AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Trout Unlimited Grant / CLCF

Action Requested: Other Ratification of BOCC Signature

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:

Ratification of BOCC signature--Trout Unlimited Grant; Coldwater Land Conservancy Fund; Gunnison Angling Society #057; 9/30/18-9/30/20

Fiscal Impact:

Submitted by: Liz Mense **Submitter's Email Address:** EMense@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: (●) Required ( ) Not Required

Comments:
No concerns. ln

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\lNienhueser Discharge Date: 8/30/2018

County Attorney Review: (●) Required ( ) Not Required

Comments:
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Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\dBaumgarten Discharge Date: 8/29/2018 Certificate of Insurance Required Yes ( ) No (●)

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 8/30/2018

(●) Consent Agenda ( ) Regular Agenda ( ) Worksession Time Allotted: 0

Agenda Date: 9/4/2018

Revised April 2015

COLDWATER LAND CONSERVANCY FUND
2018 GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant: (TU Chapter and/or Council and number) Gunnison Angling Society # 057

Project Title: Gunnison River, Shady Island Land Conservation

Project Location: (e.g. Stream, Watershed, City, State – add GPS coordinates if available)
Gunnison River near the Town of Gunnison, CO

Lat: 38.583182° Long:-106.920354°

Salmonid Species and Status (native, wild, threatened/endangered, etc.) (if applicable):

Wild Trout: Brown, Rainbow, Cutthroat

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signature date

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name	email	phone
Gunnison County Commissioner	Gunnison County	
title	agency	

signature 8/24/18 date

TU Chapter President:

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name	email	phone

address city state/zip

signature date

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COLDWATER LAND CONSERVANCY FUND
2018 DRAFT Instructions and Application Form

I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Coldwater Land Conservancy Fund is a matching grant program administered by the National Office of Trout Unlimited (TU) that awards funds to TU chapters and councils in partnership with land trusts and conservation agencies for coldwater fisheries protection. This new program is designed to provide grants to land protection projects that result in conservation easements or land trust or agency ownership of important properties that protect native and wild salmonid habitat.

The CLCF grant making process will be managed through the Embrace A Stream program. For the first annual funding cycle, TU chapters and councils are asked to submit proposals for projects that best address the needs of native and wild trout following TU's Protect, Reconnect, Restore, and Sustain conservation model. Projects will be evaluated based on the following criteria: **Significance of the coldwater habitat resource; Importance of the specific property to that resource, and; The extent to which the project increases the TU impact and builds lasting partnerships**. Please be sure to read each section carefully so that you understand the guidelines or requirements and visit the Coldwater Land Conservancy page of the TU web site (www.tu.org/clcf) which includes guidance for working with land trusts and examples of successful projects.

Because of the sometimes urgent nature of important land protection projects, proposals will be reviewed and grants awarded on a semi-annual basis. Funds available will be awarded with the intent that proposals can be funded in both grant rounds, but TU cannot guarantee there will be sufficient funding to approve all worthy proposals.

Proposals must be postmarked or delivered by (to be determined), or (to be determined) by ONE of the following methods:

- **Mail one** copy of the application (with signatures) to EAS Committee, Trout Unlimited, 1300 N. 17th St, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22209; or,
- **Fax** the application (with signatures) to TBD at (703) 522-0200; or
- **Email** the Microsoft Word, PDF, or scanned application (with signatures) to clcf@tu.org. Please email the application in a single file.

*Please note that chapter presidents and/or project contacts will receive a confirmation email the following week when the application has been received and pre-screened.

Special emergency actions: The CLCF recognizes that from time to time there may be urgent project needs that require the commitment of funding in a short time frame in order to secure agreements for protection projects. If an applicant believes that it has a project that requires special consideration between grant rounds, it should contact **TBD**, to discuss whether the project meets the criteria to allow a special emergency application to be accepted.

