

# 2025 Land and Climate Program Grants

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## *Land Trust Alliance*

### *Helpful Hints*

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- Use this application to apply for grants from either **Open Space Institute or Land Trust Alliance**. Please refer to the Request for Proposals for more information about eligibility.
- Character limits include spaces and punctuation.
- Be sure to save your work frequently by clicking the "Save" button at the bottom of the page as the system will log out after 90 minutes of inactivity.
- The size of text boxes can be adjusted by dragging on the lower right corner.
- Create a PDF version of your application via the "Application Packet" button at the top of the page. All content and attachments will be included.

### *Organizational Information*

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#### **Applicant Name\***

The individual from the applying organization that will communicate with Open Space Institute or Land Trust Alliance staff, fulfill contract requirements per the grant agreement, and receive the grant.

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#### **Mission Statement\***

Please enter the organization's mission statement.

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#### **Date Founded\***

Date organization was founded.

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### *Project Overview*

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#### **Project Name\***

Name of Project.

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## Project Summary\*

Briefly summarize your project. Include 1) intended outcomes, 2) geography, 3) partners, and 4) the importance of the project in addressing climate change. Note: If funding is awarded, this summary may be used to describe the project publicly.

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## Geographic Area(s)\*

Please choose all that apply.

### Choices

AK  
AL  
AR  
AZ  
CA  
CO  
CT  
DC (District of Columbia)  
DE  
FL  
GA  
HI  
IA  
ID  
IL  
IN  
KS  
KY  
LA  
MA  
MD  
ME  
MI  
MN  
MO  
MS  
MT  
NC  
ND  
NE  
NH  
NJ  
NM  
NV  
NY  
OH  
OK  
OR

PA  
PR (Puerto Rico)  
RI  
SC  
SD  
TN  
TX  
UT  
VA  
VT  
WA  
WI  
WV  
WY

### Estimated Project Start Date\*

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### Estimated Project End Date\*

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## Narrative

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### Project Goals\*

Provide a brief explanation of what climate change impacts you are seeking to address with the project and why. Where relevant, describe how the project could influence specific conservation decisions, your organization's internal policies or practices, and/or priorities of established conservation funding sources.

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### Geographic Area\*

Please describe the following:

1. The project's geographic area (service area, watershed, counties, eco-region, or other planning boundaries as appropriate); and
2. The importance of focusing on climate change mitigation or adaptation in this place.

*Character Limit: 1000*

### Project Strategies and Methods\*

Please describe each of the following:

1. The strategies to achieve the goals; and
2. Methods that will be used to complete the project, including the science and/or data that will be used to help ensure climate impacts are addressed.

*Character Limit: 2000*

## Products and Audiences\*

Please describe each of the following:

1. Products (e.g., reports, maps, conservation plan, communications materials, etc.) that will result from the proposed project; and
2. The audience(s) for the proposed products.

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## Task and Timeline\*

Provide a list of tasks and timeline for completing the outcomes.

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## Qualifications and Roles\*

Describe the project team's knowledge and capacity to complete the project, including specific roles and qualifications of partners to achieve the intended goals. If mapping is part of the project, describe the GIS (mapping) qualifications of the project team.

*Character Limit: 2000*

## Climate Change Commitment\*

Describe the role that climate change adaptation and/or mitigation plays in the work of the applicant and project partners. Briefly list any prior planning projects or work that demonstrates the organizations' commitment to addressing climate change.

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# Community Benefit and Engagement

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## Demographics\*

Briefly describe the racial and socioeconomic demographics of the lands within project area. Please feel welcome to comment on other aspects of community demographics. Consider reviewing census or community survey data to understand if there are low income, and/or Black, Indigenous, or other communities of color in the project area. Conversations with local organizations that serve specific populations may help to refine this information gathering and can provide insight into communities of people with disabilities or LGBTQIA+ people living in the area.

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## Land Connection\*

Which communities or groups of people have a connection to this place, and what is the nature of this relationship? Consider people who live nearby, or who recreate or volunteer on the land, or who have ancestral or long-term connections to the land. How, if at all, does this project take these questions into account?

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## Community Impacts\*

Describe the climate-related and other benefits of your project to human communities, for example urban tree cover, drinking water protection, flood hazard mitigation, access to recreational areas or culturally significant lands. Indicate if any of the beneficiaries of the project include members of communities that have historically been excluded from equal access to nature's benefits due to race, income, or other factors.

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## Community Engagement\*

Please describe how members of the community have been or will be included in planning, decision making and/or implementation of the project. As specifically as possible, indicate which communities or groups you are engaging. If relevant, describe any steps taken or planned to reduce barriers to participation for people who historically have been underrepresented in land conservation or are disproportionately impacted by climate change.

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## Grant Budget and Financial Information

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### Amount Requested\*

Please enter the amount of grant funds requested.

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### Estimated Project Budget\*

Please note that this field should match the "total project costs" line on your uploaded Project Financial Summary form.

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### Financial Summary\*

Using the template provided here, upload a completed Project Financial Summary showing total project costs and anticipated funding sources.

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### Budget Narrative\*

Describe the uses of funds and how your organization(s) plan to raise any outstanding project funds. While match is not required, in-kind or cash match is appreciated as an indication of the organization's commitment to the project.

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## *Additional Information*

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### **Maps**

Please upload 1 or 2 maps of the project's geographic area. If a map is not available, please feel free to upload another relevant visual. If your file exceeds upload limits or you need additional assistance please contact Artis Freye, Conservation Initiatives Project Manager, (269) 348-8970 or [afrey@lta.org](mailto:afrey@lta.org).

*File Size Limit: 4 MB*

### **Additional Maps**

Additional optional upload.

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### **Optional Information**

If desired, upload or provide a link to your current strategic conservation plan, including related narratives and maps.

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### **Additional Information**

Is there additional information and/or supporting documentation pertinent to the proposed project that you would like us to consider in reviewing this application, including additional grants or funding you have applied for or received that compliments this work? You may describe this information in this section, or upload attachments below.

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## Land and Climate Grant Program Project Financial Summary

Project Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Directions

- Detail all estimated **Project Costs** and **Funding Sources** including those that will not be covered by this grant request.
- Overhead or indirect costs of up to 15% of the project total may be included in the grant request or in the overall project budget.
- Expenses for staff salaries may be included in the grant request and/or included through in-kind contributions from your organization or other funding sources.
- **Project Costs** and **Funding Sources** should be equal. If full funding has not been secured, please indicate how you expect to secure the funding needed to complete the project.
- Add additional lines to tables as needed.

### Estimated Project Costs

Staff	\$
Other than staff (please list)	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	\$

### Estimated Sources of Funds

Source	In hand/Pledged	Anticipated
Land and Climate Grant Request	N/A	\$
In kind	\$	\$
Other contributions (please list)	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
<b>Total Sources of Funds</b>	\$	\$