

Conservation Legacy Fund - Nature Based Climate Solutions

Grant Application Scoring Matrix

Successful grant applications must specifically address one or more of the six themes of [Nature Based Climate Solutions: An Addendum to the Burlington Open Space Protection Plan](#).

- Forests and Tree Canopy
- Agriculture and Community Gardening
- Water and Wetlands
- Lawns, Fields, and Small Open Spaces
- Green Infrastructure
- Equity, Inclusion, and Relationships

Within one or more of those themes, successful grant applications must achieve one or more of the strategies and actions identified in the Addendum's Implementation Matrix. Acceptable types of grant applications include implementation work, operational work for sustained implementation, and planning work.

The creation of this grant program is connected to the acknowledgment that funding and resources available to NBCS have been limited. While creativity and new concepts are welcome and encouraged, this funding should be equally considered for ongoing NBCS activities in Burlington.

Review Criteria	Weight	Maximum Points	Weighted Points
Demonstration of Need: Does the proposal address urgent environmental challenges included in the framework of the Nature-Based Climate Solutions Addendum?	5	4	20
Alignment: Does the proposal align with the implementation strategies outlined in the Nature-Based Climate Solutions Addendum.	4	4	16
Project Plan: Does the proposal provide strong evidence of careful planning, thought and research?	4	4	16
Community Support: What partnerships or collaborations strengthen your proposal? Do you have matching funds or other evidence of community support?	4	4	16
Community/Ecosystem Impact: Will the project benefit a large and diverse segment of the community? What are the metrics/measurements of success?	3	4	12
Project Feasibility: What is the likelihood of successful project planning, implementation, and completion?	3	4	12
Timeline: Will the project be completed within the grant time limit?	2	4	8
Total			100