

# Request for Proposals 2024

## Jackson Hole One Fly Stream Habitat Improvement Program

### Jackson Hole One Fly Conservation Grants

**Proposal Due Date: Friday, March 1, 2024, 5 pm MST**

#### Program Description and Priorities

The Jackson Hole One Fly Board (One Fly) funds projects benefiting the future of trout and fly fishing with emphasis on stream improvement and cutthroat trout conservation projects (protection, restoration, and enhancement) as well as applied stewardship education.

We are requesting proposals from eligible governmental, Tribal or non-governmental organizations. All proposed projects must advance the One Fly mission of conservation and stewardship of trout and their habitats and must meet the specific criteria outlined below. Preference will be given to projects in the tributaries and main stem Snake and South Fork Rivers/Yellowstone basins of Idaho, Wyoming and Montana, and, especially those that benefit the Snake River Fine-Spotted cutthroat trout and the Yellowstone cutthroat trout.

The Stream Habitat Improvements Program of the One Fly focuses on providing support for projects that protect, enhance and/or restore flows/ and instream habitat for cutthroat trout species. However, applied research and environmental education projects that focus on stream habitat restoration may be considered if it can be demonstrated how results will lead to a specific measurable conservation outcome that benefit cutthroat trout within a 3-year period. In addition, river access projects will be considered on a case by case basis.

Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by the Stream Habitat Improvement Committee comprised of One Fly volunteer representatives and scientific advisors. Final funding decisions are made by the Stream Habitat Improvement Committee and the One Fly Board of Directors.

#### Evaluation Criteria

Eligible **resource conservation and stewardship projects** include the protection, enhancement, restoration, and management of cutthroat trout and their habitats and instream flows for the benefit of fish. The Stream Improvement Program cannot fund land acquisition efforts, including conservation easements. Applications for resource conservation and stewardship projects must include:

- a description of activities and expected outcomes;
- review and approval by two credible fisheries scientists, including at least one review from an appropriate federal and/or state natural resource agency (US Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, National Park Service or the Bureau of Land Management, or Wyoming, Idaho or Montana fish and wildlife agencies); and
- scheduled completion of the project (or stage of the project) within three (3) years of the initiation date.

Eligible **research projects** include the study of cutthroat trout and habitats and can involve data collection, evaluation, and analyses. Applied research that deals with the causes of fisheries problems and that identify management solutions and strategies that can be translated to measurable outcomes is a high priority. Applications for research projects must include:

- demonstration that the proposed project involves state of the art research (a current review of past and recent scientific literature to justify and substantiate the need for, design, and potential benefits for executing the project);
- review and approval by two credible fisheries scientists, including at least one review from an appropriate federal and/or state natural resource agency (such as US Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, US Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management, or Idaho, Montana and Wyoming fish and wildlife agencies);
- a strategy to distribute the results of the project to the public and/or publish in a peer-reviewed document (e.g., preparation of a journal article); and
- schedule completion of the project (or stage of the project) within three (3) years of the initiation date.

**Other projects:** On a case by case basis, One Fly may consider:

- 1) Outreach and applied environmental education with a focus on “hands-on” stream habitat restoration
- 2) Fishing access improvement projects on the Snake River and South Fork

## **Funding Policies**

Grants are awarded for a single project that can be completed within three (3) years. One Fly recognizes that some larger-scale projects may warrant consecutive multi-year requests and will consider these requests on a year-by-year basis as resources allow and should describe what can be accomplished on a phased basis to qualify for consideration. Grant size typically ranges from \$10,000 to \$60,000 per project.

Applicants are encouraged to provide ***cash or in-kind match of at least \$1 for every \$1*** of One Fly grant funds requested by the applicant. For example, for a total project cost/budget of \$40,000, the applicant can request up to \$20,000 of One Fly funds. Eligible matching sources can include cash, in-kind donations, and/or volunteer labor but must be raised specifically for the project proposed. No grant funds or matching funds may be used to:

- Support litigation expenses or lobbying activities
- Land acquisition and easements
- Organizational support unless there are direct personnel expenses associated with project implementation

## **Application Procedure**

Applicants should visit the One Fly website: [www.jacksonholeonefly.com](http://www.jacksonholeonefly.com), go to *Grant Programs* and download the application in Word. Please prepare your proposal according to the application format and email it to: [grants@jacksonholeonefly.com](mailto:grants@jacksonholeonefly.com). Two technical review letters as described above ***should be included with the application if possible***, but can also be emailed separately by no later than March 1, 2024.

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**REVIEW LETTERS SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE PROPOSAL OR DUE TO KRISTYNA NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024**

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by the Stream Habitat Improvement Committee according to the program priorities and evaluation criteria outlined above. Applicants will be notified of grant awards by June 1, 2024. For questions or clarifications on the application process, please contact Krystyna Wolniakowski, Grants Manager, at [Krystyna@jacksonholeonefly.com](mailto:Krystyna@jacksonholeonefly.com)