

Alliance-FY21 Fall

FY21 Fall Application for Funding (Returning Applicants)

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Application Form

Guidelines & Applications Tips

UPDATING INFORMATION FROM SPRING:

You will NOT need to retype your responses from the Spring application. Use the "Copy Answers" button at the top of the page to transfer your responses from the FY21 Spring application (submitted in April 2020) to this Application. You can make changes to any of your responses that need updating. If a response has not changed there is no need to update the response

NEW QUESTIONS:

★ Questions that were not asked on the Spring Application and are new to the Fall Cycle are indicated with a gold star

REQUIRED VS OPTIONAL QUESTIONS:

- All required questions are marked with an *asterisk* and must be answered in order to submit the application
- All optional questions have no notation and are not required in order to submit the application. But if an optional question applies to you, please provide an answer.

GUIDELINES:

- Please direct questions or concerns to Jenny Muscat, Operations Manager, at Jenny@ResortTax.Org or 406-995-3234
- Please only provide the information requested within this application
 - Supplemental materials will not be accepted
- Blackmail or bribery of staff or board members is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification
- Please proofread your application for grammar and validate your data prior to submission
- Avoid organizational jargon and use layman's terms to minimize follow up questions
- You may SAVE the application at any time and return to it
- Final submission happens upon clicking 'SUBMIT'
- **The deadline for applications is Wednesday, September 30 @ 11:59 pm (Mountain Time)**

Organization/Background Information

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please verify and update any information that has changed since you applied for the FY21 Spring Cycle.

Request Title*

Please **update** with your "'Organization Acronym"-FY21 Fall'. For example: *BSRAD-FY21 Fall*

Alliance-FY21 Fall

Number of Projects/Programs*

How many projects/programs are you requesting Resort Tax funds for in the Fall cycle?

- If you are requesting funds for **FEWER** projects than in the spring keep the number of projects the same as it was in the spring and in the corresponding project question section(s) enter \$0 for the amount requested **and** provide an explanation about why this project is no longer taking place
- If you are requesting funds for the **SAME** number of projects as the spring keep the number of projects the same and update/verify each project question section accordingly
- If you are requesting funds for **MORE** projects than in the spring enter the new (higher) number here and fill in the additional project question section accordingly
 - The maximum number of projects you may request funds for is 6

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For applicants with multiple projects please note that the application will expand and create additional project/program information sections for each project you are requesting funding for based upon the number entered above. Please enter your projects in order of highest to lowest priority as you complete the application.

Funds Not Awarded*

★ How would your projects/programs be affected if Resort Tax funding were not awarded?

If Resort Tax funding was not awarded, the Alliance will utilize half of our reserve funds (approximately \$11,000) to pay for one year of necessary expenses to keep the organization solvent (insurance, website, cell phone, etc.) and use remaining funds to ensure existing grant commitments are honored (which will consume most of the remaining reserves). At that point, the board will have to furlough our contracted staff so she may apply for unemployment benefits.

Without staff, the Alliance will not be able to pursue additional grant funding and existing annual projects will be terminated. Without reserves, the Alliance may have to close permanently.

To be clear, most grants related to invasive species pay for little to no staff time, thus resort tax funding is essential to maintain our operations. In addition to providing baseline support for our programming, Resort Tax funding enables the Alliance to pursue and obtain funding from the other sources described above for additional development and implementation of programs. For example, the Alliance facilitated over \$73,000 worth of on-the-ground noxious weed management to the Big Sky area that would not have happened otherwise.

We are a local organization working to conserve “our backyard” to the benefit of the entire community, and continued Resort Tax funding is critical to maintain the solvency of our organization.

Total Funds Requested FY21 Fall*

★ What is the total amount of funds your organization is requesting for all projects/programs for this cycle (1/1/216/30-21):

Please ensure that all requests for all projects add up to this total, the form does not calculate a total for you.

\$12,610.00

Additional COVID-19 Funds*

★ Has your organization received any funding from any of the following programs? (Check all that apply)

Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)

COVID-19 Funds Explanation

★ Please explain how the funding received affects your FY21 Fall Resort Tax request:

Provide detail on:

- *What funding was received (sources and amounts)*
- Amount your request to Resort Tax can be reduced (total ask and broken down by project) if applicable
- When funds were received/expected to be received
- Any other important information regarding this additional funding

The Alliance has received the following COVID-19 related funding:

1 - Economic Injury Disaster loan for \$1,000 on April 28,20. These funds were used for unpaid contracted staff time for June of 2020. We are hopeful these funds are a grant and not a loan, but we are unsure if this will be the case. Thus, the Alliance could be responsible for repayment.

