

Sage Grouse Actions Team
Cooperative Sage-grouse Project Application
2021-2022, FY22 Funding Cycle

Grant funds requested: _____

Name of project: _____

Part I – Contact Information

1. Applicant: i.e., the person or organization taking the lead on the project

Name:	
Organization:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

2. Fiscal contact: Individual and/or organization responsible for handling and dispersing award funds

Name:	
Organization:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

3. Other contacts: If needed, include any special contact information, or additional contacts

Landowner:	
Project manager:	
Technical contacts:	

Part II – Project Overview

1. **Project location:** County, Sage-grouse Conservation Area (Desert, Mountain Valley, Southern, West Owyhee), Sage-grouse Habitat Management Zone (Priority, Important, General), township range, section, latitude/longitude with datum or UTM coordinates with datum and UTM zone, land ownership). Include a shapefile or pin with application.

Single/Multiple Sites:	<input type="radio"/> Single Site <input type="radio"/> Multiple Sites	
County:		
Sage-grouse Conservation Area:	<input type="radio"/> Desert <input type="radio"/> Mountain Valley <input type="radio"/> Southern <input type="radio"/> West Owyhee	
Sage-grouse Habitat Mgmt. Area:	<input type="radio"/> Core (Priority) <input type="radio"/> Important <input type="radio"/> General	
Township/Range/Section: <i>e.g. T1N, R5E, S1Z</i>		
Latitude/longitude or UTM with datum:		
Ownership: <i>select multiple if applicable, for federal specify (e.g. BLM, USFS, etc.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal	For federal specify:

2. **Narrative:** Where is your project located? How does it fit in with the larger landscape? What other actions are occurring that your project complements? Is your project associated with regional, state, and local plans? What partners are involved and how are they involved? Explain current conditions on the site, describe what the site is like before the project.

3. **Problem:** What threat/s to sage-grouse are being identified and addressed?

4. Solution: How will the problem/conditions be addressed? What are the objectives, methods used, total acres treated, amount/type of project treatments installed, etc. The objectives should be measurable. How will the project benefit sage-grouse? For Juniper Projects: How will you deal with the slash after treatment? For Projects that involve burning: How will you deal with noxious weeds/invasive species?

5. Project Timeline (Project funds awarded must be utilized by June 30, 2022)

Start date: mm/dd/yyyy

End Date: mm/dd/yyyy

What is the proposed project schedule? Elaborate below on each step of your project.

6. Permits

Are permits needed for the project?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> N/A
Will they be completed in time?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	
List what permits are needed:			

7. NEPA

Is NEPA needed for this project?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Has NEPA been completed?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No

8. Maintenance: Who will maintain the project, what aspects need to be maintained in the future and for how long?

Who will maintain:	How the project be maintained:	Duration of maintenance:

9. Post-Implementation Monitoring: If needed, provide additional information on how the project will be monitored to show effectiveness.

Who will monitor:	How will the project be monitored: <i>photo points, line point, etc. What variables are you monitoring for: i.e. invasive/noxious species establishing/returning, juniper regrowth, seeding establishment/survival, etc.)</i>	Duration of monitoring:

10. Year Two Status Report: Who is responsible for submitting the Year Two Status Report?

Name: _____

Contact information: _____

11. Technical Assistance: Who will provide technical assistance to the project? Who will plan/design the project?

Name: _____

Contact information: _____

12. Project Partners: Show all anticipated funding sources and indicate the dollar value for cash or in-kind (labor, equipment, fuel, materials, etc.)

Funding Source: <i>partner and contribution</i>	Cash	In-Kind	Total	Match funding secured? <i>Yes/No</i>
Sage-grouse Actions Team	\$	\$	\$	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
NRCS	\$	\$	\$	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
IDFG	\$	\$	\$	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
USFWS	\$	\$	\$	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Landowners	\$	\$	\$	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Other: _____	\$	\$	\$	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Total estimated funds: add all amounts in far right column			\$	

Explain: What project component/s will each source fund?