II. ELIGIBILITY

The CLCF grant program supports the conservation projects of TU chapters and councils working in partnership with land trusts and public conservation agencies. A TU chapter or council must be a co-applicant, but land trusts or government agencies may be the principal authors or applicants of proposals. There must be significant TU involvement in the planning and execution of the project to warrant funding. CLCF will not make grants to individuals or non-TU projects. **Please note that TU chapters and partners who have not filed final reports for past CLCF funded projects (xxx funding cycle or before) will not be eligible to receive grants.**

The following are the CLCF funding policies:

- The maximum grant awarded for CLCF projects is normally**$5,000**. Larger grants will be considered for exceptional projects.*
- Applicants have two years to complete a proposed project.
- Applicants must match, on at least a one-to-one basis, the CLCF grant request. For example, for a total project budget of $10,000, the applicant can request up to $5,000 and must match the balance of $5,000. CLCF requires a cash match of one to one, however matching sources beyond the required cash can include cash gifts, in-kind donations of materials or services, and/or volunteer labor. Applications with less than a 50/50 match will need to provide a rationale for why the match is not feasible.
- CLCF will fund projects that use non-TU volunteers, contractors, and/or consultants if their portion of the project meets the evaluation criteria and if there is significant TU volunteer involvement.
- CLCF will **not** fund projects that request salary expenses for government agency personnel or non-profit staff. If it appears in the proposal budget that CLCF funds will go to support state or federal agency labor, please provide a full and clear explanation.
- CLCF will **not** fund partially or fully completed projects that are seeking reimbursement for previously incurred expenses.
- Chapters or councils undertaking multi-phase projects are welcome to apply for CLCF funds. However, the CLCF committee will only consider grant funding for a single phase at a time. **CLCF is intended as a source of funding for the early stages of projects, not as a multi-year funding mechanism for long term projects.**

CLCF **will** fund the following types of land protection project expenses:

- Direct costs associated with the purchase or donation of land or conservation easements on priority coldwater fishery watersheds. This may include: professional surveys, appraisals (commissioned by land trusts or agencies, not land or easement donors); legal fees; consultant fees for due diligence, habitat assessments, etc.
- Capital costs for the purchase of land or conservation easements
- The establishment or enhancement of permanent stewardship funds or endowments required by land trusts or agencies as a condition of land protection project completion. CLCF will fund up to 50% of the specified stewardship fund requirement for the project.
- Fundraising campaigns, where TU funds will be used to develop and produce campaign publications, public outreach programs, field trips and other specific events that lead to project success.
- Advocacy efforts that will positively influence government funding (e.g. bond issues, budget appropriations) of priority land protection projects that benefit coldwater resources, including coalition building with other partner organizations. CLCF will fund advocacy only to the extent that it is a portion of a grant supporting direct transaction or capital costs of a land project. Funding for advocacy is limited to 20% of any CLCF grant request.

CLCF **will not** fund the following types of projects:

- Habitat improvement or restoration projects (These are funded by the regular Embrace a Stream program, see www.tu.org/eas)
- Advocacy campaigns that endorse a specific candidates or particular piece of legislation unrelated to a specific land protection project..
- Conservation planning or strategic planning projects

For questions about funding guidelines or project eligibility, please contact TBD Land Conservancy Program Coordinator, at (email address) or (703) 522-0200 before you begin writing your proposal.

III. REVIEW PROCESS

The schedule and associated deadlines for the 2011 CLCF funding cycle are listed below:

Date TBD -Applications available on website

Date TBD -Lines to Leaders training call to discuss CLCF applications

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Date TBD	-	Final deadline for applications (postmark/fax/email date)
Within 30 days Following application deadline	-CLCF Committee grant selection meeting	
Within 15 days following CLCF selection	-EAS committee review and approval of selection	
Within 15 days Following selection	-Grant announcement letters are mailed/emailed	
TBD	-Grant checks will be deposited in the TU Chapter or Council, or designated partner bank accounts.	

