***Instructions:*** The application period is open **August 15, 2025** and closes **October 3, 2025 at 5:00pm**. Completed applications must be submitted as a Word document to atbcsubmission@heart-of-rockies.org. Further details and definitions for the application questions can be found in the program fund’s **Request for Proposal announcement** found at <https://heart-of-rockies.org/ccr/grants/application-materials/>.

The application is broken into six (6) sections below. Complete the applicable questions to your project in each section below. If the question has an asterisk (\*), a response is required. Please note: Character counts, which include spaces, are associated with application questions. Character counts are indicated in *italics* after each question. Any application response that **exceeds** the character count limit **will be deleted** at the character count limit by the HRI Rural Initiatives Manager prior to the review panel scoring.

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| **Section 1: Applicant Details** |
| 1. **\* Applicant Organization/Group Name**
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| 1. **\* Primary Contact Information**

First/Last Name & Title:Email Address:Phone Number: |
| 1. **\* What is the mission and/or vision of the applicant organization/group?** *250 characters*
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| 1. **\* Is the applicant organization/group a Tribal government, nonprofit entity, county government, local municipality, or school district?**

[ ]  **YES** – Please provide the applicant’s EIN:[ ]  **NO** – If the answer was NO, does the applicant have a fiscal sponsor that is an eligible entity as listed above?[ ]  **YES** – Please provide the following information for the fiscal sponsor:Organizational Name:EIN:Fiscal Sponsor Contact (First/Last Name, Title, Email, Phone Number):[ ]  **NO** |

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| **Section 2: Project Overview** |
| 1. **\* Project Title** *50 characters*
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| 1. **\* Amount Requested** *Enter a whole dollar amount.*
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| 1. **\* Check the box(es) for the years the applicant is requesting funding.**

[ ] 2026 [ ] 2027 |
| 1. **\* Where is the project located? State the town(s), county(ies), and/or watershed-scale the project is focused on.** *250 characters*
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| 1. **\* Has a local working group been formed to address bear conflict in your project location?**

[ ]  **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 characters*[ ]  **NO** – Is there a plan for community engagement and/or a primary community/local government point of contact? *500 characters* |
| 1. **\* Provide a brief project description/overview of what your project will accomplish.** *500 characters*
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| **Section 3: Project Description & Need** |
| 1. **\* In a narrative response, describe why and how your organization/group is addressing conflict prevention in the project area. Specifically:**
	1. **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 with what species.**
	2. **Highlight past and current activities/efforts, by the organization/group, partners, and/or local government, that address(ed) conflicts in the project area.**
	3. **Describe the proposed project’s goals and how they fit into a longer-term strategy or plan.**
	4. **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.**

*5,000 characters total* |

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| **Section 4: Project Implementation** |
| 1. **\* List partner names/affiliations and their roles/responsibilities in the proposed project.** *1,500 characters*
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| 1. **\* Describe the estimated project implementation timeline for the proposed project activities. Please include estimated month/year per activity.** *2,500 characters*
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| 1. **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.** *Please add additional lines to the budget table as needed. Use the $X.XX format.*
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**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*

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| 1. **\* List the cash matching funds/sources. Include name of the match, amount, and if it is in-hand, anticipated, or pending.** *Please be sure that the sum of the match sources identified equal the total match contribution total from 14A.*
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| **Match Name** | **Cash Amount** | **In-Hand, Anticipated, Pending** |
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| 1. **\* If we can only supply partial funding, what activity(ies) would you prioritize and why?** *1,000 characters*
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| **Section 5: Metrics of Success** |
| 1. **\* How will you evaluate the effectiveness and success of project activities?** *2,000 characters*
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| 1. **\* Please provide an estimated number for the following metrics that correspond to your project priorities/deliverables.** *If a metric does not apply to your project, please put “0”.*
	1. Total work hours supported (staff capacity):
	2. Number of new/expanded carnivore conflict reduction programs (staff capacity):
	3. Number of outreach/educational events (outreach & education):
	4. Total number of individuals reached (outreach & education):
	5. Number of inquiries received from individuals interested in conflict prevention tools (outreach & education):
	6. Linear feet of electric fencing erected (electric fencing & mats):
	7. Number of electric drive-over mats installed (electric fencing & mats):
	8. Number of new communities served by bear-resistant infrastructure (bear-resistant/attractant mitigation infrastructure):
	9. Number of bear-resistant garbage cans/dumpsters distributed (bear-resistant/attractant mitigation infrastructure):
	10. Number of attractant management infrastructure (i.e. grain bin doors, food storage, grease traps, etc.) distributed (bear-resistant/attractant mitigation infrastructure):
	11. Number of new transfer sites established or existing sites improved (bear-resistant/attractant mitigation infrastructure):
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| **Section 6: Additional Uploads** |

1. **The applicant may choose to provide additional uploads that provide context/inform previous sections. The applicant is limited to five (5) attachments, in PDF format, and must be submitted at the same time as the application. If providing attachments, please briefly list the attachment file name(s) and a one sentence description.**