



2025 WEAFF Application Instructions

The Wild East Action Fund (WEAF) is a competitive grant opportunity that supports qualified land protection, conservation planning, and community resilience projects within the Appalachian Trail landscape. For grant category guidelines and more information on the A.T. landscape and The Appalachian Trail Landscape Partnership (ATLP), please review the 2025 WEAFF Program Overview.

Application deadline:

The application period is expected to open in June 2025, at which time the online application form will be accessible on the [WEAF's website](#). Applications should be received no later than 11:59PM (Eastern Time) on Friday, July 18, 2025.

How to apply:

Applications must be submitted through the online application form. The online form will elicit basic organizational, contact, and project information, as well as **require** multiple file uploads. When completing the online form, please upload a project description (.doc/.docx, preferred – see prompts below), project budget (.xls/.xlsx, preferred), letter of nonprofit status from the IRS (if applicable; .pdf), letters of support (.pdf), relevant maps (.pdf), and any other relevant materials of your choosing (.pdf). Continue reading for more details on the application requirements and online application form questions.

Grant Category Application Requirements:

	Land Protection	Conservation Planning	Community Resilience
Submission via online application form	Required	Required	Required
Upload project description (.doc/.docx)	Required	Required	Required
Upload project budget (.xls/.xlsx)	Required	Required	Required
Upload IRS non-profit status letter (if applicable)	Required	Required	Required
Upload project letters of support	Recommended	Recommended	Required
Upload project maps	Recommended	Optional	Optional
Upload project pictures	Optional	Optional	Optional
Upload other relevant materials	Optional	Optional	Optional

Organization & Project Eligibility

To be eligible for the Wild East Action Fund, organizations should broadly serve the needs of a geographic area within the A.T. landscape. Previous grant awardees are eligible to apply. Organizations may submit more than one project. To qualify for funding, eligible organizations must:

- Be located in or serve the A.T. landscape.
- Be a tribal, state, or local agency or a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Conservation partnerships or similar collaborative efforts without 501(c)(3) nonprofit status may have another qualified organization apply as the fiscal sponsor on behalf of the partnership.

Application Support

For more detailed guidance on suitable projects, please review the 2025 WEAFF Grant Criteria document found on the [WEAF's website](#). If you have any questions or need assistance regarding your project's suitability, the application materials, or the submission process please contact Max Olsen at molsen@appalachiantrail.org. If you represent a Tribal entity or an indigenous led/serving nonprofit organization seeking funding for a qualified project, reach out to Max Olsen to learn more about our flexible grant process.

Wild East Action Fund Online Application Form Questions

- What is the name of the entity (organization, agency, bureau, etc.) submitting this application?
- Is the entity submitting this grant application...
 - filed as a 501(c)3 with the IRS? [yes/no]
 - part of a tribal, state, or local government? [yes/no]
- What is the entity's Federal ID (EIN)?
- Is the entity submitting this grant application a fiscal sponsor submitting on behalf of a conservation partnership or similar collaborative entity without a 501(c)3 designation? [yes/no] If yes...
 - What is the name of the "conservation partnership or similar collaborative entity"?
 - If available, please share the partnership/collaborative entity's website.
 - Who is an appropriate contact regarding this project within the partnership?
 - Please provide this contact's email address.
- Please share your entity's website:
- Please provide your entity's mailing address:
- Please provide your name (first and last):
- Please provide your email address:
- Please provide your phone number:
- Would you like to provide an additional contact for this project? [yes/no] If yes...
 - Please provide the additional contact's name:
 - Please provide their email address:
 - Please provide their phone number:
 - Why did you provide this person as another contact in this grant application?
- What is the project's title?
- Which state(s) and county(ies) will this project be working in or located?
- Please indicate where your project will be occurring (drawing feature, address, or coordinates).
- What is your funding request amount through the WEAFF?
- Please provide a brief overview of your project (500 character maximum).
- What are your project's start and end dates?
- Approximately, how many staff and how much staff time will be dedicated to this effort?
- Approximately, how many volunteers and how much volunteer time will be dedicated to this effort?
- **File uploads** (project description, project budget, IRS nonprofit letter, letters of support, maps, etc.).