Goals - The Foundation, in concert with the Lowcountry Land Conservation Partnership, reviews the following regional goals every two years. These goals are guided by the Foundation's interest in the protection of natural, resilient systems to support thriving communities and strong equitable economies reflective of Lowcountry culture. Please share how this project supports one, two, or all three of the region's long-term goals, as described below. We do not expect that any project supports all three. If one or more do not apply, just type n/a in the field.

PROTECTING RURAL LAND AT THE LANDSCAPE SCALE

More priority lands, including those in the coastal watersheds, will be preserved by:

- Obtaining perpetual easements on private lands.
- Expanding public ownership, access, and stewardship of land.
- Strengthening related federal, state and local funding, policies and incentives.
- Increasing public awareness of and engagement on the benefits of landscape scale protection.
- Increasing options on private lands for those whom perpetual easements are not an option.

ENHANCING COMMUNITIES

The Lowcountry will consist of healthy and balanced human and natural communities by:

- Supporting sustainable and equitable rural economic development in farming and forestry communities.
- Enacting supportive state regulatory regimes and local planning and zoning policies for communities of all sizes.
- Making wise infrastructure investments that consider direct and secondary natural resource impacts and encourage supportive growth patterns.

SAFEGUARDING NATURAL RESOURCES

The Lowcountry and the coastal plain will be increasingly ecologically resilient by:

- Enhancing ecological functions of lands and waters.
- Protecting and improving water quality.
- Addressing threats from climate change, including sea level rise, saltwater intrusion and increased storm impacts.

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General Operations Proposal - Chicago

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Over how many months?

The amount and duration granted will be decided during proposal review, based on a number of factors, including budget size, leadership on advancing one or more of the four prongs of GDDF's Chicago Land Conservation strategy, and impact on land conservation in the Chicago Wilderness Region.

Briefly describe your organization's land conservation mission in the Chicago Wilderness region.

Describe in detail how your organization's work is primarily related to one or more prong of Chicago's Chicago Land Conservation Strategy. Identify which one(s), and the extent to which your organization is advancing those and other goals of the strategy.

- *For example, how are you utilizing innovative conservation approaches to protect or steward natural or working lands (include land and activity type, location, and number of acres/parcel size protected or restored)?*
- *How is climate resilience integrated into all your work?*
- *How are you advancing or utilizing policy or land use planning advocacy, inclusive public engagement, and communications strategies to enhance impact of land conservation programs?*
- *How are you providing both ecological and human quality of life benefits, including for diverse and marginalized communities in the region?*

Please list at least 2 conservation goals for the coming year, 1-3 sentences each.

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General Operations Proposal - Lowcountry

Total Requested Amount

Over how many months?

The amount and duration granted will be decided during proposal review, based on a number of factors, including budget size and impact on land conservation in the Lowcountry.

Describe your organization's land conservation mission and work in the Lowcountry in more detail.

- *For example, how does the organization advance landscape-scale natural area restoration or stewardship, either regionally or within one of the Foundation's specific focus areas?*

What are your conservation plans for the coming year?

For example, how many acres do you plan to protect and what are your restoration and stewardship goals?

- *How do you integrate climate resilience into your work?*
- *How does the work provide benefits to both natural and human communities?*
- *What other work will you be doing this year to engage on land use planning/policy advocacy opportunities that further land conservation goals?*
- *What other partners and stakeholders does the organization work with and what are your plans for increasing public engagement and outreach, including with marginalized communities, to build public and political support for more longstanding and equitable conservation outcomes?*
- *Please list at least 2 conservation goals for the coming year, 1-3 sentences each. Keep in mind when you would receive your grant, if awarded. March proposals are awarded in mid-July. July proposals are awarded in late November.*

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