2 - State of Montana Non-profit grant for \$10,000 received on 8-27-20. The Alliance has used \$8,848.46 to pay for contracted staff for work performed for projects 2-4 in July and August. \$1,151.54 remains. These funds allowed the Alliance to perform on-site landowner noxious weed education, and without them, the landowners would not have been assisted.

While NOT COVID-19 funds, the Alliance has received additional unrestricted funding for programs from:

1- Yellowstone Club Community Foundation Spring Grant: \$3,000

2- Spanish Peaks Community Foundation Spring Grant: \$3,500

These funds will be used to implement programs 1-4.

The Alliance will not be reducing our ask to Resort Tax as our original request covered the bare minimum amount needed for this organization to keep the "lights on" and existing projects in the pipeline from being canceled.

COVID-19 Impact*

★ What has the impact of COVID-19 been on your operation and how has this impact affected your Fall Resort Tax request?

In response to Resort Tax's direction that only COVID-19 related projects be submitted for funding, the Alliance proactively reduced our 2020-2021 ask to Resort Tax by 63%, from \$70,000 to \$26,068. Therefore,

our programming has come to a halt, with all existing projects and commitments taking priority to ensure we finish what we started. With such a dramatic funding cut, the Alliance has spent a large amount of time pursuing additional funding.

As we expected, with people spending more time than ever at home, requests for landowner assistance were high this summer and are still ongoing. The Alliance has been able to aid landowners only because of emergency COVID-19 funding received from the state.

To be clear, the Alliance's primary goal is to provide those who live in the area with direct assistance. When calls, emails, or texts for help are sent, the Alliance responds. And for the past few months, it was made possible by the state grant.

Now more than ever, as people turn to the outdoors for respite and relief from the current situation, we are reminded of how important our natural resources are. These natural resources are the economic driver of our region. Huge numbers of visitors came to Big Sky despite the lack of events, concerts, etc. They came for the outdoors, the environment, and the natural resources that make this place unparalleled.

Conservation doesn't just happen, it's a commitment made by the collective and requires a long-term vision and ongoing investment to yield results. As demonstrated by the recent visioning process, many in our community resoundingly support conservation efforts, acknowledging that our unparalleled natural resources are intimately linked to the health and prosperity of our community.

Our fall request will remain the same as the prior application.

PAYMENT REQUEST SCHEDULE INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Update** your estimated payment request schedule for your entire request for the FY21 Fall Cycle (1/1/21-6/30/21)
- For any month you are NOT requesting funds please enter 0

Please note:

- The first-day funds can be requested for the fall cycle is 1/15/21
 - Funding will not be available until a contract has been signed and the Post Award Follow Up has been completed
- Enter your estimated schedule based on when you plan to request funds from Resort Tax

January 2021 Estimate*

*Only for expenses incurred from 1/1-1/15/21 that you plan to request by 1/15/21. **DO NOT INCLUDE ANY FUNDS YOU WERE AWARDED IN THE SPRING CYCLE IN THIS AMOUNT.***

\$0.00

February 2021 Estimate*

\$1,580.00

March 2021 Estimate*

\$444.00

April 2021 Estimate*

\$1,300.00

May 2021 Estimate*

\$3,744.00

June 2021 Estimate*

\$1,970.00

July 2021 Request Total Request*

★ *You may request funds until 7/15/21, for the FY21 Fall cycle for any expenses incurred before 6/30/21.*

\$3,572.00

When projecting future requests, please ensure these numbers are as accurate as possible. While calculating these numbers keep the following in mind:

- Economic Growth
- Staffing Changes
- Changes in Community Needs

Future Funding Request FY22 Spring*

★ What is your forecasted Resort Tax request for the FY22 Spring cycle (7/1/21-12/31/21)?

\$33,800.00

Future Funding FY22 Fall*

★ What is your forecasted Resort Tax request for the FY22 Fall cycle (1/1/22-6/30/22)?

\$31,200.00

Future Funding Request FY23*

What is your forecasted Resort Tax request for FY23 (7/1/22-6/30/23)?

\$36,400.00

Future Funding Request FY24*

★ What is your forecasted Resort Tax request for FY24 (7/1/23-6/30/24)?

