



Watersheds United Vermont Enhancement Design and Implementation Block Grant Project Application

Application Overview

Watersheds United Vermont (WUV) is administering a round of funding under the Enhancement Design and Implementation Block (EDIBG) Grant program, which will serve to support the design and implementation of priority water quality enhancement projects. Funding is provided by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's (VT DEC) Clean Water Initiative Program (CWIP). WUV seeks proposals for the preliminary design, final design, and implementation of enhancement projects.

No match is required under this program. Voluntary leverage/match is appreciated, particularly for larger implementation projects. Please note that this funding *can* be used as match/leverage for other funding sources.

Please complete and submit this application as a Word or PDF file and submit a second document that combines the Project Readiness and Eligibility Screening Form and all other supplemental/additional documents.

Email the application and any attachments to both:

WUV Director Lyn Munno at lyn@watershedsunitedvt.org, and
WUV Grant Manager Christian Pelletier at christian@watershedsunitedvt.org

Application Due Date **January 12, 2026**
Anticipated Notification of Award.....**Mid to Late February 2026**

Available funding: ~\$1,000,000

WUV anticipates supporting a number of design and implementation projects with the available funding. This grant round is for projects that will be designed and/or implemented in 2026 and 2027.

All grant information and material can be found at WUV's website:

Please note that for application submission to be complete, you must submit the following documents:

1. **WUV Enhancement Design and Implementation Block Grant Full Application (this application)**
2. **Project Readiness and Eligibility Screening Form - [Project Readiness and Eligibility Form](#)**
3. **Any additional documents indicated in Section 8 of this application**

Please submit these documents in the same email. Combine 2 and 3 above into one document and keep the application as a separate document.

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Email completed application to lyn@watershedsunitedvt.org and christian@watershedsunitedvt.org

Project Eligibility

Did you complete the ***Project Readiness and Eligibility Screening Form?***

☐ Yes

The Project Readiness and Eligibility Screening Form must be completed and submitted at the same time as this application. The form can be found here: [Project Readiness and Eligibility Form](#)

Please Review the following eligibility documents before completing this application:

- 1) [WUV Enhancement DIBG Grant Guidelines](#)
- 2) [2023 Clean Water Initiative Program Funding Policy](#)
- 3) [Enhancement Eligible Project Types Spreadsheet](#)

☐ **Please check this box to indicate you have reviewed the above materials for the Enhancement Design and Implementation Block Grant.**

All documents can be found on the WUV EDIBG website at:

<https://watershedsunitedvt.org/grants/enhancement-design-and-implementation-block-grant>

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization Name:

Mailing Address (include Town, State, Zip Code):

Name of Point of Contact:

Title of Point of Contact:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

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2. PROJECT INFORMATION
Project Name (please use the same project name as your WPD-ID submission):
Watershed Project Database Number (Please ensure your WPID matches the project phase you are applying for):
Project Phase (may check up to 2 boxes if applicable): ☐ Preliminary Design ☐ Final Design ☐ Implementation Project Type: ☐ Lake Shoreland ☐ Floodplain/Stream Restoration ☐ Forestry ☐ Wetlands ☐ Stormwater ☐ Roads Project ☐ Roads/Stormwater Gully ☐ Agricultural Pollution Prevention Practice Type: (See 2025 WUV Enhancement Practice Types Table for guidance on choosing a practice type)
Is this project non-regulatory? Yes ☐ No ☐ If No, the project is not-eligible, please contact WUV.
Project Drainage Basin: ☐ Lake Champlain ☐ Hudson River ☐ Connecticut River ☐ Lake Memphremagog Project Location/Address (including watershed/sub-watershed): Project GPS coordinates (e.g. 44.26278, -72.58054): Project Locator Map (please insert here):
Is the proposed project located in a watershed with access to Water Quality Restoration Formula Grants (Champlain and Memphremagog Basins)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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If Yes, please indicate why you think this project will fit best in the WUV EDIBG funding as opposed to the Water Quality Restoration Formula Grant program (select all that apply):

- ☐ Not a phosphorus based project
- ☐ CWSP confirmed project does not fit into their current funding model
- ☐ Below funding threshold for CWSP funding
- ☐ Other (please explain - can include grant timing, landowner or implementer constraints):

Enhancement Design and Implementation Block Grant Project Funding Request (see budget): \$Click or tap here to enter text.

Total leveraged/matching funds (if applicable): \$ Click or tap here to enter text.

Total Project Cost (including leverage): \$Click or tap here to enter text.

3. LANDOWNER INFORMATION

Landowner Type:

- ☐ Public
- ☐ Private

Landowner Name:

Summary of landowner contact and interest:

(Please provide any correspondence including letters of interest or commitments to implement as supplemental documents attached to the Project Readiness and Eligibility Screening Form)

4. MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES

I have read and understand the associated milestones and deliverables for the applicable project type as outlined in the [2023 CWIP Fiscal Policy](#) and the Enhancement Project Types Table (table is available at <https://watershedsunitedvt.org/resources/block-grants>)

Yes ☐

Please indicate the performance measures below:

Performance Measure 1:Click or tap here to enter text.

Quantitative Value/Unit: Click or tap here to enter text.

Performance Measure 2 (if applicable):Click or tap here to enter text.

Quantitative Value/Unit:Click or tap here to enter text.

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Performance Measure 3 (if applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.
Quantitative Value/Unit: Click or tap here to enter text.

