**Sage Grouse Actions Team**

**Cooperative Sage-grouse Project Application**

**2025-2026, FY26 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

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

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

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

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

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| Landowner: |  |
| Project manager: |  |
| Technical contacts: |  |

**Part II – Project Overview**

1. **Project location:** County, Sage-grouse Habitat Management Area (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.

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| Single/Multiple Sites: |  | |
| County: |  | |
| Sage-grouse Habitat Mgmt. Area: |  | |
| Latitude/longitude or UTM with datum: |  | |
| Ownership: *select multiple if applicable, for federal specify (e.g. BLM, USFS, etc.)* | Private  State  Federal  Tribal | For federal specify: |

1. **Narrative:** Where is your project located? How does it fit in with the larger landscape? What other actions are occurring that your project complements (BOSH, Cheatgrass Challenge, Stream Restoration, etc.)? How does your project address regional, state, and local priorities? What partners are involved and how are they involved?

Explain current conditions on the site, describe what the site is like before the project.

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1. **Problem:** What threat(s) to sage-grouse are being identified and addressed? See 2021 Idaho Plan <https://gov.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Attachment1_2021IdahoPlan-FINAL.pdf>

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1. **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? Will you need to seed after treating invasive annual grasses?

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1. **Project Timeline (Project funds awarded must be utilized by June 15, 2026)**

Start date: mm/dd/yyyy End Date: mm/dd/yyyy

What is the proposed project schedule? Elaborate below on the details and order for each step of your project.

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1. **Permits**

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| Are permits needed for the project and can they be completed before the project start date? |  |
| List what permits are needed: |  |

1. **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA): Projects that have a federal nexus through ownership or funding**

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| Is NEPA needed for this project? |  |
| Has NEPA been completed? |  |

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

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| Who will maintain: | How the project be maintained: | Duration of maintenance: |
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1. **Implementation Monitoring:** All projects will need to set up a minimum of 2 photo points to track changes before and after implementation and for the required two-year report.
2. **Effectiveness Monitoring:** In addition to implementation monitoring, if needed, provide additional information on how the effectiveness of the project will be monitored.

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| Who will monitor: | How will the project objectives be measured: *photos, ground cover, species composition, landscape appearance, etc.*  What variables are you monitoring for: *i.e. invasive/noxious species establishing/returning, juniper regrowth, seeding establishment/survival, etc.)* | Duration of monitoring: |
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1. **Year Two Status Report: Who is responsible for submitting the Year Two Status Report?**

Name and Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Name and Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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| **Funding Source:** *partner and contribution* | **Cash** | **In-Kind** | **Total** | **Match funding secured?** *Yes/No* |
| Sage-grouse Actions Team Request | $ | $ | $ |  |
| State agency | $ | $ | $ |  |
| Federal Agency | $ | $ | $ |  |
| Local agency or NGO | $ | $ | $ |  |
| Landowners | $ | $ | $ |  |
| Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | $ | $ | $ |  |
| **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)**

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| **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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| **Subtotal (2)** | | | $ | $ |  |
| **Other:** *land use signature costs, project permit costs, small equipment repair, commercial equipment rental.* | | | | | |
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| **Subtotal (3)** | | | $ | $ |  |
| **Modified Total Direct Cost (MTDC)**  *Add subtotals 1-3* | | | $ | $ |  |
| **Grant Administration:** *not to exceed 5% of MTDC if only fiscal processing. Not to exceed 10% if project management* | | | | | |
| **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, 2026.
* 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 2025**

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.**

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| **PROJECT ACTIVITY CRITERIA**  (Refer to Part II of the application template for all questions below) | **SCORE BASED ON** |
| 1. Does project positively affect Priority, Important, or General sage-grouse habitat? (Part II, 1 & 4) | * **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 Sage-grouse/Management Recommendations, Click here to enter link](https://species.idaho.gov/wildlife-species/greater-sage-grouse/)) | * **Not within – Low** * **Yes - High** |
| 3. Land ownership (Part II, 1)  (Project components directly affect the ownership) | * **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** |
| 1. Does the project address primary (wildfire, invasive species), secondary threats to sage-grouse in that Conservation Area?   (Part II, 3) | * **Secondary – Low** * **Primary – High** * **Wet Meadows – Additional Points** * **Sagebrush Establishment - Additional Points** |
| 6. The application clearly defines the sage-grouse threat(s) and thehow 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, *measurable* objectives. | **Range of Scores Depending on Clarity** |
| 8. The project complements other efforts under way or completed in the surrounding landscape, and addresses how they utilized local, state, or regional strategic priorities during project planning. (Part II, 2) | **Range of Scores Depending on Clarity** |
| 9. The proposed project schedule is well thought out and appears to be realistic. (Part II, 5) | **Range of Scores Depending on Clarity** |
| 10. Effectiveness Monitoring  An appropriate effectiveness monitoring strategy where monitoring outcomes are clearly identified OR project does not require monitoring to be considered an effective project. (Part II, 9) | **Range of Scores Depending on Clarity** |
| 11. The budget:  **(a)** shows sufficient detail for all categories,  **(b)** unit quantities/costs appear to be reasonable, appropriate, and consistent with local market rates or NRCS cost share rates. (Part. III Budget Page) | **Range of Scores Depending on Clarity** |
| 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) | * **No Partners = Low** * **1-2 Partners = Mid** * **3 or more = High** |
| 1. The applicant has match for the project.   Applicants are awarded higher scores for more secured match. (Match is defined as something that directly affects the project) (Part II, 12) | * **No Match – 25% = None** * **26-50% = Low** * **51-75% = Mid** * **>75% = High** |