



The Greater Dayton Conservation Fund

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2017 Grant Application Guidelines

The Greater Dayton Conservation Fund (GDCF) is soliciting grant proposals from organizations that benefit the natural environment of the communities in the Great Miami and Little Miami River watersheds --19 counties in Southwest Ohio-- and that are recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our goal is to support work that safeguards our natural environment through education, restoration, and scientific research, and other activities. GDCF has a special interest in innovative and original projects, especially those that include collaboration and cooperation between organizations.

Partners for the Environment (PFE) assists the GDCF by managing the grant application process and soliciting questions related to the grant and the application. The GDCF Advisory Committee will select the grantees at their discretion based on the guidelines below.

This fund of the Dayton Foundation has traditionally helped launch new projects not addressed by existing organizations or helped to support special efforts of already established nonprofit conservation organizations. A proposal should represent a new project (one that is not a duplication of an existing project or program) that will affect a substantial number of people. In 2017 the Fund will award grants up to \$5,000 to one or more organizations.

The fund is particularly interested in projects that:

- preserve or restore natural habitats;
- assess/measure water quality, species, etc.;
- encourage regional cooperation and are consistent with regional objectives;
- support/stimulate sustainable agriculture;
- result in permanent protection of land via purchase or conservation easement;
- involve people of all ages, especially youth;
- educate the general public on the value of conservation principles;
- provide nature experiences for urban residents;
- include an objective in a watershed action plan;
- encourage and/or implement conservation design principles for construction projects;
- address needs that are not fully met by existing organizational or community resources; and/or
- benefit the 19 counties of the Great Miami and Little Miami Watersheds (map attached)

Eligibility for a grant

Your organization must meet the following requirements:

- **be a current paid member of Partners for the Environment** (membership form enclosed);
- be recognized as a 501(c)3 tax-exempt nonprofit organization with a primary program focus on conservation, earth stewardship, or environmental education;
- benefit the Greater Miami Valley region defined as the 19 counties of the Great Miami River Watershed and the Little Miami River Watershed (map enclosed);
- have a diversity/inclusion policy;
- the project should address needs that are not met fully by existing organizational or community resources; and
- The organization should demonstrate that it has or will have the financial resources and expertise to complete the project.

The Fund Does Not Award Grants For:

- general organizational operations;
- ongoing programs;
- individuals;
- scientific, medical, or academic research projects;
- operational deficits or reduced or lost funding;
- sectarian activities of religious organizations;
- scholarships and travel grants;
- annual fundraising drives, ceremonies, special or one-time events;
- public or private schools;
- administrative costs that exceed 10% of the total project budget (grant should not be a burden to staff of organization); or
- endowment funds.

Grantee Requirements

Projects funded by Greater Dayton Conservation Fund must include the following as part of the project:

- Checks will be awarded to successful applicants at the Partners for the Environment Annual Fall Award Event October 11, 2017 and the organization must have a representative there to receive the check.
- Project must include recognition of GDCF in press releases, newsletters, signs, and other printed material associated with the project.
- A final written report (or interim report for a multi-year project) reviewing the project, including evaluation of the project's budget and outcomes- success and shortfalls-- must be submitted no later than September 1, 2018. This must include a review of the project including budget, measurable outcomes, successes, shortfalls, and lessons learned.
- A short (under five minutes) PowerPoint presentation must be presented detailing the project and its successes and near successes at the Partners For the Environment Annual Fall Award Event in October, 2018

To Apply for a Grant:

Mail the completed application to: The Dayton Foundation, Greater Dayton Conservation Fund,
40 N. Main Street, Suite 500, Dayton, OH 45423
or email to PartnersForTheEnvironment@gmail.com

Applications must be postmarked on or before the deadline date of June 30, 2017

Membership to Partners for the Environment may be submitted before the application or at the same time as the application is submitted.

For More Information:

For questions about this grant and the application contact: Teri Schoch, Program Assistant for the Partners for the Environment at PartnersForTheEnvironment@gmail.com

To learn more about the Fund, visit The Dayton Foundation:
<https://www.daytonfoundation.org/conservation.html>

Local community leaders talk about the importance of the Greater Dayton Conservation Fund in this video: <https://youtu.be/6p1fKbolwOQ>



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Additional Matching Funds for Eligible Projects that Protect or Restore Water

