

Questions and Answers from the May 13, 2026 Grant Workshop

Can a land trust submit more than one application in a year?

Yes, you may submit applications for multiple projects if they all fit the grant criteria. Based on the number of applications received, DCS may make the decision not to award all the grants submitted by an organization to spread out the funding awards.

Can any land trust, regardless of the number of its FTEs, apply for a grant?

Yes, any eligible organization can apply. Points are awarded based on the number of FTEs an organization has in the [grant's rating system](#).

If the application is for the acquisition of a CR, is there a need for a coholder?

Yes, the grant's legislation requires this.

If the grant is for the acquisition of a farm, is public access required?

Yes, all grant-funded sites require public access. Please discuss specific access on the subject farm with the grant manager.

Can you describe the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) letter that is required?

Follow the instructions as spelled out in [the BID document](#). If the NHESP letter identifies endangered species at the project location, that generally strengthens the application.

Can you request greater than 50% of the acquisition cost if it's a bargain sale?

Yes, you can include the total value of the land based on appraised value in your budget and base the reimbursement request on that amount and not the amount paid.

Can you apply for a grant where part of the land would have a CR on it held by an abutter and the remainder would be acquired by the land trust in fee?

A land trust must have an interest in the land eligible for grant funding. Therefore, if the land trust is going to be the CR holder, this may work. Please be sure to have the appraisal for such a property accurately value the acreage to be held in fee and the acreage with a CR on it.

Can you apply for a grant if you received one the previous year?

Yes, receipt of previous grants is not one of the scoring criteria.

If the BioMap for a property has changed since BioMap2 and we have asked for it to be corrected in the future, but it currently isn't, how will that work?

DCS rates applications based on the data provided by our agency partners, so will use the BioMap as currently produced. However, please do describe the issue you've identified in the application in case it can be taken into account in other areas of the rubric.

Are there any public recreation types that aren't allowed?

Passive recreational activities are allowable on Conservation Partnership funded sites.

Is there a deadline to ask questions?

No, there is no deadline.