



# Sustainability Community Grant Application



## **Application Summary**

The Dow Championship Sustainability Community Grant will provide up to \$20,000 in seed money for projects aimed at improving environmental conditions in the four counties of the Great Lakes Bay Region (Bay, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw).

Applications for the grant will be accepted for projects that that will help advance sustainability through conservation of water and/or nature.

## **Deadline**

Grant applications are due by end of day, Friday, October 25, 2024.

## **Instructions**

Submit the following cover sheet, along with descriptions of your Project Overview, Project Plan, Project Team, and Budget & Timeline, as a PDF or Word document to [dpilaske@chippewanaturecenter.org](mailto:dpilaske@chippewanaturecenter.org). Please adhere to word count limits.

## Cover Sheet

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

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: MI Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there other organizations currently participating, or expected to participate, in this project?

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Which area of conservation will be addressed with your project? (Select all that apply)

**Biodiversity and ecology:** Projects that address habitat fragmentation or degradation, and/or help preserve or restore ecosystems and habitat diversity.

**Soil and water quality:** Projects aimed at improving soil or water quality.

**Land use management:** Projects that support restoration of land, implement land use best practices, etc.

**Water basin or watershed enhancement:** Projects that preserve or enhance a water basin or watershed system, either directly or indirectly.

Are there opportunities for corporate volunteer engagement in this project?

Yes (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

No

### Non-Discrimination Statement and Policy

By accepting funding from the Dow Company Foundation, Dow Inc. or any of its affiliates, all grant recipients agree that no person will be excluded from agency services, employment or volunteer participation on the basis of gender, race, religion, HIV/AIDS status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, ethnic origin or other inherent personal characteristic protected by law.

Note: Organizations that serve a specifically defined population or charitable class of people as part of their mission are not considered non-inclusive or discriminatory. The above statement applies to how such an organization serves its specific target population, as well as how it handles hiring and volunteer participation. The application of religious requirements with respect to the hiring of religious officials may not exclude an organization from qualifying as a grant recipient, provided the subject organization demonstrates that it otherwise complies with this policy.

Do you agree with the above non-discrimination statement?

Yes  No

## **Project Description**

Please submit a description of each of the following along with the cover page to [dpilaske@chippewanaturecenter.org](mailto:dpilaske@chippewanaturecenter.org).

### **PROJECT OVERVIEW (300 words or less)**

- Briefly describe the project and the issue it will attempt to address.

### **PROJECT PLAN (500 words or less)**

- Describe the idea, origin of idea and novel approach to addressing the issue described.
- List the specific deliverables and anticipated outcomes.
- Describe possible barriers to completion and their significance to your project, as well as contingency plans to address barriers.
- Describe the expected impact of the project on the issue described.

### **PROJECT TEAM (500 words or less)**

- Describe the background of your organization and any other organizations involved.
- If multiple organization are involved, describe the role each will play in the project, including their unique contributions and distinct responsibilities.
- Describe team members, their relevant expertise and their role(s) in this project.
- Describe any collaboration(s) with and funding source(s) from other institutes and organizations.

### **BUDGET & TIMELINE (500 words or less)**

- Please attach a detailed budget for this project. Include all expenses and anticipated revenue sources.
- How do you plan to finance the portion not funded by the Sustainability Community Grant?
- What is the timeline for implementation and completion of this project?