\$33,600.00

Project/Program 1 Information

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please verify and update any information that has changed since you applied for the FY21 Spring Cycle.

If this project/program will not be taking place in the Fall cycle enter \$0 in the amount requested text box and provide information about why this project is no longer taking place in the "Additional Information" question later in this section.

Project/Program 1*

Administration

Amount Requested | Project/Program 1*

Update the amount you are requesting for project/program 1 for the Fall cycle (1/1/21-6/30/21):

\$4,060.00

PAYMENT REQUEST SCHEDULE INSTRUCTIONS:

- Enter your estimated payment request schedule for project/program 1 ONLY for the FY21 Fall Cycle (1/1/21-6/30/21)
- For any month you are NOT requesting funds from Resort Tax please enter 0
- Please ensure your monthly request add up to the Amount Requested for this project/program
 - The application does not add up the requests for you

January 2021 Est Project/Program 1*

★ *Only for expenses incurred from 1/1-1/15/21 that you plan to request by 1/15/21. DO NOT INCLUDE ANY FUNDS YOU WERE AWARDED IN THE SPRING CYCLE IN THIS AMOUNT.*

\$0.00

February 2021 Est Project/Program 1*



\$1,505.00

March 2021 Est Project/Program 1*



\$294.00

April 2021 Est Project/Program 1*



\$750.00

May 2021 Est Project/Program 1*



\$844.00

June 2021 Est Project/Program 1*



\$320.00

July 2021 Est Project/Program 1*

★ *You may request funds until 7/15/21, for the FY21 Fall cycle for any expenses incurred before 6/30/21.*

\$347.00

Goals | Project/Program 1

What are the goals of this project/program and how will they be measured?

Goals:

- Implement the organization's mission, strategies and goals; measured by execution of our three programs.
- Identify and pursue funding opportunities; measured by the number of grants applied for, obtained, and completed.
- Adhere to Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP); measured by maintaining budgets, organization and accounting files.

- Produce annual report to communicate the organization's work for the year; measured by the distribution of said report.
- Execute a fundraising program to build community support for the Alliance's program; measured by participation in annual giving days, events hosted, creative methods employed to raise funds and brand awareness, and feedback from participants and donors.

Project/Program 1 Spring Funding*

★ Was this project/program awarded funds in the FY21 Spring cycle?

If yes, please elaborate in the next question:

Yes

Project/Program 1 Spring Funding Explanation

★ If applicable, please describe how you met the measurable goals outlined in your Spring application:

Measurable Goals:

- The Alliance has implemented the organization's mission, strategies and goals, as we have executed our programming as funding has allowed.
- The Alliance identified and pursued funding from the following:
 - Yellowstone Club Community Foundation Spring Grant – Applied for and received \$2,000 for Conserve Our Canyon and \$3,000 for programming.
 - Spanish Peaks Community Foundation Spring Grant – Applied for and received \$1,500 for Conserve Our Canyon and \$3,500 for programming.
 - Moonlight Community Foundation Spring Grant – Applied for and received \$1,500 for Conserve Our Canyon.
 - Applied for and received an Economic Injury Disaster loan for \$1,000.
 - Applied for and received a State of Montana Non-profit grant for \$10,000.
 - Applied for and did not received a grant from the Cinnabar Foundation.
 - Applied for and awaiting word from the Cross Charitable Foundation and Madison-Gallatin Trout Unlimited.
- The Alliance has adhered to Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP). All Alliance books, budgeting, and files have been maintained, and our tax return is currently being prepared by our accountant.
- Our annual report will be produced at the end of the calendar year and disseminated once ready.
- Fundraising during COVID has been a unique challenge, but to date the Alliance has brought in \$4,452 since July 1, some of which is restricted to specific programs. Our plans to initiate an annual fundraising event at Crail Gardens were postponed to next year.

Project/Program 1 Additional Information*

★ What additional information would you like to share with the Board regarding this project/program?

With such a dramatic funding cut, the Alliance has spent a large amount of time pursuing additional funding. More time looking for funding results in less time available for on the ground efforts to combat invasive species.

Looking towards the next couple years, we know that the reduction in funding this year will result in a reduced ability to pursue funding for future programming (specifically for programs 2-4). To be blunt, there is very little funding to fight invasive species, and even less of an appetite for those funds to go to a booming resort community. And what little there is available, must be matched by the community asking for help. This is our backyard, these prized natural resources drive our economy, and they can only be preserved if our community is willing to fully support the effort required to protect them.

