

2022 Biodiversity Conservation Grant: Enhancing Pollinator Habitats

Overview

The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) is excited to launch the 2022 [Biodiversity Conservation Grants](#). With major support from Toyota Motor North America, NEEF is providing up to \$100K in grant funding to support shovel-ready pollinator habitat enhancement projects on America's public lands.

Glossary of Terms

Below is a glossary of frequently used terms related to the grant program. These terms appear in the [grant announcement](#) and will continue to be used throughout the life of the grant program.

- **Habitat Enhancement** - The creation, restoration, remediation, improvement, and protection of habitat for pollinators. This term is all-encompassing, reflecting an overall improvement of the land that can range from a true restoration, to adding plant material to an existing habitat or implementing best management practices to improve it, to protecting and preserving habitat that is already in place.
- **Promoted Species** - These are key pollinator species that have been or will be impacted by the proposed habitat enhancement project. This includes species already known to be present at the proposed habitat site that will directly benefit from the project in the short-term, as well as species whose range overlaps with the proposed habitat site that will likely benefit from long-term impacts of the pollinator habitat enhancement project.
- **Imperiled Species** - These are species whose populations have decreased so dramatically that they are at risk of extinction or extirpation, and thus fall under the purview of the Endangered Species Act¹. In the United States, over 1500 species are listed as "endangered" and "threatened" and are protected under the Endangered Species Act¹. Endangered species are those plants and animals that have become so rare they are in danger of becoming extinct. Threatened species are plants and animals that are likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of their historic range².
- **Underserved Communities** - Communities that face systemic and institutional barriers which prevent them from accessing and receiving high-quality social services. These communities often encounter a disproportionate number of barriers due to their race, ethnicity, national origin, disability status, primary language, gender, age, sexual orientation, geographic location, immigration status, and/or level of poverty³.

1. <https://www.usgs.gov/science/imperiled-species>

2. <https://www.epa.gov/endangered-species/learn-more-about-threatened-and-endangered-species>

3. <https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1176574/pages/reading-assignment-who-are-the-underserved>