



Cinnabar Foundation Announces 2018 Challenge Grant Program

The Cinnabar Foundation's 2018 Challenge Grant application period will open January 8, 2018. Grants are available to nonprofit organizations and educational institutions engaged in environmental and conservation activities within Montana and the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem.

Two types of grants are awarded during the competitive grant cycle — General Operating grants and Special Project grants. Both are offered as challenge grants and require a minimum 1:1 cash match. Organizations may apply for only one grant per year, and there are special eligibility requirements for each type of grant. The maximum grant award is \$15,000.

While Cinnabar's 2018 grants will not be limited to these issues, priority will be given to proposals that effectively address:

- Stewardship of Public Lands
- Land Use on Public and Private Lands
 - Protecting Open Space and Wildlife Habitat from Subdivision and Development
 - Maintaining or restoring Landscape and Habitat Connectivity
- Indiscriminate Natural Resource Extraction
- Air and Water Quality and Quantity (water)
- Community Support and Advocacy for Sound Conservation and Environmental Policies

Please Note:

- General Operating grant applications will be accepted by "invitation-only." [Thirty organizations](#) have been invited to submit General Operating Grant applications for the 2018 Challenge Grant cycle.
- Organizations not invited to apply for a General Operating Grant may apply for a Special Project Grant. Special Project application forms will be available on the Foundation's website as downloadable, fillable PDFs.
- Only applications submitted electronically on the standard Cinnabar grant application form will be accepted.
- The deadlines for submitting grant applications are:
 - February 28, 2018 for General Operating grants.
 - March 31, 2018 for Special Project grants.

See the "APPLY FOR A GRANT" section on the Cinnabar Foundation's website for additional details (www.cinnabarfoundation.org).