



Short-Term Projects 2026-2027 Grant Cycle Project Idea Worksheet

Please **thoroughly** review the project criteria at cwc.utah.gov before submitting your application. Then complete this worksheet and the questions found at the bottom of this page (and letter of support, if applicable) and send to Sam Kilpack at samantha@cwc.utah.gov no later than **February 10, 2026**.

Name of the project:	Tri-Canyons Sustainable Trail and Habitat Restoration Program
Location of the project:	Millcreek Canyon, Big Cottonwood Canyon, Little Cottonwood Canyon
Are you applying as an individual, or an organization? (Please list the name of the organization, if applicable)	Cottonwood Canyons Foundation
Project contact person:	Joanna Wheelton
Project contact email address:	jwheelton@cottonwoodcanyons.org
Project category (check all that apply) <i>*Please note your project is not required to encompass more than one category and will not be evaluated based on number of boxes checked</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and transit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation stewardship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic sustainability
What is the project's expected start date?	May, 2025
What is the project's expected completion date?	October, 2025
What is the estimated total cost of the project?	\$450,000
How much are you requesting from the CWC?	\$10,000
Have you reviewed your project with the appropriate authorities as outlined in the eligibility requirements , and received their support or approval? If so, please list the name, agency, and position of each person you have spoken to.	Lindsay Anderson, US Forest Service,
Does your project require any permits, and do you have those permits in-hand?	All permits/approvals are in hand
Do you have the above-mentioned permits in-hand?	Yes
Does your project require a NEPA?	
IF YES: Has the NEPA been completed already, or can the NEPA and the project both be completed by June 2026?	Yes
I have carefully reviewed this application for accuracy and completeness. I understand that late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes



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Please use the space below to respond to the following questions:

1. Briefly describe your idea. How will it implement transportation and transit solutions, protect the ecosystems that originate in the Central Wasatch, steward recreational access, and/or sustain the economic viability of the project area?
- 2.

CCF is seeking funding for its 2026 Trails and Plants Stewardship Program. This program has a proven track record of cost-effective efficiency, while leveraging partner and community volunteer participation. This past season's numbers are as follows:

2025 CCF Trails Program

7 major trail projects

23 trails maintained

72 hazard trees logged out

78 miles of trail scouted or improved

333 drainage structures built or repaired

782 cubic feet of retaining wall constructed

14 volunteer events, totaling 2,486 volunteer hours

2025 Plants Program

636 acres of weeds surveyed or pulled

1,200 seedlings planted

38 volunteer events, totaling 2,554 volunteer hours

For 2026, CCF requests permission to submit for its Tri-Canyons Sustainable Trail and Habitat Restoration Program. This program has several key components: the Initial Phase – Phase 1 Implementation Tri Canyons Trails Plan in Millcreek Canyon, Silver Lake Trail Restoration, Gloria Falls trail work, and other invasive species mitigation, habitat restoration and sustainable trail maintenance in the Central Wasatch.

This project protects ecosystems that originate in the Central Wasatch, stewards recreational access, and helps to sustain the economic viability of the project area.

3. Does this idea result in other benefits to the Central Wasatch and its users beyond what you have described above?

Yes, this project leverages community involvement. CCF anticipates another huge volunteer year. Last year, CCF hosted 52 volunteer events through its trails and plants programs, working with over 40 community groups and organizations, and bringing thousands of volunteer hours to these Canyons beloved by all.