Application Questions	Scoring Rubric (out of 150 pts)
Section 1: Applicant Details	*Section 1: Pass/Fail Ranking*

1. Applicant Organization/Group Name
2. Primary Contact (name, title, email, phone)
3. What is the mission and/or vision of the applicant organization/group? (*250 characters*)
4. Is your group a Tribal government, nonprofit, county government, local municipality, or school district?
  a. YES – EIN #
  b. NO – Do you have a fiscal sponsor?
    i. YES – Sponsor type, EIN & Contact info (*upload letter confirming commitment to sponsor the project*)
	1. Pass/Fail – Applicant submitted a Name
	2. Pass/Fail – Applicant submitted contact info
	3. Pass/Fail – Applicant has a mission/vision statement
	4. Pass/Fail – Applicant is an eligible subrecipient or has a fiscal sponsor that is eligible.

Section 2: Project Overview	*Section 2: 30 Points Total*
5. Project Title (*50 character limit*)	5. Pass/Fail – Applicant provided a project title
6. Amount Requested (*whole number*)	6. Pass/Fail – Applicant provided an amount
7. Check boxes for years requesting funding. *Note: Funding is available through July 31, 2027.*	7. Pass/Fail – Applicant provided a response

8. Where is the project located? State the town(s), county(ies), and/or watershed-scale the project is focused on.	8. **5 points maximum**
	  a. 5 points – Project location falls within known or projected grizzly bear habitat/connectivity corridor.
	  b. 0 points – Project location does not fall within known or projected grizzly bear habitat/connectivity corridor.

9. Has a local working group been formed to address bear-conflict in your project location?
  a. **YES –** Please describe what entities/individuals are involved in the group. Who leads the group? How many community members are in the group volunteering their time? Is the local government involved/supportive? (*500 character limit*)
  b. **NO –** Is there a plan for community engagement and/or a primary community/local government point of contact? (*500 character limit*)
	9. **20 points maximum**
	  a. 20 points – YES response with clear indication that it is community-led, has community participation alongside other potential partners, and local government support/involvement.
	  b. 10 points – YES response with community participation, but is not coordinated by the community. Local government support/involvement can be yes or no.
	  c. 5 points – NO, but there is a community/local government point of contact and/or plans to engage the community.
	  d. 0 points – NO overall

10. Provide a brief project description/overview of what your project will accomplish. (*500 character limit*)	10. **5 points maximum**
	  a. 5 points – Clearly defined project description that can be used as a quick elevator speech.
	  b. 0 points – Unclear project description/overview.

Section 3: Project Description & Need	Section 3: 50 Points Total

11. In a narrative response, describe why and how your organization/group is addressing conflict prevention in the project area. Specifically (*5,000 character limit total*):
a. Highlight the history of conflicts with grizzly bears, black bears, or both within the project area. Please be specific as to the type of conflict and with what species.
b. Highlight past and current activities/efforts, by the organization/group, partners, and/or local government, that address(ed) conflicts in the project area.
c. Describe the proposed project's goals and how they fit into a longer-term strategy or plan.
d. What activity(ies) will the proposed project address/implement? What are you seeking funding for? Please be as specific as possible and specify staff capacity requests.
	11a. **5 points maximum**
	  a. 5 points – Highlights history of conflicts with either species of bear OR addresses a proactive approach with a legitimate concern.
	  b. 0 points – Does not address the history of conflicts with either species of bear OR proactivity.
	
	11b. **10 points maximum**
	  a. 10 points – Response includes a narrative of past/current activities and efforts made by the organization/group, partners, AND the local government in the project area.
	  b. 5 points – Response includes a narrative of past/current activities and efforts made by the organization/group, partners, OR the local government in the project area.
	  c. 0 points – No activities or efforts have been made in the project area (reactive or proactive).
	
	11c. **20 points maximum**
	  a. 20 points – Response clearly articulates the project's goals and priorities and how they fit into a longer-term strategy or plan.
	  b. 10 points – Response articulates project goals and priorities, but it is not clear about how they fit into a longer-term strategy or plan.
	  c. 5 points – Response only articulates project goals and priorities OR only long-term strategy/plan.
	  d. 0 points – Response does not address goals, priorities, or long-term strategy/plan.
	
