

# The Waterman Fund

## Grant Application Guidelines

### What is the Fund?

The Waterman Fund awards grants for educational and trail maintenance projects on the open summits, exposed ridges and alpine areas of the Northeast.

### How much money is available?

The Fund typically awards grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 but will consider grants that are larger or smaller in size.

### Who can apply for a grant?

501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, local, state, or federal agencies and individuals are welcome to apply but must do so through one of the above organizations. Applications and guidelines are available for download in pdf format at our website: [www.watermanfund.org](http://www.watermanfund.org)

### How does the project funding work?

The Fund requires a match of at least 25% of the requested amount with cash, materials, labor and/or in-kind services. Higher matches will generally increase the competitiveness of your request. Labor, skilled and unskilled, shall be appraised by the project sponsor at its market rate and can be put towards the project match. Project payment will take place on a reimbursement basis; the project sponsor must incur cost for work actually completed then submit requests for payment with canceled checks attached. Working capital advances may be approved in advance on a case-by-case basis.

### What are some examples of projects the Fund would support?

- Trail rehabilitation projects that include an educational component
- Projects that add to the knowledge of alpine stewardship
- Projects that blend low-key education with active resource protection
- Projects that further the ethics described in the Watermans' writings.
- While the Fund prefers new projects, we will consider funding expansion or enhancement of existing projects

### What are some examples of projects the Fund would not support?

- Major trail reconstruction
- Trail reconstruction or research projects that lack an educational aspect

### What are the reporting requirements?

The Fund will require a comprehensive final report at the end of the project, or annually for multi-year projects. The Fund will look favorably on applications that show thoughtful planning for the final report. These reports will be added to an alpine stewardship library.

### What are the deadlines?

The application deadline is December 1. Grantees will be notified by January 31. All work on a grant must be completed and the final report submitted within three years of the initial grant award date.

### How do I apply?

Complete the attached application and return it to The Waterman Fund, P.O. Box 1064, East Corinth, VT 05040 by December 1. There must be 8 copies of each grant application submitted, or one electronic copy submitted to [info@watermanfund.org](mailto:info@watermanfund.org). All applications must be typed. Each application should include only one project for review. There is no limit to the number of applications an organization can submit. Be sure to attach the required supplemental information such as landowner permission, a suitable map and up to 3 letters of support. There must be a contact person available over the phone during the review period.

### How should the Fund be credited

The Waterman Fund should receive appropriate credit on all printed or electronic materials produced with a grant from the Fund.