



2020 Y2Y Partner Grants - Request for Proposals -

Introduction to Yellowstone to Yukon

The Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (Y2Y) is pleased to announce that its Partner Grants program has been extended to its 22nd year. The Y2Y Partner Grants program is made possible through the generous support of the Woodcock Foundation. Y2Y also thanks those individuals who choose to direct their personal donations to the Partner Grants program.

Recognizing the threats causing biodiversity loss throughout the world, Y2Y is inspired by a vision of an interconnected system of wild lands and waters stretching from Yellowstone to Yukon, harmonizing the needs of people with those of nature. Y2Y's mission is to connect and protect Rocky Mountain habitat from the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem to the mountains of northern Yukon so that people and nature can thrive. This vision is guided by conservation strategies that marry leading-edge research with on-the-ground action. We carry out our work collaboratively with partners across the region, including environmental non-government organizations (ENGOs), government agencies, First Nations/Native American tribes, researchers, foundations, and businesses.

Y2Y uses its conservation strategies to identify Priority Areas – places within the Yellowstone to Yukon region that are either core wildlife habitat areas or large-scale corridors connecting core areas. We examine threats, opportunities, and capacities in these Priority Areas to determine where to focus our efforts. For more information on Y2Y's vision, mission, and strategies, please visit www.y2y.net.

Grant Eligibility

To be eligible for funding, organizations and projects must meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must be associations, groups, organizations, tribes, bands, partnerships or networks working within the Yellowstone to Yukon region in support of the Y2Y vision and mission. Individuals wishing to apply must find an eligible organization to sponsor their proposal. There is no requirement for organizations to have charitable status.
- Only one proposal per organization will be accepted. While we will accept more than one proposal from those organizations that have separate chapters or regional offices as long as each chapter/regional office has its own budget and is responsible for raising part or all of its own funding, the funding process is very competitive and we are unlikely to fund more than one project from a single organization.
- Collaborative or joint proposals from more than one organization working on the same project or initiative are **strongly** encouraged.
- These funds are not intended to fund scientific or academic research, unless that work has been commissioned by an organization as being essential to advance a conservation campaign or project.
- Priority will be given to projects that most contribute to the Y2Y Vision:
 - 1) Address the following threats or opportunities:
 - a. promote new protected areas on public lands;
 - b. protect habitat on or corridors across private lands;
 - c. mitigate the impacts on wildlife of highways or railroads;
 - d. reduce conflict and promote co-existence between humans and wildlife;
 - e. restore degraded habitat for grizzly bears or other large mammal species;

- f. oppose development, activities, or policies that threaten the Yellowstone to Yukon vision; or
 - g. promote policies that help to advance the Yellowstone to Yukon vision; and
 - h. help to communicate the Yellowstone to Yukon vision.
- 2) Are undertaken by small grassroots groups and/or organizations that might not otherwise be able to secure funding for their work;
 - 3) Will benefit significantly from Y2Y's investment;
 - 4) Focus on co-operative efforts; and
 - 5) Focus on on-the-ground conservation actions.
- Please note that organizations that have received a Y2Y Partner Grant for the past three consecutive years (2017, 2018, and 2019) are not eligible to apply this year but may reapply in 2021.
 - As a U.S. 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and a Canadian charity, Y2Y can support only projects that do not include direct lobbying (U.S.)/or political activity (Canada) components. If you are unsure about the definitions of "lobbying" and "political activity", please consult the government agency that regulates charities in your country.

Grant awards will be limited to a maximum of \$5,000.

Timelines for Y2Y's 2020 Partner Grants program:

Application deadline: Midnight MST, February 28, 2020
Notification of decisions: By March 27, 2020
Deadline for reporting: November 30, 2020

The grant application form is attached to this email. Completed applications should be submitted to Ellen McKay at ellen@y2y.net by Midnight MST, February 28, 2020. You will receive an e-mail acknowledging receipt of your application.