The Coldwater Land Conservancy Fund review committee is comprised of TU staff, volunteer representatives and land trust advisors. The committee evaluates all proposed projects and makes final funding decisions quarterly. CLCF Committee members are a valuable resource for potential grantseekers. Chapters and Councils that receive money are often in contact with their CLCF committee member early on in the process. The members of the committee include:

Name & Term	Region (States)	Phone	Email
TBD			

*NLC members and grassroots trustee members to be selected based on their experience as volunteers, board members or staff with land trusts or land conservation agencies.

Grant applications will be evaluated and ranked according to the following criteria. Ranking will be based primarily on:

A. Significance of the coldwater resource to the protection of habitat for native and wild salmonids, (with priority given to native species);

B. Importance of the specific property to the identified species.

C. Opportunities for habitat restoration, reconnection or enhancement on the property.

Additional criteria that will contribute to proposal ranking:

D. Opportunities for strengthening other TU impacts, such as youth education, public outreach, membership growth, etc

E. The creation of voluntary public angling access, whether managed by the land trust /agency or under agreement with TU or other method.

The Committee develops cumulative scores for each application and ranks all proposals based on the evaluation criteria before meeting to make final funding decisions. Besides focusing on the overall clarity and merit of the project description, proposals must address one or more of the proposal evaluation criteria. The most successful applications will effectively combine TU capacity-building elements with a focus on measurable coldwater conservation results. In other words, projects that address all five project criteria will be given greater weight than projects that do not.

Further explanation of the evaluation criteria:

In preparing an application, answering the following questions will greatly help the CLCF committee evaluate a proposal:

A. Significance of the Coldwater Habitat Resource- Is the project located within scientifically documented important habitat for native or wild trout or salmon? (highest priority will be given to protection of habitat for native salmonids). Is the project nationally or regionally significant? Has this watershed or subwatershed been identified as a conservation target by the TU CSI or other science based initiative such as the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture?

B. Importance of the specific property- How significant is the specific property to the integrity of the watershed for the identified native or wild trout or salmon? Does the property contain substantial frontage on an important river, stream or other water body? Have fisheries biologists or other scientists visited the property and documented the importance? Is the property adjacent to or nearby other protected lands? What is the current condition of the habitat on the property, both aquatic and riparian? What is the risk to the property if it is not protected?

C. Opportunities for habitat restoration, reconnection or enhancement. Is the habitat impacted by historic activities such that restoration activities (e.g. riparian fencing, planting, dam removal, culvert replacement, erosion control, instream habitat enhancement, etc.) could re-establish pre-impact conditions favorable to the target species? Is the local TU chapter or Council planning to propose future collaborations to achieve restoration or enhancement? Are there public agencies that are able and willing to support habitat restoration activities? Is the landowner supportive of restoration? Has the land trust/agency been involved in previous habitat projects?

D. Increasing the TU impact and building lasting partnerships - Does the project create opportunities for future collaborations between land trusts or agencies and TU

for protection of more of the targeted watershed or subwatershed? Are there opportunities for public, youth or other education programs on the property? What public outreach and education efforts about coldwater fisheries conservation exist? Can the project enhance other TU mission goals or attract new members and volunteers?

E. Creation of Voluntary Public Access. (*NOTE: TU does not require that projects provide angler access. However, projects that do provide voluntary access will receive extra points in the evaluation process*) Does the project include an element of public angler access, to be provided voluntarily by the landowner, TU or land trust/agency?

IV. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants are **required** to contact the CLCF committee at least 3 weeks prior to each application deadline. Please contact them before you start writing the proposal – they can help you refine the concept for your project and structure the proposal. Many regional TU leaders are often willing to review early drafts of the proposal, which often leads to a higher success rate in getting funded. The CLCF staff can advise you on which regional leaders are available to provide guidance.

