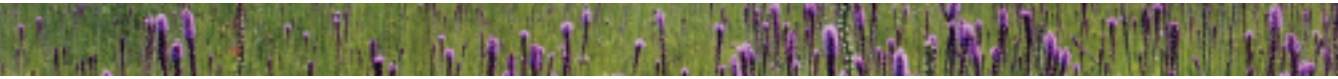


VITAL LANDS ILLINOIS

Project Application



DIRECTIONS:

- Applications can be submitted by logging into your applicant account online at https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_5410/?SA=AM
If you do not have an online applicant account, click *New Applicant*. You will be prompted to create an account by using your email address and generating a secure password.
- Once an application has been started in the online system, it can be saved and returned to at a later date. To return to the in-progress application, log on to the Grand Victoria Foundation applicant portal using the link https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_5410/?SA=AM
- A confirmation email will be sent to the applicant account to confirm receipt of the Vital Lands Illinois application.
- Eligible organizations with projects that meet the minimum requirements will be invited via email, to submit a full proposal.

QUESTIONS?

- Review [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Contact the Foundation at grantsmanager@grandvictoriafdn.org
- Review the [Sample Project Application](#)

This initial application is designed to allow Grand Victoria Foundation to make a preliminary determination of whether your organization is eligible and whether your project meets the minimum requirements for funding under Vital Lands Illinois. Eligible organizations with projects that meet the minimum requirements will be invited to submit a full proposal. This application is solely for land acquisition projects (fee simple acquisition or conservation easement). Only projects that permanently protect land are eligible.

Applications are accepted throughout the year. Prior to submitting a Project Application, carefully review the Vital Lands Illinois project guidelines, including eligibility criteria and organizational documentation that will be requested if a full proposal is invited.

Please note that Grand Victoria Foundation believes that partnerships and multiple funding sources help ensure that a project is broadly supported and sustainable over the long term. Therefore, we are unlikely to be the sole funder on a project.

This is for informational purposes only. Please apply online as per the DIRECTIONS.

Today's Date:

Organization Information

Applicant Organization Name:

Web Address (URL):

Full Mailing Address:

Name of Primary Contact Person

Title

Telephone:

Email:

Date of IRS Ruling:

Federal Tax ID Number:

Date your organization adopted the revised 2004 Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices:

Brief Description of Organization (please limit to one or two paragraphs):

Project Information

Project Name:

Estimated Project Budget

Acquisition costs: \$

Survey costs: \$

Staff time: \$

Estimate personnel hours and provide hourly rate:

Long-term stewardship costs: \$

Briefly describe method of calculation:

Long-term defense costs (conservation easement acquisitions only): \$

Briefly describe method of calculation:

Public engagement costs (if sufficient information is available to estimate): \$

What activities will these costs support?

Appraisal costs: \$

Phase I Environmental Site Assessment costs: \$

Title Policy Costs: \$

Total project costs: \$

Amount of request from Grand Victoria Foundation*: \$

Other current or anticipated project support: \$

Describe source, amount, and status:

The Property

Where is the property located? Be as precise as you can (include township and county).

A map can be attached to this application:

How many acres is the property you wish to acquire?

(Please indicate if this is an estimate.)

Is this a fee simple acquisition or a conservation easement?

Briefly outline the permanent protection strategy for the property:

Describe the current status of the transaction, including an estimate of when it will close. If the transaction is particularly time-sensitive, let us know why and if there are any “drop dead” dates:

Please describe the project’s primary conservation and habitat values, as well as other public benefits it will provide (refer to the Vital Lands Illinois Project Guidelines for definitions and guidance in preparing this description):

What is the parcel’s status in relation to the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan (IWAP)? Has the parcel been identified as a conservation priority in any other plans? If so, please describe:

Does the landowner have past or current relationship to your organization, including any volunteer, staff or board member?

Yes No

If yes, please describe the relationship:

Does anyone associated with your organization have an actual, potential or apparent conflict of interest related to this project? (See LTA Standard 4 for additional guidance and information.)

Yes No

If yes, please describe the conflict and how your organization is addressing it:

If this is a collaborative project, list names of partnering organizations, contact people, and their telephone numbers:

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