



Conservation Enhancement Grant FY 2025 Ranking Criteria

Ranking Criteria	Scoring Range	Criteria Subtotal
<p>Is the application of high quality, clear and concise, and well thought out?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 = Application has few errors, all sections are complete, all required attachments are included, and the proposal is clear to the reviewer. • 5 = Application is complete but has some errors and is missing some needed details • 0 = Application has missing sections, is not logical, and does not include enough detail for the reviewer. 	0-10	
<p>Does the proposed project address the Missoula CD's conservation priorities and goals as stated in the strategic plan?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 = Proposed project clearly aligns with the CD's conservation goals. • 5 = Project is in line with CD's goals but not specifically identified. • 0 = Proposed project is not in line with the CD's conservation goals. 	0-10	
<p>Does the application clearly describe why this project is needed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 = Application clearly specifies why the proposed project is needed to address the identified resource concern. • 5 = Application indicates some connection between the proposed project and the identified resource concern but lacks sufficient detail to draw a clear connection. • 0 = Application does not specify why the proposed project is needed to address the resource concern. 	0-10	
<p>Does the proposed project clearly describe how public natural resources will be benefited?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 = Proposed project clearly indicates how public natural resources will benefit from the successful project. • 5 = Proposed project indicates some public resource benefit but does not adequately describe how the grant funds will help accomplish the benefit. • 0 = Proposed project does not describe how public natural resources will benefit or only benefits the landowner but not the public. 	0-10	
<p>Would the proposed project clearly assist the applicant in meeting their stated land management goals?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 = Proposed project clearly aligns with and would assist the applicant in meeting their stated land management goals • 5 = Project seems to align with the applicant's land management goals but is not clearly identified. • 0 = Proposed project will not assist the applicant in obtaining their land management goals, or management goals not provided. 	0-10	
<p>Does the application include clearly stated tasks to accomplish desired outcomes of the proposed project?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 = Application includes clearly stated tasks that detail what actions will be taken to accomplish the desired outcome. • 5 = Application includes tasks, but they are not detailed, or it is unclear how they will accomplish the desired outcome. • 0 = Application does not describe what tasks will be taken to accomplish the desired outcome. 	0-10	



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<p>Does the application include a reasonable timeline with clear milestones describing when each task will be accomplished?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 = Proposal clearly describes what will be accomplished and when. • 5 = Proposal includes a timeline, but it is unclear or too vague to understand what will be accomplished at what time. • 0 = Proposal does not include an appropriate or reasonable timeline. 	0-10	
<p>Does the application provide sufficient details on how the project will be maintained following its completion?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 = Application clearly states what maintenance will occur, who will perform these tasks, and for how long. • 5 = Application mentions maintenance but lacks details to adequately determine how and when it will take place and who is responsible. • 0 = Application does not include maintenance to ensure long term benefits of the proposed project. 	0-10	
<p>Is the budget sufficiently detailed, reasonable, clear, and includes only allowable expenses?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 = Budget clearly describes how grant funding will be used, what the anticipated expenses will be, and provides sufficient detail to ensure all expenses are allowable. • 5 = Budget provides some detail, but it is unclear what specific rates/per item expenses are or how the grant funds will be spent. • 0 = A budget is not provided or is a “blank check” request with no detail provided on how the grant funds will be used. 	0-10	
<p>Does the budget include the required match and who is providing the funds?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 = Budget includes required matching funds, clearly indicates where the matching funds will be used, and who is providing them • 5 = Budget includes or mentions matching funds but is missing some needed details or clarity • 0 = Budget does not include matching funds or their source(s) 	0-10	
<p>Total Possible Points / Total Reviewer Score</p>	100	

Comments: _____

Modifiers:

- First time applicant?
- 310 Violator in the past 10-years?
- Which priority resource concerns are addressed? Qualify for 75% cost-share or 50% cost-share?