Project Proposals should include the following items in the order given below:

1. **Application Form**
   Use the attached form for all CLCF applications. Please note that all requested signatures are mandatory – **printed emails with "approval" messages are acceptable and should be attached.** For all projects either the local Chapter Chair or state Council Chair must sign the application. Applications without required TU signatures will be ineligible for funding and automatically rejected. The form should be placed at the beginning of all your proposal documents.

2. **Executive Summary**
   In *250 words or less*, Please note the project name and location, name of the applicant, TU chapter or council and partner land trust or agency, amount requested, matching funds, background or purpose of the project, goals and objectives, proposed project costs to be funded, anticipated scope of impact, and any other partners. The executive summary should be brief and to the point. The CLCF Committee will refer to it frequently during the review process. The executive summary should appear after the application form and before the full proposal.

3. **Background**
   Describe the project location, including name of water body and salmonid species. Please show how this watershed, region or area has regional or national significance. If the project is part of a TU National initiative, Please explain the extent of coordination with TU National staff.

4. **Project Description**

Briefly describe the target property. Provide a map of the project region, showing location within the state. Provide a project map showing the important coldwater stream, pond, etc. Provide not more than 4 photographs. Also address: How many feet of waterfront/riparian corridor will be protected; the current condition of the aquatic and riparian habitat; any known data documenting the presence of the target coldwater fish species; proximity to other conserved or protected lands that will benefit from the protection of this property.

5. **Project Goals and Objectives:**

Briefly describe the goals of the project; how the property will be protected (fee or conservation easement/restriction); what entity will hold the land/easement resulting from the project; who will be responsible for monitoring and managing the property; opportunities for habitat restoration/enhancement projects in collaboration with TU; and opportunities for appropriate angler access. Also describe any economic benefits that will result from your work.

6. **Strength of partner**

Briefly describe the history and strength of the land trust/agency partner. How long as the partner been in existence; how many properties does the partner already protect; does the partner have a history of partnering with TU; does the partner have sufficient resources and a strong track record in land and/or easement stewardship; has the partner already identified/obtained other required sources of funding for the project?

5. **Work Plan**

Briefly describe or outline how the protection project will be implemented, Include:

- A **Timeframe** or **Schedule** of when major activities will occur, including when closing is anticipated.
- The **Role of TU** leaders, volunteers, or staff in the project and the names and qualifications of the key participants. CLCF projects require that TU volunteers have significant involvement.
- The **Role of Other Partners** in the project and the names and qualifications of the key participants.
- A brief **Outreach Plan** to disseminate the results of the project to TU, project partners, and the general public.

6. **Budget Form**

The attached Budget Form is intended to assist applicants in writing project budgets and explaining project costs. **Please use this form.** Applicants are required to indicate total project costs, as well as CLCF costs and non-CLCF expenses. Please be as specific as possible when describing your project expenses and keep in mind that there should be a one-to-one match for a CLCF grant. CLCF requires that any cash grant from CLCF be matched by an equal amount of

cash, whether through chapter or council contributions. If individuals are donors to the project, they should make their donation by way of a gift to the chapter or council.

Total project costs can be defined in terms of cash gifts, personnel and costs of materials and services. Applicants must identify all other contributors and indicate the type and amount of matched costs (e.g., $5,000 cash, Town of Smallville). Estimates of direct cash costs and in-kind contributions to the specific project must be specified in the categories below:

- Personnel/Consultant Fees – Outline specific tasks, work to be performed by personnel/consultants, and the basis for their fees. Total fees should be broken down according to the amount of time spent on the project (e.g., hourly, weekly, or monthly rates).
- Volunteer Labor – Identify all sources of volunteer labor, both TU and non-TU. Donated professional services can be valued at current market rates. General volunteer labor may be valued according to the most recent determination of the value of volunteer time by Independent Sector which is currently $20.25/hour.
- Contracts - Identify all work to be completed by contract. If a commitment to contract a particular vendor has been made prior to application for funding, explain how the vendor was selected, type of contract, deliverables, time frame, cost, and basis for the cost.
- Materials/Equipment –CLCF does not fund the purchase of materials or equipment other than printed or other media materials to be used for the purposes of project fundraising or project advocacy.
- Other Expenses - Identify any other specific costs associated with the project. Please note that transportation costs for volunteer labor (i.e., lodging, mileage and gas expenses) are not eligible for CLCF funding. Travel may be counted as match at $0.50/mi.