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Part III – Project Budget (Use whole numbers, do not include cents)

Expense Category	No. of units	Unit Cost	Sage-grouse Actions Team Funds	Cost Share: In-Kind/Cash (match)	Description: what will be purchased or done, who will provide the item/perform work
Contracted Services: labor, supplies, materials and travel to be provided by non-staff for project information.					
		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
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		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
Subtotal (1)			\$	\$	
Materials and Supplies: refers to items that are purchased by or invoiced to the applicant, and are “used up” in the course of the project. Costs to the Actions Team must be directly related to the implementation of this grant.					
		\$	\$	\$	
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		\$	\$	\$	
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		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
Subtotal (2)			\$	\$	
Other: land use signature costs, project permit costs, small equipment repair, commercial equipment rental.					
		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
Subtotal (3)			\$	\$	
Modified Total Direct Cost (MTDC)					
<i>Add subtotals 1-3</i>			\$	\$	
Grant Administration: not to exceed 10% of MTDC.					
Grant Administration			\$	\$	
Project totals			\$	\$	

We, the undersigned, attest that to the best of our knowledge the information contained in this application is accurate and:

- The project funds awarded will be utilized by June 30, 2022.
- We understand that the submitted application is a matter of public record.

Also, should funding for this project be awarded we understand that:

- We may not incur any project expenses until all designated signatories have signed the OSC grant agreement.
- We will be required to provide proper accounting of project expenses.
- We will be required to provide the necessary and normal maintenance to sustain the value of the project once it is completed.

By their signatures, the landowner(s) attest that they are authorized to sign as landowner, and they agree to provide, upon prior request and at a mutually acceptable time, site access to the applicant or representatives of OSC for a period up to two years following project completion to allow project work to be implemented, monitored and maintained.

Applicant: _____ date: _____

Landowner: _____ date: _____

Fiscal agent: _____ date: _____

Project checklist:

- All maps and photos are attached to the application (required)
- Include a project shapefile or location pin for each project feature (required)
- Site drawings/diagrams/designs are included in the application submission (if applicable)
- Landowner, applicant, fiscal agent have signed the grant application (required)

Sage-Grouse Actions Team Habitat Projects

Grant Application Evaluation Worksheet

February 2021

Information on where in the application the score will be evaluated according to each question is shown in parentheses. **The Actions Team will review each application provide a score for each question within the range provided in the final column, with a higher score representing a better answer or better location.**

PROJECT ACTIVITY CRITERIA (Refer to Part II <u>of the application template</u> for all questions below)	SCORE BASED ON
1. Does project positively affect Priority, Important, or General sage-grouse habitat? (Part II, 1 & 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General - Lower • Important - Higher • Priority - Highest
2. Is the project in a Fine Scale area that has been identified in the 2020 GRSG Adaptive Management Team Report? Points will be given if project is an identified project in the 2020 Team Report or is expected to contribute to offsetting the identified the causal factor. (Report Located on OSC website under Sage-grouse Actions Team)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not within – Low • Yes - High
3. Land ownership (Part II, 1) (Project components directly affect the ownership)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Land – Low • State, Tribal, Private – Mid • More than one - High
4. The application adequately describes current conditions (Part II, 2) (Part II, 3).	Range Depending on Clarity
5. Does the project address primary (wildfire, invasive species), secondary threats to sage-grouse in that Conservation Area? (Part II, 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary – Low • Primary – High • Wet Meadows – Additional Points • Sagebrush Establishment - Additional Points
6. The application clearly defines the sage-grouse threat(s) and the how the project is expected to minimize the threat(s) (Part II, 3 & 4)	Range of Scores Depending on Clarity
7. The project has clearly defined, <i>measurable</i> objectives.	Range of Scores Depending on Clarity
8. The project (a) complements other efforts under way or completed in the surrounding landscape, and (b) is associated with a local, state, or regional strategic plan. (Part II, 2)	Range of Scores Depending on Clarity

<p>9. The proposed project schedule is well thought out and appears to be realistic. (Part II, 5)</p>	<p>Range of Scores Depending on Clarity</p>
<p>10. Monitoring</p> <p>A) Not Identified</p> <p>B) An appropriate monitoring program and monitoring outcomes are clearly identified OR project does not require monitoring to be considered an effective project. (Part II, 9)</p>	<p>A) No Score</p> <p>B) Range of Scores Depending on Clarity</p>
<p>11. The budget:</p> <p>(a) shows sufficient detail for all categories,</p> <p>(b) unit quantities/costs appear to be reasonable, appropriate, and consistent with local market rates or NRCS cost share rates. (Part. III Budget Page)</p>	<p>Range of Scores Depending on Clarity</p>
<p>12. The project has appropriate levels of involvement and support from the right parties and partners. (Partners are considered funding partners, does not include Landowner) (Part. II, 2 & 12)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Partners = Low • 1-2 Partners = Mid • 3 or more = High
<p>13. The applicant has match for the project.</p> <p>Applicant is awarded higher scores for more secured match. (Match is defined as something that directly affects the project) (Part II, 12)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Match = None • 26-50% = Low • 51-75% = Mid • >75% = High