Access Fund Climbing Conservation Grant Application
*\*required fields*

**Part 1 – Applicant Contact Information**

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| Organization\* |  |
| Mailing Address\* |  |
| City\* |  |
| State\* |  |
| Zip Code\* |  |
| Telephone Number\* |  |
| Contact Person’s Name (first and last)\* |  |
| Contact Person’s Title\* |  |
| Contact Email Address\* |  |

**Part 2 – Organization Information**

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| Who is the director of this organization?\* |  |
| Has this organization been awarded grant funding from Access Fund before?\*If yes, provide the year of application and name of project, and attach previous final grant report.  |  |
| Does this organization have 501(c)(3) status?\* If so, provide the EIN. |  |
| If this organization is part of an agency, specify which one (BLM, Forest Service, etc.).  |  |
| *If you have a fiscal sponsor instead of maintaining a 501(c)(3) status, please provide the following:* |
| Fiscal Sponsor |  |
| Contact Person and Title |  |
| Fiscal Sponsor Phone Number |  |
| Fiscal Sponsor Email |  |

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| Provide your organization’s mission statement\*: |
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| Provide your justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) statement or explain how your organization incorporates JEDI practices into its mission ([see more info on JEDI here](https://www.accessfund.org/open-gate-blog/jedi-101-for-climbers))\*: |
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**Part 3 – Project Information**

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| Project title\*: |  |

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| Type of grant request\*: |
| [ ]  Educational Outreach: Signs/Kiosks, Brochures, Multilingual Integration, etc.  | [ ]  Climbing Area Facilities/Improvements, Stewardship |
| [ ]  Local Support and Mobilization (e.g., Local Climbing Organization start-up costs, capacity building, strategic planning) | [ ]  Land Acquisition, Easements, Access Agreements |
| [ ]  Research  | [ ]  Policy/Advocacy (climbing management planning, outreach) |
| [ ]  Other (describe) |

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| Type of land that project is on\*: |
| [ ]  National Park | [ ]  State Forest/Park |
| [ ]  City/County Park | [ ]  National Forest |
| [ ]  Private Land | [ ]  BLM Property  |
| [ ]  Other (describe) | [ ]  Not Applicable  |
| Written permission from landowner or land manager attached (required for all improvement, signage, and stewardship projects): [ ]  Yes [ ]  No  |

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| Amount requested from Access Fund\*: | $ |
| Earliest date funding needs to be awarded by\*: |  |
| Latest date funding needs to be awarded by\*: |  |

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| Project summary (250-word limit)\*:*Provide an overview of your project goals, location, and expected outcome. This summary will be used to represent your project.*  |
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| Elaborate on the problem and how this project will solve it. Explain how Access Fund grant funding would be used (500 words)\*: *Please be as thorough as possible. Applications lacking specifics will not be considered.* |
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| Describe the expected results and how you will define and measure success (250 words)\*: |
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| Describe how your project meets Access Fund Grant Criteria\* |
| Encourages access or enhances opportunities for climbing:  |
| Is forward-looking and considers long-term impact:  |
| Reduces climber impacts on natural and cultural resources:  |
| Promotes science and understanding of impacts to community:  |
| Considers how the improvement will fit into the climbing resource as a whole and affect all users:  |
| Has support from local climbing organization and/or climbing community: |
| Demonstrates inclusive and nondiscriminatory access to the climbing area and incorporates JEDI principles when this project is executed: |
| Uses matching funds, in-kind support, pro bono services, and volunteer labor:  |
| Is located in the United States:  |

**Part 4 – Budget**

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| List all itemized expenses for this project\*: *Applicants may also attach a separate budget.*  |
| Item  | Cost |
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| Total cost | $ |

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| List matching funds available or pending: |
| Type of funding | Amount | Secured or pending |
| Applicant’s contribution | $ |  |
| Grant programs (AAC Cornerstone, Conservation Alliance, REI, Foundations, etc.) | $ |  |
| Fundraising events | $ |  |
| Donations from corporations  | $ |  |
| Donations from individuals | $ |  |
| Government subsidies  | $ |  |
| In-kind/donated materials | $ |  |
| Pro bono/donated time | $ |  |
| Other (events, membership, etc.) | $ |  |
| Total matching funds available  | $  |

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| Remaining balance (total cost minus total matching funds) | $ |

**Part 5 –** **Partnerships**

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| Please list all organizations participating in planning or contributing to the project, including land managers, retailers, business partners, grassroots organizations, community organizations, and other nonprofit organizations:  |
| Name  | Contact info | Role in project |
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| Access Fund is committed to giving back to the community that supports our work. To ensure we are supporting projects that are important to our members, Access Fund gives preference to applications from organizations that have active Access Fund members. For organizations whose mission is not directly tied to protecting climbing access (for instance USFS, BLM, etc.), we require the project to directly support a valued climbing area. What has your organization done to support Access Fund, and what do you plan to do?\* (150-word limit) |
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**Part 6 – Additional Information**

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| Additional notes/comments/special requests (150-word limit): |
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**Part 7 – Attachments**

* One representative photo (JPG) of the property or proposed project area to share with Access Fund members in a grant-rating survey (must be landscape orientation).
* Letter or email of approval from landowner or land manager for projects that involve construction or improvements to facilities, trails, signs, or parking areas.
* Letter or email of support from Local Climbing Organization if one is in the project area.
* For grant requests over $5,000, include the following:
	+ Proof of 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.
	+ Organization’s most recent financial statement.
	+ Organization’s most recent 990 form.
	+ Organization’s most recent W9 form.
	+ Organization’s bylaws.
	+ Organization’s articles of incorporation.
	+ Organization’s list of current board of directors.
* For LCO Start Up requests, include the following:
	+ Articles of Incorporation
	+ List of goals for the next 2-5 years including location, project description, and any partners
	+ Signed Affiliate Application (request this form from localsupport@accessfund.org)
* If you have a fiscal sponsor, you will need to include the following:
	+ Fiscal sponsor’s proof of 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.
	+ Consent letter from the fiscal sponsor.
* For land acquisitions, please review grant and loan guidelines. If the property is already under contract, attach the fully executed purchase or option agreement.
* Attach any other relevant maps and/or photos, especially for trail work.
* If this organization has been awarded an Access Fund grant in the past, attach the final grant report from the previous project.