

Request for Proposals: Columbia Land Conservancy Mini-Grant Program

The Columbia Land Conservancy is excited to announce a pilot program of Municipal Mini-grants. CLC has created this program in order to support our municipal partners who seek funds for land-use planning, conservation, and other initiatives that support your community's natural resources. Grantees will be selected by a committee of CLC staff and Board of Trustees. Please direct any questions about this program to info@clctrust.org and include "Municipal Mini-Grant" in your email subject line. Information about the program is included below.

Who is eligible to apply?

Any municipality in Columbia County may apply. Each municipality may only submit one application per funding cycle.

What is the maximum grant award size?

CLC will award up to \$500 per grant.

What is the grant timeline?

Please apply by February 28. CLC will notify grantees by March 30. For reimbursement, reports must be received by December 1, 2021.

How will we get the funds?

CLC will reimburse grantees for funds upon receipt of invoices, checks, or other evidence that funds have been expended.

What type of reporting is necessary?

CLC asks for a one-paragraph narrative explaining how funds were spent and what the results were. Because this is a new program, we will also ask grantees to provide feedback on how to improve the program to make it more useful in future years.

What types of projects are appropriate?

Funds are available to support any action or expenditure that will achieve the following objectives. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather provide examples of projects.

- Provide education about the natural world in Columbia County
Supporting public education programs, workshops for Conservation Advisory Councils, conference attendance
- Facilitate or improve access to the outdoors
Improving trails/trailheads, updating a website with information about outdoor access, improving park amenities
- Support your municipality's land use planning resources or practices
Training for staff
- Take action to conserve the natural world in Columbia County
Improving water quality, planting pollinator gardens, installing rain barrels

The grantee selection committee will prioritize those projects that meet multiple objectives, and those that provide direct benefit to our community members.