

**Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited**  
**“Forever Wild” Mini Grant Program**



All proposals should be submitted to:  
PA Council of Trout Unlimited  
Attn: Forever Wild Grant  
PO Box 5148  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

All mailed applications must be postmarked by  
December 15, 2017.  
Applications submitted by email must be received by 4:00 PM on  
December 15, 2017.

Questions: Contact PATU Program Manager Tali MacArthur  
814-359-5233  
[c-tmacarth@pa.gov](mailto:c-tmacarth@pa.gov)



# Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited

## BACKGROUND

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited raises funds in a variety of ways including through the sale of merchandise (including the Back the Brookie license plate), its annual appeal, and by donations from anglers and conservationists and their friends and family to commemorate special occasions. To ensure that these funds are used to implement and further the mission of PATU, a small grant fund has been established for coldwater water resource conservation, restoration, and education projects and initiatives. This grant program will award small grants to chapters to complete projects and programs that directly relate to the protection and restoration of Pennsylvania's wild trout species and which further the objective of education and outreach to communities within the commonwealth about the importance of our coldwater resources and their conservation.

## PATU'S FOREVER WILD GRANT

### Purpose

Grants of up to \$1500 will be awarded to eligible PA Trout Unlimited chapters to assist with efforts to protect, conserve, restore and sustain wild brook, brown and rainbow trout populations and/or to carry out education and outreach programs that increase the awareness of and support for coldwater conservation among a non-TU audience.

### Eligible Projects

The following list provides examples of projects eligible for funding. Other projects may be considered. Please contact PATU to inquire about your project proposal.

- In-Stream wild trout habitat improvement
- Riparian buffer restoration along wild trout streams
- Streambank stabilization of wild trout waters
- Education and outreach programs and materials focused on coldwater resource conservation, restoration, and conservation created for and presented to a non-TU audience, in addition to chapter members
- Sampling equipment for specific stream monitoring and survey projects
- Assessment/Research projects
- Innovative trainings and leadership development initiatives that increase the internal capacity of the chapter to directly benefit coldwater resources

## Other Project Requirements

- Proposed project must be completed and final reports must be received within 1 year of final contract date and receipt of funds.
- Project must serve to protect, conserve, restore and sustain wild trout populations either through an on-the-ground implementation project or through increased awareness and understanding of threats to coldwater resources, streams, and watersheds and opportunities for conservation
  - o Proposals that address Brook trout habitat will receive greater consideration by the review committee, but projects that address all wild trout habitat will be considered.
- The TU chapter must take the lead in implementing the project and there must be significant involvement of TU volunteers in the project.
  - o Though not a requirement, projects will receive greater consideration in the review process if they serve to:
    - Recruit new members
    - Engage more members in chapter activities
    - Develop new leaders
- Grant funds will be awarded via a check made out to the TU chapter and cannot be made out to any third party contractor, consultant, or partner.
- Applicants must meet all the criteria for a viable chapter (see criteria check list below).

**All grantees will be required to complete an end of project summary that will be featured in the PA Trout Newsletter and on the [patrout.org](http://patrout.org) website.**

## Ineligible Costs:

Grants cannot fund:

- Salary expenses for government agency personnel or non-profit staff who are project partners.
- Partially or fully completed projects that are seeking reimbursement for expenses.
- Travel expenses to conferences, meetings, events, or project work sites

## To Apply

To apply for a grant, please complete ALL of the following steps:

1. Contact PATU Program Manager Tali MacArthur to discuss the project and need for funding.
2. Complete the grant application on the following page.
3. Verify that the chapter meets each of the eligibility requirements listed.

Applications may be submitted via mail or email. Digital copies can be sent to c-tmacarth@pa.gov and must be received by 4 PM on December 15, 2017. Mailed applications must be postmarked by December 15, 2017 and sent to:

Tali MacArthur, Program Director  
PA Council of Trout Unlimited  
Attn: Forever Wild Grant  
PO Box 5148  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

#### **Grant Schedule**

**September 23, 2017: Grant round will open. Official announcement at Annual Meeting**

**December 15, 2017: Grants are due.**

**March 2018: Grants will be awarded to successful applicants**



# Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited

## “Forever Wild” Grant Application

Chapter Contact Information	
<b>Chapter Name:</b>	
<b>Project Coordinator for Chapter:</b>	<b>Signature</b>
<b>Coordinator Address:</b>	<b>Phone number:</b>
	<b>Email:</b>

Project Information	
<b>Project Title:</b>	
<b>What is the focus of this project in terms of the coldwater resource?:*</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect <input type="checkbox"/> Reconnect <input type="checkbox"/> Restore <input type="checkbox"/> Sustain <input type="checkbox"/> Educate	
<b>Stream Name:</b>	<b>PFBC Stream Classification:</b>
<b>Amount requesting (up to \$1500)</b>	<b>Total cost of Project:</b>
<b>Other Funding Sources:</b>	
<b>Partnering Organizations (if applicable):</b>	

\*See below for examples:

**Protect:** Examples include securing long-term protections for public lands, working with land trusts to protect private land, protecting watersheds from development, working with state agencies to protect the genetic integrity of native fish

**Reconnect:** Examples include removing dams and culverts, building fish ladders and bypass channels, campaigns to promote water conservation and adequate river flows for fish passage

**Restore:** Examples include stream cleanups, riparian buffer plantings, in-stream habitat construction projects

**Sustain:** Examples include youth education programs, community engagement activities, advocacy and communications work

**Please provide detailed information about the project (Include scope of work, deliverables or outcomes, how the project will benefit the coldwater resource, and how chapter volunteers and/or community members will be involved):**

**Please describe how you will promote the project to chapter members, community members, the media, and others. Consider options such as newsletters, websites, Facebook, and other social media outlets.**

**Project Timeline:**

**Project Budget (Describe how the funds will be used and include all matching funds, cash and in-kind):**

**Check List for a Viable Chapter**

**In each of the past two years has your chapter completed the following:**

- Organized and participated in at least one restoration, enhancement, conservation or educational project;**
- Created or maintained a newsletter, website, email list serve, or Facebook page to communicate with chapter members and the interested public;**
- Held regular meetings (at least 6 meetings/year, one being an annual meeting with elections);**
- Organized and executed at least one public activity that focuses on coldwater conservation, includes participation in a TIC event;**
- Held a yearly fundraiser (could include annual banquet, a 50/50 raffle, etc.);**
- Attended the PA Council Annual Fall Meeting;**
- Actively solicited or recruited new members;**
- Filed fiscal reports and CEI in a timely fashion (this must be done annually); and**
- Submitted quarterly reports to Council**