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CLUB FOSTERED STEWARDSHIP
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CFS Grant Guidelines

The purpose of the Club Fostered Stewardship (CFS) Program is to foster and support volunteer stewardship activity by local paddling clubs. Canoe and kayak clubs have a tremendous reservoir of individuals who care about the nation's waterways and want to help protect and improve the places where they enjoy paddling. Through this program, the ACA and L.L. Bean hope to encourage and empower clubs to undertake projects that address the many stewardship needs of local waterways.

The CFS Program offers simple and quick access to grants of up to \$1000 for a wide range of club-initiated stewardship activities. Grant funds may be awarded to support efforts that include but are not limited to: waterway clean-ups, work projects to address instream safety hazards such as debris buildup (not woody debris needed for fish habitat), maintenance of access areas, safety or access related signage, establishment and care of paddle trails, acquisition of threatened access points, and provision of sanitary facilities.

Qualifying Criteria

- CFS Grants applications will only be accepted from active paddling clubs or outdoor clubs that have a significant paddling component.
- Clubs are not required to be official 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations, but they must be a not-for-profit entity in purpose and function. For-profit business interests will not qualify for grants.
- Grant awards will only be made for specific stewardship projects. No grants will be awarded for general support.
- Proposed projects should utilize volunteer efforts to the maximum extent practicable.
- Proposed projects must be deemed to have merit by the ACA. Projects that are harmful to the waterway, the surrounding environment, or to wildlife will not qualify.
- CFS grants will not be awarded for advocacy, lobbying, or litigation activities, or for projects that are primarily educational in nature.

Clubs must submit a one page CFS grant application and attach a narrative description of the project of no more than one additional page. Grant requests will be evaluated on the merit of the proposed project and its overall contribution to the goals of the CFS Program. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis as determined by ACA. The ACA reserves the right to award an amount less than the amount requested in the grant application.

Upon completion of the project, grant recipients must submit photos of the work and a one-page report on the project and its accomplishments.

For additional information contact Paul Sanford, ACA Director of Stewardship and Public Policy, by phone at 540.907.4460 x106, or by email at cfsgrants@americancanoe.org.

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Grant Application

(this form may be completed by hand or word processor)



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Name of Club:							
Address:							
Telephone:			Fax:				
Club Website (If applicable):							
Club President:		Phone:		Email:			
Club Treasurer:		Phone:		Email:			
Contact Person for Project:		Phone:		Email:			
Stated Purpose of Project:							
Projected Date of Start:		Projected Date of Completion:		Amount Requested: (Limit \$1000)			
Summary of Project Expenses:							
Need ACA Assistance with:		<input type="checkbox"/> Liability Insurance		<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Recruitment		<input type="checkbox"/> Planning	
Please attach the following:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Narrative Description of Project (No less than two paragraphs, no more than one page. Use page three or attach separate sheet.) • IRS Determination Letter (If available) • Most Current Financial Statement (If available) 					
Guidance Statement:		<p>ACA encourages projects by local clubs that substantially utilize volunteer efforts to protect, maintain, or restore recreational waterways, provide for or improve public access, or enhance safe navigation. Contact Paul Sanford, ACA Director of Stewardship and Public Policy, by phone at 540.907.4460 x106, by email at cfsgrants@americancanoe.org, or by fax at 888.229.3792, if you have any questions.</p>					

Short Narrative Description of Project
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