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V. OTHER INFORMATION

- Grant applicants should take a common sense approach to avoiding any real or perceived conflicts of interests. If a chapter or council board officer, board member, sponsoring professional, or other person in a position with decision making authority regarding the proposed project may appear to personally benefit either financially, materially, or otherwise through the project Please explain what steps will be taken to avoid a conflict of interest.

- All grant recipients must submit to TU National a final report, including evaluation results within one year of grant awards. For continuations, a progress report must be submitted, including a brief description of the delays and work plan.

- Amendments to a CLCF project must be submitted to TU National and are subject to review and approval by the CLCF review committee and staff.

- Unexpended project funds must be returned to TU National at the conclusion of the project. Such funds will be used in the CLCF program for future projects.

- TU may use selected passages from successful applications in press releases and other media activities.

VI. PREPARING AN CLCF PROPOSAL - FINAL CHECKLIST

In order for an CLCF proposal to be considered for funding it must include the following items:

__ A. Contact made with the regional CLCF Committee Member no later than three weeks prior to the submission deadline, to discuss proposal idea. Phone or email contact is acceptable. Some regional representatives are also willing to review draft proposals in advance of the final deadline.

__ B. A complete **Application Form** including all of the required signatures:
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- __ 2) Chapter President
- __ 3) Council Chair
- __ 4) Collaborating Land Trust or agency
- __ 5) Landowner (if applicable)

__ C. A complete **Proposal** document including:
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___ 3) Goals and objectives
___ 4) Work Plan

___ D. A complete CLCF **Budget Form** that includes:
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2011 CLCF - Budget Form

Item	CLCF Cost	Matched Cost & Name of Contributor(1)	Total Project Cost
Direct Transaction Expenses (surveys, appraisals, title reports, etc.) - Environmental Assessment	$3,000	$6000 Gunnison County	$9,000
Land or Conservation Easement acquisition (capital) costs			
TU Volunteer Labor(2) $20.25/hr^. x # of hrs.		GAS $1,215 Installing signage	$1,215
Land Trust/Agency Staff and Volunteer Labor(3)			
Other Volunteer Labor			
Fundraising campaign expenses^^			
Public funding advocacy (4)	$1000	$3,000 -GAS $1000 -Private Donor $1,000 – Local Education Grant	$6,000
Stewardship Endowment (5)	$1000		$1000

Other Expenses	Concrete	Gunnison County	$500
TOTAL			$18,525

Notes: Please provide detailed itemizations for each CLCF cost. Where applicable, Please specify unit costs and quantities for materials, , consultant, and contractor time, etc. Attach additional pages if necessary.

(1) Identify type & amount of donation & name of donor if known.
(2)Value of TU volunteer labor must be placed in "Matched Cost & Name of Contributor" column.
(3)Agency labor must be placed in "Matched Cost & Name of Contributor" column.
(4)Public funding advocacy cost paid by CLCF cannot exceed 20% of the total grant request
(5) CLCF will provide up to 50% of the land trust/agency's proposed stewardship endowment only if the project contains public angling access.

Shady Island Put-In and Riverside Park Project Proposal
Submitted by:
Gunnison Angling Society
Submitted to:
Cold Water Land Conservation Fund
August, 8th 2017

Executive Summary

The Shady Island Put-in and Riverside Park project is located near the town of Gunnison, CO and is a collaborative effort between Gunnison Angling Society, TU Chapter 057 (GAS), Gunnison County, Colorado Trout Unlimited, the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservation District and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. This project will enhance and permanently protect a 10.5-acre parcel of land adjacent to the Gunnison River as a rivercraft access point, on foot river/ fishing access, riparian and instream fishing habitat improvement and a public park. Gunnison County purchased the Shady Island property in 2017. Prior to the purchase the property was slated to become 16-unit subdivision.

