

TRSC RIVER STEWARDSHIP GRANTS PROGRAM GUIDELINES

For Projects Exceeding Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars *

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and grant support is contingent upon availability of funds. All funding requests should be presented to the TRSC by Council delegates on behalf of their community and/or community/regional partners, at a regularly scheduled Council meeting.

TRSC grant awards typically range from \$500, up to a maximum of \$10,000. The Council will also consider awarding partial or match grants, based upon project profile and need**. Although a match is not required, those applicants providing cash or in-kind match, in any amount, will receive greater consideration. The maximum amount awarded to any grantee, including multiple grant awards, **shall not** exceed \$10,000 in any given fiscal year.

Proposals should be no longer than three (3) pages in length and **must include:**

1. A description of the project, the community or region of the Taunton River Watershed in which it is located, and demonstrated consistency with one or more of the four (4) outstanding resource values associated with this Grants Program (see attached), and as initially described in the 2005 Taunton River Stewardship Plan;
2. Narrative and budget indicating any project partners, additional sources of revenue, in-kind, desired outcomes/results;
3. Timeline and budget (Note: all contractors/non-profits/vendors must provide a signed W-9 Form to TRSC in order to convey funds for projects). Timelines and budgets will be strictly adhered to unless an extension is sought from, and granted by, the Council.

The TRSC highly recommends that all applicants review the following list of resources:

1. [Lamprey River Recreational Navigation Enhancement Plan](#)
2. [Department of Environmental Protection's Wetland Program Policy: Diadromous Fisheries Stream Management](#)
3. [Clint River Watershed's Field Manual on Maintenance of Large Woody Debris](#)
4. [Russ Cohen's Tree Paddlers and Wildlife Guide](#)

Proposals may also be sent to the TRSC, care of Taunton River Watershed Alliance, by email or standard post at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which you would like the proposal to be considered. The TRSC meets six (6) times per year and will vote on funding proposals at its regularly scheduled meetings. Meeting dates are posted on the TRSC website www.tauntonriver.org.

Email or Mail Proposals to:

Taunton River Watershed Alliance, Inc.
P.O. Box 1116
Taunton, MA 02780 ATTN:
Attn: Gloria Bancroft
Email: gbancroft@savethetaunton.org

*Project requests of under \$500.00 may be considered and awarded by the Executive Committee as voted by the Wild & Scenic River Study Committee on 9/25/02.

**The Council may waive, by majority vote, the maximum award given if a project or opportunity is deemed to be unique or exceptional by the Council.

TAUNTON RIVER WILD & SCENIC STEWARDSHIP OBJECTIVES and OUTSTANDINGLY REMARKABLE VALUES

Taunton River Stewardship Objectives

The Stewardship Objectives, developed by the Council in 2011-2012, were in direct response to the needs assessments outlined in the 2005 Stewardship Plan, and the ongoing work of Council members, watershed communities, and local, state, regional, and national partners. Each one of the categories below, pertaining to the River Stewardship Grants Program, corresponds with the Outstandingly Remarkable Values for which the Taunton River was originally nominated for federal Wild & Scenic River designation. The Council also considered a response to climate change and the need for greater resiliency (social, economic, and environmental) to be built into our objectives/actions going forward. For a complete listing of the Taunton River Stewardship Objectives visit www.savethetaunton.org.

Water Quality and Stream Flow

1. Increase Public Awareness of the critical importance of stream flow and water quality to the continued enjoyment of the Taunton River as an outstanding resource of regional, state, and national significance
2. Ensure Sufficient Water Quality and Stream Flow to protect and enhance the long-term viability of the Outstanding Resources of the Taunton River and Narragansett Bay, including support of the ongoing statewide stream continuity program and assessments

Fisheries

1. Ensure Water Quality and Natural Flow Regimes that will allow resident and anadromous fish species to thrive

Recreation and Scenery

1. Ensure Stream Flow and Water Quality sufficient to support fishing, swimming, boating and related recreational opportunities
2. Protect Connected Open Spaces in the Taunton River corridor as an opportunity for diverse recreational activities
3. Provide Quality Access to the Taunton River and related tributary and corridor resources

Ecology and Biological Diversity

1. Increase Public Awareness of the biological diversity and intact ecology of the Taunton River Ecosystem
2. Protect Water Quality and Natural Flow regimes critical to health and long-term viability of aquatic biodiversity