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**Small Grants Application Form**

**NOTE: We want to make this application as simple as possible. You may be brief - you don’t even need to use complete sentences - as long as you tell us what we need to know. Click and type at each “\_\_\_\_\_”. The fields expand within limits. Click on check-boxes.**

**Applicant Name (organization or person)****:**

**Address (City, State, Zip Code)****:**

**Contact person (if applicant is an organization) :**

**Email:**

**Telephone (and best times):**

**Project Title:**

**Amount of Funding Requested:**

**Brief Description of Project *(field expands up to 9 lines)*:**

**How does this project meet our criteria for funding *(see page 3; up to 5 lines)*?**

**Project Location: Please provide name of property if there is one, and street address or other location aid (map, block, parcel etc.):**

**Visuals: Please attach property map(s) showing an aerial view, photographs relevant to the project criteria, and any other relevant data or materials that you might have. In the case of long documents, please provide excerpts or a summary rather than attaching the entire document. List attachments here:**

**Total cost of project:**

**Expected time of project completion:**

**Potential sources of additional funding (if needed):**

**Please attach a SIMPLE budget. You may use the attached *(page 4 of 4)* as an example.**

**P****erson Responsible for Project Completion:**  **Same as Contact Person on page 1.**

**If different from the contact person, type name, title, email, phone):**

**Typed signature of person responsible for project completion:**

**Email this application and any attachments to:**  [connecticutbotanicalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:connecticutbotanicalsociety@gmail.com)

CONNECTICUT BOTANICAL SOCIETY (CBS) CRITERIA FOR

SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDING

CBS land conservation grants should place priority on protection of rare/uncommon/native plants or natural communities or areas of high native diversity. Therefore, CBS may consider high quality habitats that could support rare/uncommon native plants or natural communities or high native diversity.

CBS grants will also consider habitat improvement projects, with priority placed on projects with a good likelihood of long-term success.

CBS will deprioritize land conservation grants that exist for the simple purpose of expanding open space, including recreational space, when said space is not botanically distinctive (e.g., to link two parts of a hiking trail, or to provide access to another parcel which is either botanically undistinctive or degraded).

CBS may consider grants that aid in creating habitat for imperiled native animals, including pollinators, consistent with the first priority.

CBS may consider need/urgency, prioritizing parcels that might be lost if they don’t receive immediate support.

CBS may consider projects that support environmental justice, including protecting open space in low-income and urban communities.

For land conservation, CBS will only fund projects where the conservation of the land is guaranteed by deed for perpetuity.

CBS may consider funding a botanist/ecologist for a plant inventory to aid management of properties acquired via CBS grants.

CBS may also consider assistance with fund-raising expenses for projects that meet the above criteria. Additionally, CBS may help land trusts/organizations with fundraising by providing high quality plant photos and information, leading walks, etc.

CBS will only fund projects that take place in Connecticut.

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| **Simple Budget:** Please provide a simple budget for your proposed project, including major categories of costs, total estimated project cost, and total amount requested from CBS. The examples below are intended to show the approximate level of detail we are looking for. You may choose to comment on additional sources of funding, places where project costs are flexible, or other information that may be relevant to the budget. | | |
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| Example 1: Land Acquisition Project | | |
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| **Category** | **Items** | **Cost** |
| Parcel Acquisition | Rare Plant Preserve- Purchase price | $125,000 |
| Fees | Escrow agents, title insurance, transfer tax, property tax, recording fees, attorneys’ fees, etc | $10,000 |
| *Total Project Cost* |  | *$135,000* |
| *Amount Requested from CBS* |  | *$2,000* |
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| Comments: We have secured $98,000 in funding for the project so far from private donors and the Local Town Community Foundation. | | |
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| Example 2: Land Stewardship Project | | |
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| **Category** | **Items** | **Cost** |
| Ecological Assessment | Site assessment, mapping, and management plan by a botanical consultant | $1,100 |
| Materials | Brush saw, fencing, flagging, signage | $500 |
| Labor | Reroute trail, fence off sensitive area, cut back competing veg, post signage | $0-500 |
| *Total Project Cost* |  | *$1,600-$2,100* |
| *Amount Requested from CBS* |  | *$2,100* |
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| Comments: We would like to hire a student who is majoring in plant sciences, ecology, natural resources, or a related field to complete the labor associated with this project, in keeping with our organization's mission of supporting an up-and-coming generation of conservationists. However, we expect to be able to complete the desired management activities using volunteer labor if funding for a student worker is unavailable. | | |

**EXAMPLE BUDGETS**