



The Conservation Grant Program provides financial assistance to private landowners seeking support for projects that will enhance or benefit natural resources in Flathead County. Landowners may receive funding for 75% of approved project costs, up to \$5,000. Landowners may only apply for one project per year, but a project may be composed of multiple practices (e.g., weed control and native grass seeding). Multi-year projects will be considered if the project requires a longer time frame for implementation.

Eligible Projects

- Riparian and/or livestock management fencing
- Riparian vegetation planting
- Stream crossing installation / replacement / upgrade
- Streambank stabilization
- Spring development
- Stock water tank and pipeline
- Soil health improvement
- Reforestation
- Forest stand improvement and management
- Irrigation efficiency improvements
- Wildlife/fish habitat improvement
- Pollinator habitat improvement
- Grass and/or forb seeding
- Weed control
- Wetland restoration
- Windbreak / Shelterbelt
- Visual barriers
- Others!

Limitations

- Funding is for on-the-ground projects, i.e., fees and costs associated with project design, permitting, or similar activities are not eligible for this program, nor are costs related to scientific or research studies.
- Projects that involve restricted-use herbicides to control weeds must demonstrate that either the applicant has the appropriate license, or a licensed applicator will be contracted.
- Landscaping projects are not eligible for funding.

Please contact Flathead CD if you have questions about your project's eligibility.

Application Process

1. Complete the attached application. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Be sure to attach a detailed sketch or map.
2. Submit completed application to Flathead CD by the deadline (April 30th).
3. Flathead CD staff will contact you to arrange a site visit.
4. Projects will be reviewed and ranked based on their merit and benefit to the natural resource. Funding will be allocated in June.
5. Applicants whose projects are funded must submit a W-9 form. These grants are considered taxable income. Applicants will enter into a one-year contract (July 1 to June 1 of the following year) with option for a six-month extension.

Payment process

1. Project must be initiated and completed within the contract timeframe.
2. Funding is provided on a reimbursement basis. Landowner is required to pay project costs and submit all receipts and invoices upon project completion.
3. Flathead CD will verify project completion with a site inspection before issuing payment.