5. PROJECT SUMMARY

a. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (approximately 400 words) – Please provide an overview of the project, including a description of the project location, the clean water problem addressed by this project, and the specific methods that will be designed or implemented as part of the project. Please also include relevant information of project steps that have already been completed.

b. PROJECT NEED (approximately 200 words) - Please describe how this project was prioritized (make sure to indicate the prioritization source), why the project is a priority, and why this funding is necessary to complete this project?

c. SCOPE OF WORK (approximately 200 words) – Please give a description of the work to be accomplished under this grant including a timeline.

f. BARRIERS (approximately 200 words) – Please let us know any potential barriers to completing this project and how you plan to manage those challenges. Please note any potential challenges with permitting, feasibility, matching funding, and/or landowner and community support.

g. f. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (approximately 100 words) – Please briefly describe if and how your project will support an Environmental Justice Focus Population or an otherwise historically under-represented group? See page 8 of grant guidelines for this funding program's definition of an Environmental Justice Focus Population.

6. PROJECT PURPOSE

For a project to be eligible it must meet at least one of the 5 listed statutorily-defined purposes for the Enhancement Grant Program below. Please check the project purposes that apply to your project:
Please see the grant guidelines for definitions of the 5 statutory purposes of the grant.

- ☐ Protect high quality waters
- ☐ Maintain or improve water quality
- ☐ Restore degraded or stressed waters
- ☐ Create resilient watersheds and communities
- ☐ Support the public's use and enjoyment of the State's waters

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For each of the project purposes you selected above, please complete the narrative section corresponding to the project purpose (if you selected two project purposes, you will complete 2 narrative sections below). Please keep answers to ~ 200 words.

How do you expect the proposed project to benefit high-quality waters? Please make sure to indicate how your project site fits into the definition of high-quality waters (see WUV EDIBG Grant Guidelines pg. 5 for full definition).

How beneficial do you expect the proposed project to be in terms of maintaining or improving water quality; please indicate all water quality benefits including nutrient and sediment reduction values if known?

How will the proposed project help to restore degraded or stressed waters? Please indicate what the water body is stressed for or why the waterbody is degraded (see pg. 5 of WUV EDIBG Grant Guidelines for information on how to identify degraded and stressed waterways).

How beneficial do you expect the proposed project to be in terms of creating a resilient watershed and community?

How beneficial do you expect the proposed project to be in terms of supporting the public's use and enjoyment of the State's waters?

7. PERMIT DETAILS

For all projects:

Will you be able to complete the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (VDHP) Project Review?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If you believe your project may be exempt or conditionally exempt from VDHP Review requirements, please provide rationale here:

Please see the VDHP Project Review Form here: [VDHP Project Review Form](#)
Additional information provided in [WUV's 2025 Grant Guidelines](#)

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For Implementation Projects only:

Have all permits been secured for this project:

☐ Yes

☐ No:

If yes, please list all secured permits for this project:

If no, please provide list of anticipated permits and timeline for securing all permits:

For Design Projects only:

Please list the anticipated permits for this project, if potential permits have not been explored yet as part of the design process, please indicate that here:

8. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Any additional documents should be attached to the Project Readiness and Eligibility Screening Form and emailed with the application. It is indicated next to the document type if the document is required for the project phase. Check any of these additional documents you are submitting with your application.

1. Site Plan(s) (***required for implementation projects***) ☐
2. Site Photos (***required for implementation projects***) ☐
3. Written landowner commitment to implement project (***required for implementation projects***) ☐
4. Written landowner commitment to project phase being applied for (***required for design projects***) ☐
5. Project Feasibility Studies ☐
6. Additional Bid(s), Quote(s), or Proposal(s) ☐

Note: We do not need letters of support

Please list any additional documents included in application here:

If you have any additional comments or questions regarding application submission or the documents you provided as part of the application, please provide them here:

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9. PROJECT BUDGET			
<i>BUDGET TABLE:</i> Please complete the table below.			
Expense/Item	Block Grant Request	Leveraged Funds/ Match	TOTAL
Project Management:: all direct staff expenses including salary and fringe benefits (all deliverables documentation and reporting tasks should also be included). Do not include indirect in this section.			
Mileage			
Contractual (can include up to 15% contingency)			
Other CWIP eligible direct costs (see 2023 CWIP Funding Policy)			
<i>Project Completion SUBTOTAL</i>			
Indirect: - Up to 15% on any Modified Total Direct Costs (which can include up to 15% on the first \$50,000 of contractual costs). - Or, organizations with approved NICRA can use the rate as specified in the NICRA. Please provide NICRA documentation with application if applicable.			
<i>Project Completion TOTAL</i> (<i>Project Completion SUBTOTAL</i> + Indirect)			
BUDGET NARRATIVE:			
Please include a more detailed description of each budget category, including a breakdown of the project management staff expenses (salary plus fringe), mileage, contractual costs, other eligible expenses, and Indirect rate. Please indicate the source of any of the leverage/match you are providing.			
Source of Leverage/Match in Budget Table			
If you indicated any leverage/match in the budget table, please indicate the source here:			

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What is the current status of the leveraged/match funds (applied for, anticipated, obligated, awarded, funds received, funds currently frozen, etc):

Using this funding as Match/Leverage
(Under this round of funding some EDIBG funds may be used as required match for other funders)

Will this funding be used as match/leverage for another source of funding?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Funding request amount anticipated to be used as match: \$

Funding Source that Clean Water Block Grant funds will be matched with:

Additional details:

10. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Under this round of funding, WUV hopes to offer technical assistance on a limited basis to sub-grantees if needed during the design and implementation process. Please see the 2023 CWIP Guideline (pg. 23) [2023 CWIP Fiscal Policy](#) for details on the technical assistance allowance.

Please indicate below any areas where you would be interested in receiving technical assistance during your project. If you select any of these categories, WUV will reach out with next steps to determine if we can provide technical services.

- Consultant support for VDHP Review Process and Form ☐
- Project Management Support (Bid Preparation, Permit Support) ☐
- On-site Project Management ☐
- Other: