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Who will be the fiscal sponsor of this request?	Jack Creek Preserve Foundation
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Description	<p>Community of Conservation: Adult Conservation Education</p> <p>Since 2005, JCPF has provided opportunities for all people to develop an appreciation and connection to the natural world. While the Preserve has intrinsic value as important wildlife habitat, it is also the perfect place for people to learn about conservation. Outdoor experiences are for everyone, and we want to increase accessible and affordable opportunities for the community to learn about conservation, spend time in nature, and connect with each other.</p> <p>Adult Programming: This year's <i>Lifelong Learning Series</i> under our Conservation Field School: Adult Programming will provide a total of 7 workshops, 3 of which we have already held. Topics for upcoming workshops include general naturalist hikes, learning about moth identification, natural history, and ecological importance, wildlife track identification, lichen/fungi, and a wildlife speaker series event focusing on elk populations. Participants will get a glimpse into many aspects of conservation and the natural world right in their own back yard. While there is a modest registration fee for participants, this does not cover the full cost of these programs. Grants that underwrite or sponsor these programs allow us to provide these workshops at a minimal cost for participants.</p>
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Select the projects Investment Type	Programming
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Select the projects Impact Area	Education & Childcare
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Where will this project be taking place?	Jack Creek Preserve, 1206 Jack Creek Rd, Ennis, MT
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Please explain the community benefit of the project

We live in a place that people from all over the world come to visit for its proximity to wilderness and wildlife. Balance with an increase in education to ensure that Big Sky will remain a place that people and wildlife can coexist for many years to come is critical. JCPF offers the perfect venue to spread the message of conservation to the Big Sky community.

Big Sky is visited and supported by many active and curious adults. Through our *Lifelong Learning Series*, we are expanding our education opportunities for adults by bringing in subject matter experts for a variety of topics. Our workshops will allow adults, visitors or longtime residents, an opportunity to connect with the natural environment surrounding Big Sky so that they will remain lifelong learners and conservationists. Some of these workshops also provide the opportunity for teachers and educators to receive MT Office of Public Instruction credits.

[Letter of support from Big Sky resident and JCPF program participant.](#)

What is the Resort Tax request for this project?

5073

What is the total cost of this project?

7793

Provide a list of the expenses this should this project be awarded funding

1. 7/12 - WORKSHOP: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A NATURALIST \$1,212.00

- Instructor Fee \$600.00
- Outdoor Education Center use \$100.00
- Executive Director Time \$192.00
- Conservation Intern Time \$120.00
- Materials for teachers \$200.00

2. 7/19-20 - WORKSHOP: MOTHS \$3,815.00

- Instructor Fee \$600.00
- Instructor Travel Reimbursement \$280.00
- Outdoor Education Center use \$915.00
- Executive Director Time \$640.00
- Conservation Education Director Time \$580.00
- Conservation Intern Time \$400.00
- Food \$400.00

3. 8/9 - EVENT: WILDLIFE SPEAKER SERIES \$506.00

- Outdoor Education Center use \$100.00
- Executive Director Time \$96.00
- Conservation Intern Time \$60.00
- Food \$250.00

4. 8/10 - WORKSHOP: SUMMER WILDLIFE TRACKING \$1,194.00

- Instructor Fee \$600.00
- Outdoor Education Center use \$100.00
- Conservation Education Director Time \$174.00
- Conservation Intern Time \$120.00
- Materials \$200.00

5. 10/4 - WORKSHOP: FUN WITH FUNGI \$1,066.00

- Instructor Fee \$600.00
- Outdoor Education Center use \$100.00
- Executive Director Time \$192.00
- Conservation Education Director Time \$174.00

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR ALL WORKSHOPS/EVENT: \$7,793.00

MODEST REGISTRATION FEES WILL TOTAL APPROXIMATLEY: \$2720.00

[Attached is a budget with these same details.](#) Grant funds in the amount of \$5073 will allow us to keep our registration fees low while still providing quality programming and experiences.

When do you plan to have incurred the costs being requested?

10/5/2025

Please provide any additional information on this request if needed We anticipate reaching approximately 100 people through the remaining workshops and event. Thank you for your consideration!

Please provide the name(s) and email addresses of who will be representing this request at the next BSRAD board meeting Abigail King
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