Community Messaging 1*

★ Please provide a brief (1-2 sentence) description of this project/program for community messaging purposes:

In this unique time, we are reminded that conservation doesn't just happen, it's a commitment made by the collective and requires a long-term vision and ongoing investment to yield results. Since 2004, the Alliance has been working to protect the natural resources that make this place so special.

Project/Program 2 Information

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please verify and update any information that has changed since you applied for the FY21 Spring Cycle.

If this project/program will not be taking place in the fall cycle enter \$0 in the amount requested text box and provide information about why this project is no longer taking place in the "Additional Information" question later in this section.

Project/Program 2*

Environmental Stewardship

Amount Requested | Project/Program 2*

Update the amount you are requesting for project/program 2 for the Fall cycle (1/1/21-6/30/21).

\$2,725.00

January 2021 Est Project/Program 2*

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\$0.00

February 2021 Est Project/Program 2*

\$75.00

March 2021 Est Project/Program 2*

\$150.00

April 2021 Est Project/Program 2*

\$200.00

May 2021 Est Project/Program 2*

\$500.00

June 2021 Est Project/Program 2*

\$500.00

July 2021 Est Project/Program 2**You may request funds until 7/15/21, for the FY21 Fall cycle for any expenses incurred before 6/30/21.*

\$1,300.00

Goals | Project/Program 2

What are the goals of this project/program and how will they be measured?

Habitat Improvement Program: Goal is to enhance critical wildlife habitat. Success is measured by the participation of cooperating agencies and reduction of invasive species in treated areas.

Landowner Assistance Program: Goal is to provide the tools and resources needed to execute ecologically based IS management using best management practices on private land. Success is measured by the number of site visits, number of referrals, follow-up questions, and action taken.

Mapping & Monitoring Program: Goals are to identify new invaders, facilitate early detection and rapid response, and assist and support partner agencies responsible of IS management. Success is measured by the quantity and quality of data collected and shared.

Project/Program 2 Spring Funding*

★ Was this project/program awarded funds in the FY21 Spring cycle?

If yes, please elaborate in the next question:

Yes

Project/Program 2 Spring Funding Explanation

★ If applicable, please describe how you met the measurable goals outlined in your Spring application:

Despite deep cuts to programming, the Alliance has successfully executed planned Environmental Stewardship programs:

Habitat Improvement Program:

1- Conserve Our Canyon was executed in June of 2019 with Montana Conservation Corps and Gallatin National Forest. Details of sites and acres treated will be provided in our project and annual report.

2- Bighorn Winter Range treatment was executing in June of 2019 with Montana Conservation Corps and Gallatin National Forest. Details of sites and acres treated will be provided in our project and annual report.

Landowner Assistance Program:

1- Direct Landowner Assistance - The Alliance has responded and provided on site assistance to many landowners this season and continues to do so. Final numbers will be compiled and provided in our annual report. In addition, the Alliance fielded many emails, phone calls and texts, which all require time spent by a knowledgeable expert.

2- The Alliance also executed the 3rd year assisting 2 HOA's (Antler Ridge and Ramshorn) in our HOA Open Space and Habitat Improvement Program. The Alliance will be working with 2 different HOA's next year, funding dependent. Again, final accounting of that assistance will occur at the end of the year and be presented in our annual report.

3- Thanks to a donation from a private individual, the Alliance was able to send out a direct mailer to educate and motivate landowners to manage noxious weeds.

We can enthusiastically report that the landowners we worked with this year are more dedicated than ever to protect the natural resources they deeply appreciate.

Mapping & Monitoring Program:

1- Leafy spurge at Kids Fishing Pond: We are pleased to report for the first time ever, no leafy spurge was identified. If this finding stands, it is a huge success story! No other mapping or monitoring was conducted due to lack of funds.

Project/Program 2 Additional Information*

★ What additional information would you like to share with the Board regarding this project/program?

A primarily goal of our organization is to provide direct assistance to landowners, as they are the ones who are responsible for managing invasive species. When someone calls or emails, the Alliance has been there since 2004 to provide answers. Even without the exposure at the Farmer's Market, we fielded many

questions and requests for assistance this season, which speaks to the community's interest in learning to be good stewards. Without the grant from the state, the Alliance would not have been able to provide help.

