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**APPROXIMATELY \$10,000,000 AVAILABLE  
THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR CONSERVE NEVADA GRANT APPLICATIONS IS  
MARCH 6, 2026, at 2:00 PM (PST).**

**How Much is Available:**

Approximately \$10,000,000 in Nevada Conservation and Recreation Program grant funds issued through general obligation bonds are available to Nevada's cities, counties, towns, general improvement districts (GIDs), conservation districts, water conservancy districts, nonprofit organizations, and state agencies.

**Who is eligible to apply:**

Any agency, department, division of the Executive branch of state government including the Nevada System of Higher Education. Any non-profit organization that is exempt from federal income tax pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3). A local government including without limitation, a county, city, town, general improvement district, conservation district, or water conservancy district or any other political subdivision of the State of Nevada that performs a government function. Additional details may be found in program regulations at [LCB File No. R025-22](#).

**What types of projects are eligible:**

Financial assistance is available through the Conserve Nevada Program for capital expenditures that have a minimum of a 20-year lifespan. A capital expenditure is incurred to purchase or improve a fixed asset (long-term tangible items) (examples include recreation trail, riverbank stabilization, habitat restoration, wildfire restoration/ treatments). This may include planning and reviews that support capital expenditures (examples: NEPA reviews, engineering, planning, design). Funding may not be used to support private activity use or private benefit and must be for projects that benefit the public. Specific projects types that can be supported:

- Wildfire Mitigation/Restoration
- Design/Construction of recreation facilities, campsites, or trails.
- Acquisition of land and/or water for conservation or recreation. (this includes Conservation Easements and Public Access Easements)
- Projects that enhance and restore the Truckee and Carson River Corridor.
- Protecting and restoring wetlands
- Acquisition and retirement of credits to protect sagebrush ecosystems.

Additional details may be found in the programs regulations at [LCB File No. R025-22](#).

**How are projects selected:**

The technical advisory committee is made up of representatives of the Director of the Nevada Department of Wildlife, Administrator of the Division of State Parks, Administrator of the Division on Outdoor Recreation, Administrator of State Lands, Administrator of the Division of Forestry, Administrator of the Division of Natural Heritage, and those individuals appointed by the Director of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Applications are reviewed by the program manager and the technical advisory committee in accordance with program regulations. Based upon established criteria the program manager and advisory committee will rank projects and make funding recommendations to the Director of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The Director may consider both the program manager's and the technical advisory committees' recommendations in selecting applications for award.

**What match is required:**

To receive a grant from the program an applicant must provide a matching contribution of not less than 10 percent of the total cost of the project. Applicants may provide cash match or in-kind contributions to meet match requirements. It should be noted that while 10 percent is a minimum contribution requirement for the program, additional match will be considered for purpose of ranking an application. Applicants may not use Conserve Nevada funds or in-kind match from one award to meet the matching requirements of another award from the program.

**How long do I have to spend an award:**

Projects must expend at least 10% of their award within six months of bond issuance and be fully obligated by June of 2025. Projects should aim to expend 45%-60% of awarded funds within 12 months of a bonds issuance. Projects will be required to expend a minimum of 85% of their awarded funds within **3 years of issuance**. Due to IRS limitations on general obligation bond funding, we are unable to provide project extensions. Projects that are unable to meet this timeline should consider phasing their project appropriately.

**Late Submissions:**

Applications turned in after the deadline will not be considered for funding awarded through this grant round. If excess funding or interest exists after this initial award a late application may be considered for the open or off cycle funding from the program at the discretion of the Director.

**Where can I find more information:**

You can find more information on the program website at [ConserveNevada.nv.gov](https://ConserveNevada.nv.gov).

**How do I apply:**

You may submit an application for the Conserve Nevada Program through the [Nevada Infrastructure Finance System](https://ndepifs.ndep.nv.gov/) (<https://ndepifs.ndep.nv.gov/>). To [sign-up for the system](#) please

follow the instructions on our [website](#). Once you have registered in the system, please email [ConserveNevada@dcnr.nv.gov](mailto:ConserveNevada@dcnr.nv.gov) so that the program may setup your user credentials. If you skip this step, you will not be able to apply. Please note it may take up to 3-5 business days to set up your user profile. The grant deadline will not be adjusted for last minute registration.

The deadline to apply for the 2026 Conserve Nevada grant application is March 6, 2026, at 2:00 PM PST. Applications must be submitted via the Nevada Infrastructure Finance System. Applications submitted via mail or email will not be considered. Evaluation and selection of projects will take place in Spring of 2026.

Prospective applicants may contact the program ([ConserveNevada@dcnr.nv.gov](mailto:ConserveNevada@dcnr.nv.gov) or 775-684-2707) with any questions regarding the program.