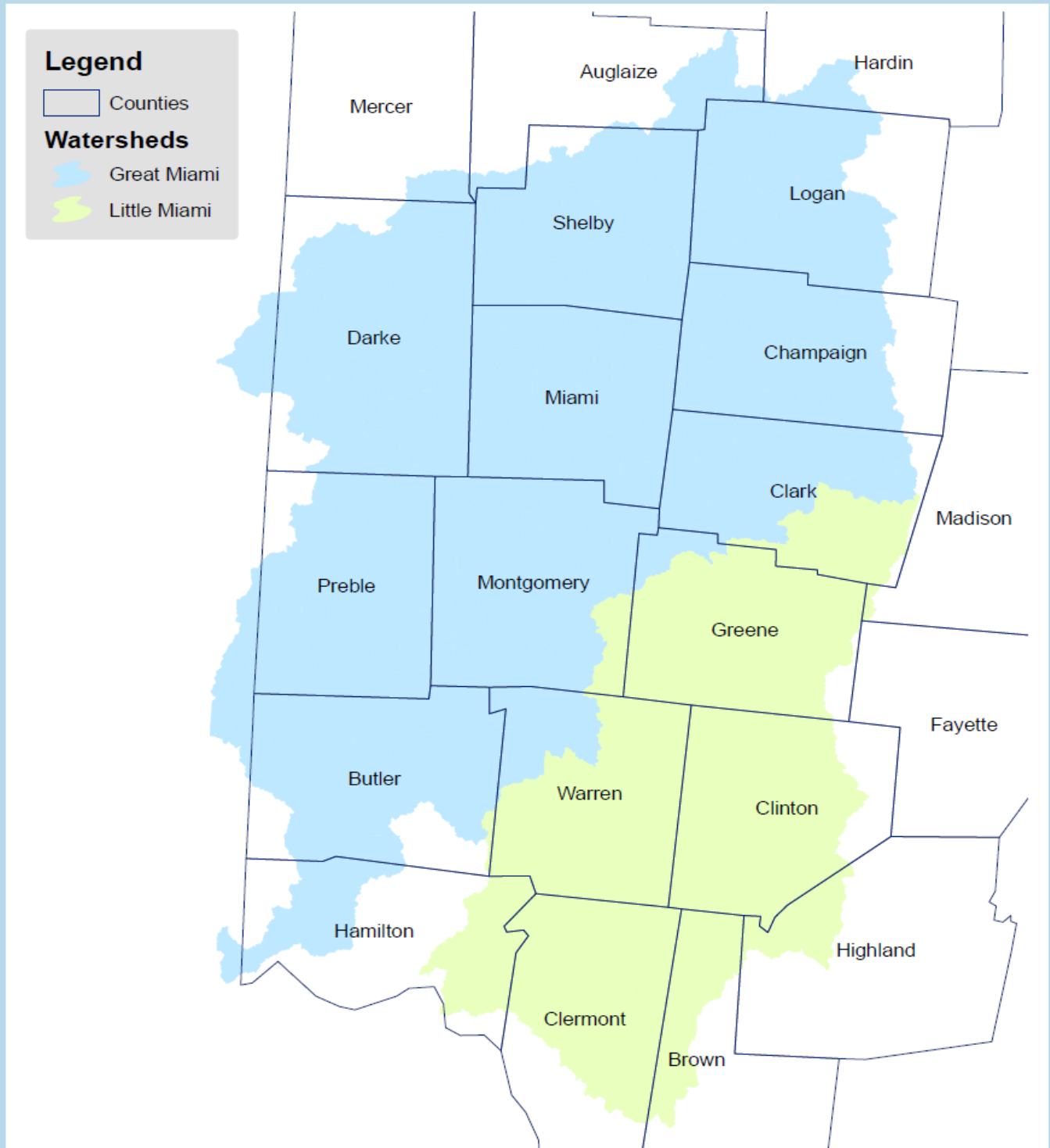
Projects that have a positive impact on water may also apply for matching funds up to \$5,000. To be eligible for these matching funds your project must be located in one or more of the following counties: Butler, Clark, Greene, Hamilton, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby, and/or Warren. Your project must demonstrate intent to benefit water resources such as groundwater, wetlands, lakes, rivers, or streams. Matching funds cannot be used for salary or administration. The Miami Conservancy District is providing this opportunity for the 2017 GDCF award.

Example from budget section of application:

PROJECT DATA	
Program/Project Title	River Guardians' Agricultural Runoff Education Series
Total Budget for this Program/Project	\$20,000.00
Amount of this request	\$3,500
Project/program duration - start date and end date	One-year launch
Anticipated Project Start Date	January 15, 2018
Community/Counties served by this Program/Project	Montgomery Warren, and Preble Counties
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Qualifies for Matching Funds for water project? If yes, you may request Matching Funds up to the amount requested on line 3.	\$3,500
Total Number of people to be served during grant period	2,000
Brief demographic description of population served by this Program/Project	Farmers, gardens, residents, community leaders working and living primarily in the area of Eaton, OH and including the area around Eaton
List other sources and amounts that you are soliciting for funds and the status	\$3,500 – MCD Matching Grant \$5,000- Bob's Used Cars- corporate sponsorship \$2,000 - Green families Foundation