	11d. **15 points maximum**
	  a. 15 points – Project activities/staff capacity (if requesting) are clearly stated, specific, and fit within the grant scope.
	  b. 10 points – Project activities/staff capacity (if requesting) are stated and fit within the grant scope, but are less specific in detail.
	  c. 5 points – Project activities/staff capacity (if requesting) are stated, but some activities do not fall within the grant scope.
	  d. 0 points – Project activities/staff capacity are not provided.

Section 4: Project Implementation	Section 4: 40 Points Total

12. List partner names/affiliations and their roles/responsibilities in the proposed project. (*1,500 character limit*)	12. **10 points maximum**
	  a. 10 points – There are established partnerships from a variety of different groups participating.
	  b. 5 points – There are established partnerships with 1 or 2 groups.
	  c. 0 points – No partners participating in implementation.

13. Describe the estimated project implementation timeline for proposed project activities. Please include	13. **10 points maximum** a. 10 points – There is a clear, realistic timeline

estimated month/year per activity. (*2,500 characters*)	proposed for all activities. b. 5 points – There is a clear, realistic timeline proposed for some activities, but not all. c. 0 points – No timeline is identified.
14. A) Please provide a detailed breakdown of the total project cost in the table below. Identify which proposed activities will be funded by the grant fund and what activities will be funded by match contributions. B) Provide a detailed narrative to explain how each line item was estimated and how the funds will be spent and distributed. (*2,500 characters*)	14. **10 points maximum** a. 10 points – Clear, realistic budget line items that describe the total budget, each activity cost, and how each budget figure was estimated. b. 5 points – Budget line items for each activity, but unclear/unrealistic numbers. c. 0 points – No budget identified.
15. List the cash matching funds/sources. Include name of the match, amount, and if it is in-hand, anticipated, or pending.	15. **10 points maximum** a. 10 points – More than 15% of the qualifying match identified. b. 5 points – Minimum qualifying match identified (15%).
16. If we can only supply partial funding, what activity(ies) would you prioritize and why? (*1,000 character limit*)	16. Pass/Fail – Applicant provided an answer for informational purposes.
Section 5: Metrics of Success	*Section 5: 30 Points Total*
17. How will you evaluate the effectiveness and success of project activities? (*2,000 character limit*)	17. **20 points maximum** a. 20 points – Applicant provides a clear, specific vision for how success and effectiveness will be defined and assessed for project activities. b. 10 points – Applicant provides a vision for how success and effectiveness will be defined and assessed for project activities. c. 5 points – Applicant provides a vision for success and effectiveness for some project activities, but not all. d. 0 points – Applicant does not provide a vision for how success and effectiveness will be defined.
18. Please provide an **<u>estimated number</u>** for the following metrics that correspond to your project priorities/deliverables (*Note: If metric does not apply to your project, please put 0*): a. Total work hours supported (staff capacity). b. Number of new/expanded carnivore conflict reduction programs (staff capacity). c. Number of outreach/educational events (outreach & education). d. Total number of individuals reached (outreach & education). e. Number of inquiries received from individuals interested in conflict prevention tools (outreach & education). f. Linear feet of electric fencing erected (electric fencing). g. Number of electric drive-over mats installed (electric fencing). h. Number of new communities served by bear-resistant infrastructure	18. **10 points maximum** a. 10 points – Applicant provides numbers for each metric that corresponds to proposed activities. b. 5 points – Applicant provides numbers for metrics, but are missing metrics for corresponding proposed activities. c. 0 points – Applicant does not provide metric numbers.

(bear-resistant/attractant mitigation infrastructure).
   i. Number of bear-resistant garbage cans/dumpsters distributed (bear-resistant/attractant mitigation infrastructure).
   j. Number of attractant management infrastructure (i.e. grain bin doors, food storage, grease traps) distributed (bear-resistant/attractant mitigation infrastructure).
   k. Number of new transfer sites established or existing sites improved (bear-resistant/attractant mitigation infrastructure).	

Section 6: Additional Uploads (No more than 5 attachments)	***Section 6: Pass/Fail***

19. Uploads that can be included:
   a. Fiscal sponsor letter (required for those needing one).
   b. Letters of support (optional).
   c. Photos of conflicts and/or implemented conflict reduction strategies (optional).
   d. Quotes/bids that informed the budget (optional).
   e. Other uploads that support project narrative (optional).
	19. Pass/Fail
	   a. Pass/Fail (Question 4b)
	   b. n/a, but can inform partnership/community scoring (Questions 9 & 12)
	   c. n/a, but can inform current/past efforts (Question 11)
	   d. n/a, but can inform budget (Question 6 & 14)
	   e. n/a