**Anchor Replacement Fund**

**GRANT GUIDELINES**

The Anchor Replacement Fund was created to address the growing concerns of anchor failure and the access issues that could result from these incidents. Across the United States, bolts installed in the ’80s and ’90s are aging, and there is an immediate need to address inadequate fixed anchors and increase support for local and national partners leading these efforts.

We invite local climbing and anchor replacement organizations to seek funding and support for anchor replacement initiatives at their local climbing areas. A team of experts from Access Fund and the anchor replacement community review all grant applications. Grant applicants must demonstrate both need for the project and support from the local community.

Please review the grant guidelines below to ensure your project qualifies before applying.

**Who can apply?**

We welcome applications from local climbing organizations and anchor replacement groups.

**We fund work that:**

* Replaces bolts or fixed anchors on established routes (no new route development or new bolts by volunteers or other parties during replacement events/dates).
* Uses ½-inch stainless bolts where power drills are allowed or ⅜-inch if hand-drilled.
* ***Demonstrates*** community support, compatible land use regulations, respect for local ethics and history, and a detailed plan and budget.
* Is in the United States.

**We do not fund:**

* Applications from individuals.
* Bolts for new routes or route development.
* Nonstainless bolts and hangers.
* Anchor replacement projects that ***fail to address or lack*** community support, compatible land use regulations, respect for local ethics and history, and a detailed plan and budget.
* Anchor replacement projects outside the United States.

We encourage applicants to review Access Fund’s [**Resource Center for Fixed Anchors**](https://www.accessfund.org/educate-yourself/for-advocates/managing-fixed-anchors)**,** which provides a rich set of resourceson anchor replacement techniques, tools, and additional resources, including the Access Fund and American Alpine Club’s joint policy on fixed anchors.

**Annual application deadline:** September 15

Please direct any questions and e-mail grant applications to [anchorfund@accessfund.org](mailto:anchorfund@accessfund.org).

**GRANT APPLICATION**

**I. General Information**

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| Climbing area of project |  |
| Applicant’s organization/group name |  |
| Address |  |
| City |  |
| State |  |
| Zip code |  |
| Telephone number |  |
| Contact person’s first name |  |
| Contact person’s last name |  |
| Contact person’s title |  |
| Email address |  |
| Director (if different from contact person) |  |
| Grant amount request |  |
| Period grant will cover |  |
| Earliest grant funds release date |  |
| Latest grant funds release date |  |
| Have you applied to Access Fund or AAC Cornerstone for a grant before? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| If Yes, give year and name of project(s) |  |
| Are you a 501(c)(3) organization? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| EIN (if applicable) |  |

**II. Grant Guidelines**

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| Does the project have local climbing community support? Describe how your organization has engaged and built this support, including specific outreach and partnerships. For example, matching funds, existing fixed anchor program, an established team of volunteers or paid staff, local anchor replacement database with public comments, etc.: |
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| Location of project (specific cliffs and walls, climbing area name, region, state): |
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| Public land agency and specific office/district/department or landowner name: |
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| Information on applicable rules and regulations, if any, in regards to fixed anchors. Please cite any active Climbing Management Plans, etc.: |
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| Describe how the project respects local history and ethics of the climbing area and routes: |
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**III. Organizational Information**

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| Mission statement, brief statement of organization’s history, goals, and/or objectives. We want to know who you are, what you’ve accomplished, what your mission is, what your goals are, and how you plan to achieve them. Include information on the organization and prior anchor replacement experience of volunteers or paid staff (250-word limit): |
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| Provide your justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) statement or explain how your organization incorporates JEDI practices into its mission and this project ([see more info on JEDI here](https://www.accessfund.org/open-gate-blog/jedi-101-for-climbers))\*: |
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**IV. Project Description**

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| Please provide information on the climbing area, type of climbing, general ethics of the area, route development history, and problem to be addressed (400-word limit): |
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| Please describe your anchor replacement project, including the objective and detailed information on what is to be replaced with the grant monies and any matching funds. Include specific route names, if known, your process and timeline for anchor replacement, and whether replacement is being conducted during an event or individually by volunteers. Note whether replacement is 1:1 and whether volunteers and/or paid staff plan to reuse the same hole where possible (400-word limit): |
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| Describe, if applicable, how the project reduces climber impacts on the natural environment (e.g., replacement of tree anchors or elimination of need to top out a cliff): |
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| Describe expected results of the project and how you will define and measure success (e.g., number of bolts replaced or increased climber safety): |
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**V. Budget**

A. ITEMIZE EXPENSES:

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| Item (e.g., type of bolt, hangers, drill bits, etc.) | Cost |
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| **TOTAL COST (A)** |  |

B. MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAM:

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| Source | Amount |
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| **TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE (B)** |  |

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| **BALANCE REQUIRED (A minus B)** |  |

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| **AMOUNT REQUESTED** |  |

**VI. Attachments** (PDF, Word, and JPG formats are preferred)

☐ One representative photo (JPG) of the climbing area

☐ Photos or topos of routes where anchors are to be replaced

If you have a fiscal sponsor, you will need to include the following:

☐ The fiscal sponsor’s 501(c)(3) tax-exempt letter

☐ Consent letter from the fiscal sponsor