

Funding for Upland Habitat Enhancement Projects

Background:

Representatives of the Ruffed Grouse Society (PEI) are offering a one-time funding opportunity for PEI Watershed Groups to complete habitat enhancement work focused in upland areas on PEI. Priority species are Ruffed Grouse and Woodcock although projects focusing on other upland species will be considered (i.e., songbirds). The sum of money available is not large (~\$4000) and it is anticipated that the average funds granted for each project will be approximately \$500.

Examples of potential projects could include; planting of native fruit and berry trees in upland areas, pruning of old fruit tree and improvement of hedgerows. These are just some examples of projects and watershed groups are encouraged to submit proposals with ideas that show direct benefit and enhancement to upland habitats. ***Work within riparian and wetland habitats will not be funded.***

Funding Details:

Recognized PEI Watershed Groups are invited to submit funding proposals. Eligible funding expenditures include equipment and supplies that directly related to upland habitat enhancement activities such as tree guards, tree planting equipment, pruning equipment and trees and plants not covered through the Greening Spaces Program

Expenditures **not** covered by this funding include:

- Administrative costs
- Labour
- Mileage
- Monitoring and Research
- Professional services

How to Apply:

Please provide a short description (Approximately 1 page, no more than 300 words) of your proposed project including:

- Description of upland habitat enhancement work to be completed
- Location of Work
- Target species
- Explanation of funding expenditures
- In-kind support including the amount of labour provided to complete the project
- Other information that might be pertinent to your application such as project partners.

An example template of an application form is included. The application process is not meant to be arduous for either the applicant or reviewer.

Review Process:

Please submit applications by April 1, 2016

Funding determinations will be made by members of the Ruffed Grouse Society (PEI). Successful applicants will be notified in May 2016 at which time, they will receive half of their granted funds. Projects are to be completed by November 15, 2016. The remainder of the grant monies will be released upon the receipt of a report highlighting project successes (i.e., # of trees planted, area enhanced, labour invested (staff and volunteer), species targeted, etc.,)

Please submit applications via email to: ecologist@peiwatershedalliance.org by April 1st, 2016. The Watershed Alliance will administer the grant however all funding decisions will be made by members of the Ruffed Grouse Society (PEI).

Any questions related to the Upland Habitat Enhancement Funding can be directed to Mary Finch at 902-394-0999 or through email at ecologist@peiwatershedalliance.org

Application for funding for Upland Habitat Enhancement Projects 2016

One time funding available through the Ruffed Grouse Society (PEI)

Watershed Group:	Contact Name:
Mailing address:	Contact phone number and email:

Project Title: _____

Description of upland habitat enhancement work to be completed:

Target species, please list: _____

Location of work: _____

Explanation of funding expenditures: *Eligible funding expenditures include equipment and supplies that directly related to habitat enhancement activities such as tree guards, tree planting equipment, pruning equipment and trees and plants not covered through the Greening Spaces Program. *** Ineligible expenses include: Administrative costs, labour, mileage, monitoring/research and professional services.*

Project Expense	Amount requested from RGS fund	Amount provided by other sources	Amount provided as in-kind support
Total Amounts			

Please provide detail on the amount of labour needed to complete the project.

Other information that might be pertinent to your application:

This is an example template for application for the funding, please keep responses short and concise as this process is not meant to be arduous for either applicants or reviewers. Funding decisions will be determined by members of the Ruffed Grouse Society (PEI). Grant is being administered by PEI Watershed Alliance. **Applications are due: April 1st, 2016.** Submit via email to: ecologist@peiwatershedalliance.org. Questions can be directed to Mary: 902-394-0999.