Conservation Project Funding Request

Guidance for Preparation

Since 1964, Fly Fishers International (FFI) has been an organized voice for fly fishers. We represent all aspects of fly fishing – from the art of fly tying and casting instruction, to the protection of and access to fisheries around the world.

A 501c3 non-profit organization originally called The International Federation of Fly Fishers, FFI is driven by three fundamental pillars: Conservation, Education, and Community. Together, these pillars provide the foundation for our vision of the future of fly fishing — a future in which anglers have access to prime waters and fish can thrive in healthy, protected habitats; in which learning never stops and artistry is not forgotten; and that recognizes the true value of camaraderie. If we want this legacy to be experienced by future generations, we have to work to make that happen.

An important element of the FFI’s conservation efforts includes the provision of funds to our members, clubs, councils and other conservation efforts to assist in the implementation of local conservation projects that further the conservation efforts of the FFI. It is through these projects that the FFI and its members ultimately practice and demonstrate our understanding that natural systems must be properly conserved in order to continue to enjoy the passion of fly fishing. High quality conservation projects speak well of our mission. Therefore, the following guidance is provided to assist in the preparation of your “Conservation Project Funding Request.” Also note that you may contact the Conservation Coordinator of the IFFF at conservation@flyfishersinternational.org or the Vice President of Conservation for your respective Council of FFI for additional assistance in the planning of projects and preparation of funding requests.

Name and Contact Information for Project Leaders:

Please make sure that all contact information is complete.

Project Name:

Provide a project name that is descriptive of the nature of the proposed conservation activity.

Examples: “Smoky Mountains Native Brook Trout Restoration”, “Suwannee Bass Genetics Research” and “Proper Disposal of Monofilament Line to Reduce Water Bird Mortality.”
Project Location:

Provide brief, but specific information regarding name of stream, lake or other water body; county or nearest city and state; and whether the project is within a state or federal park, forest or other public lands.

Description of the Project:

Please be brief but complete. The purpose of this section is to describe and quantify the conservation problem and need, proposed solution and the benefit that will result from the conservation project.

a. Describe and quantify the problem and need?
Examples: “The water quality in approximately 1.25 miles of an un-named mountain stream has been degraded due to heavy livestock grazing and trampling. Surveys indicate that brook trout numbers have declined in this section of the stream by 85% during the past ten years.” Or “Public access currently does not exist along an 18-mile section of a particular river, or a lake boat ramp of recreational significance is in need of replacement.”

b. Describe and quantify the proposed solution.
Examples: “Ten thousand native brook trout will be relocated from source populations and restocked into 25 selected headwaters above natural fish barriers over a five year period. Or “The new boat ramp will be used by 10,000 fishermen per year, or 100,000 visitors to the refuge will see the informational signs and monofilament dispensers each year.”

c. Describe and quantify the anticipated benefits. Items to consider may be: Will fish numbers increase as a result of improved water quality? How many miles of stream will be restored? Will distribution of an endangered fish be expanded?

d. Provide a timeline and responsibility: Specifically identify: when the project begin, and when will it be completed? Who will be responsible for seeing that the project is implemented and completed? When will a report be submitted and by whom?

How Will the Funds be Used?

Describe or itemize how funds will be used for the project if received from FFF. Examples: “Requested funds will be used to purchase lunker structures” Or “Requested funds will be used to purchase fish tagging equipment”

Extent of Involvement from Local Clubs and Council:

Describe opportunities or identified for direct local club or Council involvement. Example: “The Suwannee Bass Club will provide manual labor to place the lunker structures”

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Estimated Cost, Funds Received and Funds Requested from FFF:

Provide the estimated total cost of the project, the amount of funds requested from FFI. Describe in detail other additional labor, materials and/or funding commitments have been received from a local club, appropriate FFI Council or other entities. Also, identify any required funding that has not yet been secured or received that will be necessary for implementation and completion of the project, and describe specifically how and when you anticipate securing those outstanding needs for funds should the FFI grant be awarded.

Request Submittal:

The person submitting the request must sign the document and include their title, affiliation and other contact information (e.g. mailing address, phone numbers and email address). Also note the funding request must be signed by the President and Vice President of Conservation of your respective Council to document Council endorsement prior to submittal to the FFI National Office.

Questions? Contact the Conservation Coordinator – 406-222-9369 x0 conservation@flyfishersinternational.org

Proposal Check List

- IRS Tax ID# included
- Project leader info included
- Project name included
- Complete Project Description
- Project Budget
- Signature of Project Leader
- Signature and Approval of FFI Council President and Conservation VP