



Lewis and Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment (LCTSE)  
Grant Application Process and Guidelines  
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During the Bicentennial, the U.S. Mint issued and sold Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Silver Dollars. Proceeds from the sale of the coins were provided to the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation to create the Lewis and Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment for the purpose of preservation, protection, and interpretation of the natural, historic, educational, and cultural resources of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

The Trail Foundation's Lewis and Clark Trail Stewardship Advisory Committee solicits applications by October 1 every year for projects that will have a demonstrable, positive impact along the pathways followed by the Expedition; this includes both the National Lewis and Clark Historic Trail and the Eastern Legacy routes.

- Maximum Grant Amount: \$7,500
- Minimum Grant Amount: \$1,000

**Who Can Apply?**

Priority consideration is given to applications from Chapters of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, however other non-profit organizations whose mission's work is to preserve and protect important and specific resources on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail or Eastern Legacy Route or who manage sites that are specifically provided for public access to sites that interpret the Lewis and Clark story are eligible to apply for funding for projects that can be shown to meet the goals of the Lewis and Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment Program.

Applicants will be requested to supply documentation of their latest 990 filing with the IRS.

**What Kind of Projects?**

The goal of the Lewis and Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment Program is to fund projects that:

- a. Enhance public access, enjoyment, or knowledge of significant or identifiable Lewis and Clark sites;
- b. Protect, preserve, or restore a threatened and important Lewis and Clark site or associated natural or cultural resources;

- c. Involve partners such as a private property owner or groups such as schools, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, Indian tribes or local, state, and federal governmental or non-profit organizations and land trusts;
- d. Are sustainable or maintainable by the requesting Chapter or organization.

Priority will be given to proposals that increase the scope of the project by the involvement of partners such as those mentioned above in (c) and to proposals that guarantee matching funds of at least 25% of the amount requested.

Please refer to the Foundation’s Lewis and Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment Policy Statement for further information about the Endowment and what type of projects are considered “Trail Stewardship”. It’s available at [www.lewisandclark.org](http://www.lewisandclark.org) ([PRESERVE section](#)).

No more than two applications for two different projects will be accepted from any one applicant. Applications must be submitted using the Lewis & Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment Grant Application form which may be obtained from [www.lewisandclark.org](http://www.lewisandclark.org) ([PRESERVE section](#)) or by sending an email request to [grants@lewisandclark.org](mailto:grants@lewisandclark.org). The completed grant application form and supporting documents and photos must also be submitted to [grants@lewisandclark.org](mailto:grants@lewisandclark.org).

**Schedule**

- October 1      Application deadline
- December 1    Review by committee completed and recommendations sent to Board
- December 31   Grant award winners notified and checks mailed. Reporting requirements sent when the grant is awarded.
- July 1          Interim report due

A final report, including documentation of results, digital photos, and detailed accounting of how funds were expended, are required one year from the date of grant award.

Projects supported by the Endowment **must** acknowledge support from the **Lewis & Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment: A National Council of the Lewis & Clark Expedition Bicentennial Legacy Project.**

Further information and Q and A’s can be found at: [www.lewisandclark.org](http://www.lewisandclark.org).

Questions about the type of qualifying projects and assistance with the application process can be obtained by calling Lindy Hatcher, Executive Director, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation 406-727-1234 or directed to [grants@lewisandclark.org](mailto:grants@lewisandclark.org).