Gunnison Angling Society is requesting $5,000 from the Cold-Water Land Conservation Fund to assist with direct costs to complete an Environmental Assessment of the purchased property, to install river stewardship educational signage, and to use as an endowment fund for maintenance and repair of the signs. CLCF funds will be matched with $3,000 cash and 60hrs of volunteer labor from GAS. Additional matching cash funds totaling $7,000 will come from Gunnison County, a local educational grant, and a private donation.

Background

The upper Gunnison River has seen a surge of recreational use in the last 10 years. A significant portion of that traffic is from private and commercial floating and walk-wading fishing trips. The increase in user pressure is most apparent at a location known as the North Bridge put-in. The North Bridge put-in is the only public access point between Almont and the town of Gunnison, a distance of 12 miles. Because the existing "put-in" is an overcrowded dirt patch on a narrow strip of Colorado Department of Transportation right-away, improvements like restrooms and parking needed to handle the level of user traffic are not permitted.

Gunnison County recently purchased the 12-acre parcel Shady Island Property which has 800 linear feet of the Gunnison River flowing through it on both sides of the river for a total of approx. 1500 feet of riverside access. The vision for the property is to develop a public park with a well-functioning boat ramp, river access for fishing, riparian and instream fishing habitat improvements, restrooms, river side trail, tent camping, and parking.

Gunnison County received a grant from Great Outdoors Colorado to fund the design scoping phase of the project. They have completed two conceptual design alternatives after several months of outreach and input form community members. These design alternatives are also included in Appendix A.

Work Plan

Gunnison County has $6,000 of the $9,000 necessary to complete the Environment Assessment on the property. This assessment is necessary before any of the proposed improvements can take place. $3,000 of funding requested from CLCF will be used for the Environmental Assessment. This will be completed during the Summer of 2018 by SGM, an engineering firm based in Gunnison. Gunnison County will provide oversight of the EA.

GAS plans to install and maintain river stewardship signage at the property along the riverside trail and near the boat ramp. Information on Gunnison River ecology, trout biology, safe trout handling, and wading considerations to prevent damaging reds are a few examples that will be highlighted on the signs. Estimated cost for eight signs will is $6,000. GAS has committed $3,000 cash to purchase the signage. Additional funds for the signage will include a $1000 private donation, $1,000 from local education grant, and $1,000 from the Coldwater Land Conservation Fund. GAS will also coordinate 60 volunteer hours to install the signs. GAS, TU, and Gunnison County logos will be highly visible on each sign. The signs, frames and mounting brackets will be designed and purchased during the winter of 2019 and the signs will be installed after all other improvements on the property are completed.

The remaining $1000 from the CLCF will be used as an endowment to maintain and repair the signage. This endowment will be managed by GAS.

GAS will provide one status report to CLCF once the EA is completed and a second status report once the improvements are completed and the signs installed.

Goals

Access to CLCF funding would provide an opportunity for GAS to leverage their small pool of funds and double their financial impact to this project to help accomplish the following goals.

- Provide an accessible site where the public can enjoy the Gunnison River and associated riparian ecosystem.
- Install and maintain watershed stewardship signage along the conservation property to encourage sustainable use of the upper Gunnison River.
- Provide a stable boat ramp and suitable facilities to accommodate the increase in floating traffic on the Gunnison River
- Promote Gunnison Angling Society and TU as stewards of the Gunnison Watershed.

Additionally, GAS and CLCF commitment of support to this overall project will demonstrate the angling community's buy-in and help Gunnison County secure the funding necessary to complete the proposed improvements to the property.

We appreciate the consideration of this funding request. Please contact Briant Wiles, Gunnison Angling Society Chapter President, for questions or additional information about this project.

Sincerely,

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