The Alliance has shown leadership in protecting threatened and degraded habitat. We have facilitated over \$73,000 worth of on-the-ground noxious weed management to the Big Sky area that would not have happened otherwise. The Alliance has leveraged \$12,000 for \$131,000 of noxious weed treatment in critical bighorn sheep winter range. This summer's work would not have been possible without the additional funding received (as detailed in the COVID-19 funds question).

Community Messaging 2*

★ Please provide a brief (1-2 sentence) description of this project/program for community messaging purposes:

The Alliance's Environmental Stewardship projects provide assistance to landowners, improves wildlife habitat, and mitigates our community's impacts upon our natural resources.

Project/Program 3 Information

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please verify and update any information that has changed since you applied for the FY21 Spring Cycle.

If this project/program will not be taking place in the fall cycle enter \$0 in the amount requested text box and provide information about why this project is no longer taking place in the "Additional Information" question later in this section.

Project/Program 3*

Education & Awareness

Amount Requested | Project/Program 3*

Update the amount you are requesting for project/program 3 for the Fall cycle (1/1/21-6/30/21):

\$3,725.00

January 2021 Est Project/Program 3*

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\$0.00

February 2021 Est Project/Program 3*



\$0.00

March 2021 Est Project/Program 3*



\$0.00

April 2021 Est Project/Program 3*



\$250.00

May 2021 Est Project/Program 3*



\$2,200.00

June 2021 Est Project/Program 3*



\$500.00

July 2021 Est Project/Program 3*



You may request funds until 7/15/21, for the FY21 Fall cycle for any expenses incurred before 6/30/21.

\$775.00

Goals | Project/Program 3

What are the goals of this project/program and how will they be measured?

The goal of our Education and Awareness Program is to promote “clean recreational habits” to interrupt recreation-based pathways of spread for invasive species, educate the public about invasive species and their impact on natural resources, inspire the community to appreciate and conserve native habitats, and advocate for healthy, functioning ecosystems to maintain ecological and economic health of the community. Success is evaluated by the quality of programming implemented and response by the public to receiving the message, and an increased awareness of invasive species and their impacts.

Project/Program 3 Spring Funding*

★ Was this project/program awarded funds in the FY21 Spring cycle?

If yes, please elaborate in the next question:

Yes

Project/Program 3 Spring Funding Explanation

★ If applicable, please describe how you met the measurable goals outlined in your Spring application:

The CleanDrainDry (CDD) program, in partnership with Gallatin River Task Force, was primarily funded with a grant from Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. As per our plan, 2 CDD billboards were placed along highway 191 for a 6 month run, a series of 6 CDD ads ran in Explore Big Sky, a CDD “advertorial” ran in the July edition of Explore Big Sky, and ads were placed in Mountain Outlaw and Explore Yellowstone. Funding from Resort Tax did and is still assisting the Alliance in executing this effort in conjunction with grant funds from DNRC.

Our PlayCleanGo (PCG) program installed 2 new trailhead signs at Beehive Basin and Reflector Trail. The Alliance has now installed a total of 6 PCG signs around Big Sky: Ouzel Falls, Hummocks, Uplands, Little Willow Way, Black Diamond, Beehive Basin and Reflector Trail. We appreciate our partners, Big Sky Community Organization and Big Sky Owners Association, in helping us spread the word about clean recreations practices. Funding for this effort was provided by Moonlight Community Foundation.

The Alliance continued our education message via our annual summer educational campaign, website, e-newsletters and social media.

Project/Program 3 Additional Information*

★ What additional information would you like to share with the Board regarding this project/program?

The recent community vision document states that “Appreciation and protection of the environment means implementing policies controlling the impacts that our actions have on the forest and wildlife, as well as sensibly preparing for the impacts they can have on us.”

We know invasive species negatively affect our community, economy, and ecosystems. We know humans are the primary sources of invasive species introduction and spread and that the cumulative degradation of natural resources will make Big Sky a less desirable place to live and visit.

We also know the solution is a sustained, consistent, and proactive effort to educate the community and implement best management practices to address invasive species. This is what the Alliance has been working on since 2004.

Conservation efforts to protect natural resources only happens when dollars are put behind vision documents.

Community Messaging 3*

★ Please provide a brief (1-2 sentence) description of this project/program for community messaging purposes:

Through our Education and Awareness Program, the Alliance works to promote “clean recreational habits,” educate the public about invasive species and their impact on natural resources and inspire the community to appreciate and conserve native habitats.

Project/Program 4 Information

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please verify and update any information that has changed since you applied for the FY21 Spring Cycle.

