

**MEG AND BERT RAYNES WILDLIFE FUND**

**Application for Grant Request**

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**Mission Statement:**

The Northern Rockies Conservation Cooperative advances conservation by generating reliable knowledge, fostering effective leadership, and enabling innovation.

**Title of Grant:** 2016 Education and Leadership Workshops

**Amount Requested:** \$2,000.00

**Project Summary:**

Local conservation experts have reported a need for specific training that is not currently available in our community. The Northern Rockies Conservation Cooperative (NRCC) is well positioned to provide exceptional training and would like to offer low-cost workshops that address this need in our community. Our goal is to empower researchers, improve outcomes, and increase engagement.

**How This Project Meets the MBRWF Mission:**

Jackson Hole is a community that is rich in learning opportunities through non-profit outreach and special events. What we lack, however, is specific training for established professionals working in science and conservation. Here, NRCC proposes to provide such training, which meets the directives set by Bert in several important ways:

- 1) This project directly impacts the local community of Jackson Hole
- 2) Many of the participants will use knowledge gained through these workshops to improve conservation of non-game species
- 3) The take-away points of each workshop include action steps that researchers can employ to improve conservation outcomes
- 4) NRCC is collaborating with several other organizations to offer world-class educational opportunities in Jackson Hole
- 5) By fostering effective leadership in Jackson Hole, we hope these workshops will contribute to a long-term and positive change in local conservation

**Project Description:**

- **Goals and Objectives:** NRCC would like to offer a series of world-class training workshops for conservation professionals. Each workshop will be 4-6 hours in length, will be held in Jackson, Wyoming, and will focus on a single topic (please see the table below). Each topic has been carefully chosen based on a specific unmet need reported by members of the Jackson Hole conservation community. NRCC will arrange for experienced and engaging instructors, will provide useful educational materials, and will create follow-up opportunities that help advance participants’ goals in our community. Following each workshop, NRCC will host a free public lecture on a conservation topic that illustrates the lessons explored in the workshop.

DATE	TOPIC
March 2016	Women in conservation: Having your voice heard
May 2016	Improving process and policy in local conservation
Fall 2016	Funding conservation research
Winter 2016	Including human elements in conservation research

NRCC intends these workshops to empower researchers with new skills and knowledge that they cannot get elsewhere, to improve the outcomes of conservation projects in our community, and to increase engagement in the stewardship of this beautiful valley.

- **Expected Duration:** Workshops will run periodically from March-November, 2016.
- **Benefits for Wildlife:** Each workshop is designed to benefit researchers of myriad disciplines and interests. The hope is that participants learn skills that are then

employed to improve project design, execution and outcome, elevating the conservation of numerous species and ecosystems.

**Project Budget:**

<b>Income: List your income sources</b>	
NRCC	\$1,600.00
Partnerships	\$1,000.00
Participant fees (\$35/person)	\$2,800.00
CFJH Competitive Grant	\$6,500.00
MBRWF Grant	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$13,900.00</b>
<b>Expenses: List your expenses</b>	
Project Management	\$1,550.00
Project Marketing (newspaper ads, fliers, social media, graphic design, etc. for workshops & public lectures)	\$2,800.00
Honoraria for Instructors/Speakers (8 instructors and speakers spread across 4 workshops and 4 public lectures)	\$4,000.00
Participant Materials (including text books for the policy workshop)	\$1,000.00
Participant Meals/Snacks (boxed lunches for workshops and snacks for public lectures)	\$1,200.00
Venue (The Murie Center)	\$3,350.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$13,900.00</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

- **Allocation of MBRWF Grant Funds:** Any funds received from the MBRWF would be applied to materials and venue. We have been working with Teton Science Schools to host the workshops at the Murie Center, in order to provide a unique context and special experience. Should that prove cost-prohibitive, the venue would be moved to Teton County Library and funds would be reallocated toward additional workshops.

- **Accounting:** NRCC records receipts for all expenditures, tracks all grant fund and spending in our bookkeeping system, and provides comprehensive reports to all funders.
- **Other Funds:** NRCC has received \$6,500 in Competitive Grant funds from the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole for this project. We also anticipate a small contribution from partner organizations; potential partners include Yellowstone to Yukon and Teton Science Schools.

**Project Evaluation:**

- **Evaluation:** NRCC will provide questionnaires for feedback to each participant immediately after the workshop. We will also provide a longer-term follow-up opportunity for participants to share how new knowledge and skills gained through the workshop may have improved project impact and/or outcomes.
- **Reporting:** NRCC will provide a full report on the project and its outcomes to MBRWF no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- **Communication:** NRCC is creating a series of outreach “pocket guides” which will be made available to the public and will include findings/outcomes from these workshops.
- **Acknowledgement:** NRCC will include the name and logo of all funders on the workshop materials and in any published workshop advertisements. Funders will also be acknowledged by name in NRCC’s 2016 annual report.