

# **GIT FUNDING**

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## 1.4 Eligible Projects

Projects that are eligible for this funding source should be focused on filling key gaps that address important factors affecting goal and outcome attainment as articulated in the GIT Management Strategies and Workplans.

- Project requests should explicitly demonstrate how the proposed project would support, directly or indirectly, the achievement of one or more related *Outcomes*.
- This funding is not intended to support long-term implementation of restoration, protection, or stewardship projects, but rather it is to support tools or analyses that will make restoration, protection, and stewardship more effective in the future.
- Implementation of pilot projects is acceptable but long-term monitoring or operating projects are not eligible.
- Eligible projects can improve or expand upon or update past projects and can have phased projects that build upon each other (Phase 1/Phase 2).
- Projects should be unique and not duplicative; proposers must demonstrate how the project is new or explain how it is unique.

### Phase 1: Development of Project Ideas

Each of the eligible groups begin Phase 1 by soliciting Project Ideas from their Goal Team, Workgroups, Action Teams, Coordinators, and Staffers for eligible projects that meet the defined criteria. Extensive cross-GIT idea sharing and coordination with CBP functional areas such as GIS, web/creative and communications is required. **One (1) project idea per Watershed Agreement Outcome** may be submitted to the Trust's online portal. The Trust reviews and provides comments.

**Purpose:** to articulate a project idea that can be evaluated CBP stakeholders.

**This phase utilizes Table 1 in the Trust's online portal**

Project	Tree Canopy Funding and Policy Roundtable
Technical Project Lead	Julie Mawhorter
Project Type	Logic and Action Plan Implementation Project: Policy research and recommendations Training
Outcomes (Action Number 1, 3, 1.4, 3.1)	<p>1) <b>Through Roundtable presentations, equip local and state decision makers with the best available data, tools and innovative approaches to strengthen tree canopy outcomes</b> towards equity and climate resilience. The briefing materials and presentations from the Roundtable will be designed to be valuable and accessible online to local, state and nongovernmental organizations beyond those in attendance at the virtual Roundtable event.</p> <p>2) <b>Through Roundtable facilitated discussions, engage local and state decision makers in identifying new funding and policy solution pathways to address key challenges and opportunities.</b> The Roundtable will be designed with multiple break out sessions by topic and/or state to generate forward-thinking recommendations regarding key gaps, priorities and strategies.</p> <p>3) Through the Roundtable and follow up State Strategy Sessions (1 per state and DC), <b>generate an actionable set of findings and recommendations to CBP leadership and an initial set of state-specific strategies to be pursued in the next two years.</b></p>

Project	Strategy Development for Innovative Finance of Riparian Forest Buffer Programs
Technical Project Leads	Sally Claggett
Project type	Logic and Action Plan Implementation: Business plan development and capacity building to support a pilot project for the Natural Filters Revolving Fund (NFRF)
Outcomes ( <b>Action Number</b> 2.3, 2.4, 9.2, 9.4,)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business plans demonstrate to local governments and potential funders how the NFRF can provide MS4 credits and other environmental outcomes more reliably and efficiently.</li><li>• At least one local government has agreed to engage in a pilot project to test the NFRF.</li><li>• At least one philanthropic donor is willing to provide the funding to support the transaction costs of the pilot project.</li></ul>