If this project/program will not be taking place in the fall cycle enter \$0 in the amount requested text box and provide information about why this project is no longer taking place in the "Additional Information" question later in this section.

Project/Program 4*

Community Outreach

Amount Requested | Project/Program 4*

Update the amount you are requesting for project/program 4 for the Fall cycle (1/1/21-6/30/21):

\$2,100.00

January 2021 Est Project/Program 4*

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\$0.00

February 2021 Est Project/Program 4*



\$0.00

March 2021 Est Project/Program 4*



\$0.00

April 2021 Est Project/Program 4*



\$100.00

May 2021 Est Project/Program 4*



\$200.00

June 2021 Est Project/Program 4*



\$650.00

July 2021 Est Project/Program 4*

★ *You may request funds until 7/15/21, for the FY21 Fall cycle for any expenses incurred before 6/30/21.*

\$1,150.00

Goals | Project/Program 4

What are the goals of this project/program and how will they be measured?

The goal of our Community Program is to engage and educate the public about invasive species and their impacts on natural resources through community events, partnerships, and other outreach activities. This program aims to inspire the community to appreciate and conserve native habitats, advocate for healthy, functioning ecosystems to maintain ecological and economic health of the community, and promote “clean recreational habits” to interrupt recreation pathways of spread for invasive species. Success is evaluated by the quantity and quality of events, the number of people attending events, requests from other organizations to assist with and participate in events, and increased awareness of invasive species and their impacts.

Project/Program 4 Spring Funding*

★ Was this project/program awarded funds in the FY21 Spring cycle?

If yes, please elaborate in the next question:

Yes

Project/Program 4 Spring Funding Explanation

★ If applicable, please describe how you met the measurable goals outlined in your Spring application:

COVID-19 and budget cuts resulted in the Alliance not participating in youth education events, camps, and other community outreach events this year. Even with those cuts, the Alliance still spearheaded a significant amount of community engagement.

- Master Hunter Course – The Alliance was a presenter at each of the three One Montana’s Master Hunter course.
 - Gallatin River Weed Pull – 38 people pulled 419 pounds of noxious weeds. In 11 years, 8,779 pounds of noxious weeds have removed from the banks of the Gallatin River by 417 volunteers.
 - Big Sky Weed Pull – 30 people pulled 860 pounds of noxious weeds in and around the Big Sky Community Park. That makes a total of 6,288 pounds of noxious weeds pull over 8 years by 308 volunteers.
 - The Alliance hosted office hours at Crail Gardens as a substitute for our presence at the Farmer’s Market throughout the summer season.
 - Crail Gardens are proving to be a delightful and beloved addition to the community. To date, 17 volunteers have given 47 hours of time to help grow our garden. Master Naturalists with the Montana Outdoor Science School came to learn about our native garden in June.
- The Alliance is working with second grade teachers to hold our annual invasive species field trip this fall.

Project/Program 4 Additional Information*

★ What additional information would you like to share with the Board regarding this project/program?

As you have read through this application, there is redundancy and it is for a reason: at the end of the day, all of the programs conducted by the Alliance are focused on educating and inspiring this community to do what they can to protect our natural resources from the threats of invasive species.

Invasive species are “habitat transformers,” resulting in fundamental changes to ecosystem processes. These changes are silent and nearly invisible, and only once they are past the tipping point is the alarm sounded. As our board chair stated “Resource managers everywhere recognize that invasive species are the biggest threat to the integrity and function of terrestrial and aquatic environments. The Gallatin watershed is no exception. Over several decades of resources management, I have seen landscapes recover from every type of calamity, but I have never seen a landscape recover from the introduction of invasive species.”

Community Messaging 4*

★ Please provide a brief (1-2 sentence) description of this project/program for community messaging purposes:

The Alliance’s Community Program engages and educates the public about invasive species and their impact through community events, partnerships, and works of conservation to foster appreciation for our irreplaceable natural resources.

Application Verification & Summary

APPLICATION VERIFICATION:

Please ensure that your application is complete, all calculations are accurate, and it has been proofread before submitting for Board review. Once you select Submit you will no longer be able to edit your application.

Verification*

Incomplete applications may not be considered for funding. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide all the information requested in the proper format by the application deadline.

I verify that the application is complete and contains accurate information

Date of Submission*

09/29/2020

Name of Submitter*

Jennifer Mohler

Once you click 'SUBMIT', do not refresh the page. It may take a few moments to process the information and submit the application.

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

No files were uploaded