

JORDAN RIVER COMMISSION

MEMBER AND PARTNER ORGANIZATION SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

The Jordan River Commission (JRC) recognizes that full implementation of the vision outlined in the Blueprint Jordan River will require the assistance and efforts of many organizations and individuals from within and outside of the JRC organization. As resources allow, the JRC is pleased to support its members and partner organizations with small grants to encourage community engagement and greater inter-agency partnerships. The Jordan River Commission has the right to decide not grant funds to a proposed project for any reason, even if it meets the evaluation criteria below.

AWARD AMOUNTS

1. Awards may be given up to \$2,500.00
2. A minimum match of 1:1 for all funding requests is required. Match may be cash or in-kind, and may come from private, local, state, or federal government sources.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

All requests for funding must be accompanied by a proposal that includes the following:

1. Project Overview – title, location, purpose, objectives
2. Project Budget – request from JRC, matching contributions, total project cost
3. Project Timeline – schedule of general starting and concluding dates
4. A narrative that describes the proposed project's tie to Jordan River Commission's purposes and Blueprint Jordan River, and how the project provides a return on investment to the Jordan River Commission and its members.
5. Letter of support – a minimum of one letter of support

Proposals must not exceed six pages, including any graphics, maps or charts. Letters of support are not counted within the six page limit.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis, and may be submitted at any time. Please submit proposals by email to: Laura Hanson at lahanson@utah.gov

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used in evaluating requests for funding.

- ✓ Has the organization requesting the funds provided a proposal to the Jordan River Commission that meets all proposal requirements listed above?
- ✓ Does the project fit within one of the Jordan River Commission's seven purposes, and provide a return on investment to the Jordan River Commission and its members?

Purposes of the Jordan River Commission:

1. Encourage and Promote Multiple Uses of the River
 2. Foster Communication and Coordination
 3. Promote Resource Utilization and Protection
 4. Maintain and Develop Recreation Access
 5. Monitor and Promote Responsible Economic Development
 6. Identify and Secure Funding for the Acquisition of Critical Habitat and Open Space
 7. Engage in ongoing planning for the Identified Jordan River Blueprint Study Area
- ✓ Does the project correlate to one or more of the Blueprint Jordan River Action Plan categories, and to specific goals and objectives included in the Blueprint Jordan River?

Blueprint Jordan River Action Plan Categories:

1. Flood Control and Hydrology
2. Stormwater Management
3. Vegetation and Habitat
4. Circulation and Connection
5. Building Community
6. Recreation and Tourism
7. Education and Interpretation

- ✓ Does the organization bring other matching funds to the project?

Projects must meet minimum matching requirements for the amount requested

Projects that exceed the minimum matching requirements may be given priority consideration.

- ✓ Has the Jordan River Commission provided assistance or funding to this project in the past?

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New partners will receive priority, but existing partnerships are still encouraged to apply.

- ✓ Does this project proposal result in tangible outcomes?

Project-based proposals that result in tangible products (e.g. programs, studies, processes, or physical improvements) will receive priority over proposals that fund staff time, labor, administration or operational expenses.

POST PROJECT REPORTING

The submission of a one-two page, post-project report is required. Reports should describe the outcomes of the project, and how it helped to implement at least one of the recommendations of the Blueprint Jordan River. Photographs or graphics that illustrate the project outcomes are encouraged.

Grant recipients are also encouraged to give a brief presentation to the Jordan River Commission Governing Board. These meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, from 9-11 am, and are typically held at the Taylorsville City Hall. Please contact us at lahanson@utah.gov to be included in the agenda of an upcoming meeting.