Greater Dayton Conservation Fund: Watershed Counties



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Counties served by the Greater Dayton Conservation Fund are: Auglaize, Brown, Butler*, Champaign, Clark*, Clermont, Clinton, Darke, Greene*, Hamilton*, Hardin, Highland, Logan, Miami*, Montgomery*, Preble*, Shelby*, and Warren*. **May be eligible for MCD Match*



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19 counties of Southwest Ohio

SECTION ONE - ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Applicant Organization (Full Legal Name)	
Organization Mailing Street Address	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
Website	
IRS letter date recognizing 501 status	
Tax ID (EIN)	
Executive Director Name	
ED Email	
ED Phone	
Name of Fiscal Sponsor (if applicable)	
Grant Proposal Contact Name	
Title	
Phone	
Cell	
Email	
Mailing Address (if different from above)	

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BUDGET

Submit a maximum **one-page budget narrative** to expand on the budget and project information below with any additional information about income and expenses.

ORGANIZATION FINANCIAL INFORMATION (may be submitted as an attachment)		
	Amount	Fiscal Year End
Most recently completed year-end revenue	\$	
Most recently completed year-end expenditures	\$	
Organization's budgeted expenses for current year	\$	
Endowment size (<i>market value as of fiscal year end</i>)	\$	
Organization's major funding sources by percentage (e.g., United Way, local community foundation, etc.)		
ORGANIZATION'S AFFILIATIONS		
<input type="checkbox"/> United Way	<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter of national/region organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Specify:		
PROJECT DATA		
Program/Project Title		
Total budget for this program/project	\$	
Amount of this request from GDCF	\$	
Project/program duration - start date and end date		
Community/counties served by this program/project		
<input type="checkbox"/> Qualifies for Matching Funds for water project? If yes, you may request Matching Funds up to the amount requested on line 3.	\$	
Total number people to be served by grant		
Brief demographic description of population served by this Program/Project		
List other sources and amounts that you are soliciting for funds and the status		



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Project narrative should not exceed three pages and should be typed, single spaced, single-sided, approximately 12-point type.

PROJECT NARRATIVE- MAXIMUM 2 PAGES THIS SECTION

1. Give a brief summary of your organization’s history and current program/projects and activities. What is your mission. Include your organization diversity statement.
2. Describe the project for which you are submitting this grant request. What is the goal of the project and what are the objectives for reaching the goal? Why is it needed? Who will benefit and how? Does a similar program/project exist? If so explain why you are not cooperating or collaborating.
3. How does this project fit your mission.
4. How does this request support the goals of the Greater Dayton Conservation Fund?
5. What obstacles do you anticipate and how might you manage them? How will you assure success of the program/project?
6. How will project outcomes be measured? What is the criteria for success?
7. If any of the anticipated funds, whether from GDCF or others, are not forthcoming will the project move forward?

SIGNATURES of both approving this application and affirming accuracy of the submitted information.

Signature of Executive Director	
Signature of Board President	

Submission checklist: Are all these in your file and/or envelope?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Organization Information: Page one of application | <input type="checkbox"/> Maximum one-page budget narrative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organization Financial Information: Page two of application | <input type="checkbox"/> Maximum two-page project narrative |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> IRS letter |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Signatures: Page three of application |

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PARTNERS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Membership Form



Who are the Partners?

The Partners for the Environment is an alliance of nonprofit organizations, government and civic groups, businesses and public and private educational institutions that work within the communities of the Great Miami River and Little Miami River watersheds to promote “green” initiatives.

Any organization that works to protect, restore, preserve, and promote the environmental and agricultural resources and is interested in leveraging and maximizing their resources to further those goals is welcome to become a Partner.

Benefits of becoming a Partner

- Invitations to Partner meetings, including annual Awards Event
- Opportunity to be recognized through Partner of the Year awards
- Newsletter
- Strategic partnership with Dayton Regional Green
- Exclusive opportunity to apply for project funds from Greater Dayton Conservation Fund

Join today!

- **Partner- \$50 annually**
- **Supporting Partner - \$500 annually** - Supporting Partners also receive extensive recognition at events, on the website and through other media materials.

Send your contact information and annual payment to:

38 E. Monument Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45402

(937) 251-7262

PartnersFortheEnvironment@gmail.com

Checks payable to: Partners for the Environment Fund of The Dayton Foundation

Name		Title		
Organization				
Street Address				
City	State	Zip	Phone	
Email	Website		Twitter	
Check one:	<input type="checkbox"/> Partner- \$50 annually		<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Partner - \$500 annually	