



Budget and Finance Workgroup

February 2023 Featured Funding Program

America the Beautiful Challenge

Program Goals:

- Streamline grant funding opportunities for new voluntary conservation and restoration projects
- Benefit At-Risk Fish, Wildlife and Plant Species
- Expand Habitat Connectivity
- Provide a Range of Ecosystem Services
- Strengthen Ecosystem and Community Resilience
- Expand Public and Community Access to Nature
- Engage Local Communities
- Support Tribally Led Conservation and Restoration Priorities
- Contribute to Local or Tribal Economies
- Contribute to Workforce Development

Timeline:

- **March 1:** RFP Issued
- **April 20:** Pre-proposals due
- **July 20:** Full Proposals Due

Eligibility:

- **State government agencies, territories of the United States, and Indian Tribes²** are eligible to apply for all four grant categories
- **Non-profit 501(c) organizations, local governments, municipal governments, and educational institutions** are eligible to apply for grants in categories (3) Grants to Buffer and Benefit Public Lands, and (4) Private Forests and Farmland.

Project Themes:

- Conserving and restoring rivers, coasts, wetlands and watersheds
- Conserving and restoring forests, grasslands and other important ecosystems that serve as carbon sinks
- Connecting and reconnecting wildlife corridors, large landscapes, watersheds and seascapes
- Improving ecosystem and community resilience to flooding, drought and other climate-related threats
- Expanding access to the outdoors, particularly in underserved communities

Resources:

- **NFWF Factsheet:** <https://www.nfwf.org/sites/default/files/2022-05/NFWF-ATBC-20220421-FS.pdf>
- **RFP:** <https://www.nfwf.org/programs/america-beautiful-challenge/america-beautiful-challenge-2022-request-proposals>

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