

Funding Opportunity: Bureau of Land Management Releases FY 2025 Grant Programs

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This month, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released its Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 bureauwide funding solicitations, which are open to applicants across most regions of the United States. These cooperative agreements and financial assistance opportunities support a broad range of land and resource management priorities—including forest and rangeland health, wildfire prevention, native plant restoration, recreation services, and the management of invasive and endangered species.

A total of thirteen programs have been announced, worth up to \$73.5 million in BLM funding. The solicitations reflect the Trump Administration's emphasis on land management, with a focus on wildfire response, natural resource development, and ecosystem stewardship. Application timelines are tight to facilitate funds being obligated before the close of the fiscal year.

See below for key program details, including deadlines, estimated funding levels, anticipated number of awards, and overarching program goals.

Due July 11, 2025

- Youth Conservation Corps
 - o Estimated Total Program funding: \$900,000
 - Expected Number of awards: up to 8, with awards up to \$210,000 each.
 - Goal: To provide job opportunities to young people in conservation and land management projects.
 - Eligibility: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Dakotas, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, Headquarters (for projects national in scope), National Interagency Fire Center, and the National Operations Center will not accept applications.
- National Conservation Lands Management Studies Support Program
 - o Estimated Total Program funding: \$228,000
 - o Expected Number of awards: up to 5, with awards up to \$45,000 each.
 - O Goal: To support studies aimed at increasing understanding of resources available on BLM lands and inform resource management decisions.
 - Eligibility: No geographic restrictions on eligibility.
- Cultural and Paleontological Resource Management
 - o Estimated Total Program funding: \$410,000
 - o Expected Number of awards: up to 17, with awards up to \$30,000 each.
 - Goal: To develop partnerships to improve access to and use of heritage and cultural resources.
 - Eligibility: Headquarters (for projects national in scope), Arizona, California, Eastern States, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon/Washington, Wyoming, National Interagency Fire Center, and the National Operations Center will not accept applications.



Due July 23, 2025

- Fuels Management and Community Fire Assistance
 - o Estimated Total Program funding: \$17,836,000
 - o Expected Number of awards: up to 46, with awards up to \$1,000,000 each.
 - Goal: To implement wildfire prevention and mitigation efforts in communities through planning, monitoring, and actualizing fuel management strategies.
 - o Eligibility: Nevada and Wyoming will not accept applications.
- Forest and Woodlands Resource Management
 - Estimated Total Program funding: \$8,000,000
 - o Expected Number of awards: up to 5, with awards up to \$1,500,000 each.
 - o Goal: To promote activities that improve forest and woodland health on public lands for the purpose of expanding timber production.
 - Eligibility: No geographic restrictions on eligibility.
- Plant Conservation and Restoration Management
 - Estimated Total Program funding: \$14,000,000
 - o Expected Number of awards: up to 50, with awards up to \$3,000,000 each.
 - o Goal: To increase the national native seed supply chain by working with private industry, federal, state, tribal, and other partners.
 - o Eligibility: Idaho will not accept applications.
- Invasive and Noxious Plant Management
 - o Estimated Total Program funding: \$3,000,000
 - o Expected Number of awards: up to 40, with awards up to \$500,000 each.
 - Goal: To prevent, detect, inventory, control, and monitor weed populations on public lands.
 - o Eligibility: California and Colorado will not accept applications.
- Wildlife Resource Management Program
 - o Estimated Total Program funding: \$10,000,000
 - o Expected Number of awards: up to 90, with awards up to \$1,500,000 each.
 - Goal: To address management of wildlife resources on public lands as they relate to the protection, maintenance, and development of wildlife habitats.
 - Eligibility: Headquarters, Eastern States, Alaska, Idaho, the National Interagency Fire Center, and the National Operations Center will not accept applications.
- Rangeland Resource Management
 - Estimated Total Program funding: \$5,415,000
 - o Expected Number of awards: up to 19, with awards up to \$1,000,000 each.
 - Goal: To conduct inventories, assessments and evaluations of soil and vegetation conditions to achieve rangeland health and productivity.
 - Eligibility: Alaska, California, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, National Interagency Fire Center, and the National Operations Center, and Headquarters (for projects national in scope) will not accept applications.
- Environmental Quality Protection
 - Estimated Total Program funding: \$3,000,000
 - o Expected Number of awards: up to 10, with awards up to \$1,000,000 each.
 - Goal: To protect surface water, groundwater, soil, sediment and air from abandoned mine sites, address releases of hazardous substances, safeguard dangerous mine sites, and restore sites.



- Eligibility: Headquarters (for projects national in scope), Eastern States, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, National Interagency Fire Center, and the National Operations Center <u>will not</u> accept applications.
- Threatened and Endangered Species
 - Estimated Total Program funding: \$4,500,000
 - o Expected Number of awards: up to 30, with awards up to \$1,000,000 each.
 - Goal: To assist in the conservation and monitoring of endangered and threatened species to inform and improve permitting and regulatory processes.
 - Eligibility: Eastern States, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, National Interagency Fire Center, and the National Operations Center <u>will not</u> accept applications.
- Aquatic Resource Management
 - o Estimated Total Program funding: \$3,000,000
 - o Expected Number of awards: up to 75, with awards up to \$500,000 each.
 - Goal: To guide environmental reviews, ensure suitable water quality and quantity, and improve habitat for fish and wildlife.
 - Eligibility: Idaho, National Interagency Fire Center, and the National Operations
 Center <u>will not</u> accept applications.
- Recreation and Visitor Services
 - o Estimated Total Program funding: \$3,200,000
 - o Expected Number of awards: up to 50, with awards of up to \$70,000 each.
 - Goal: To assist in projects which benefit recreation and visitor services on BLMmanaged public lands.
 - Eligibility: Idaho, National Interagency Fire Center, and the National Operations
 Center will not accept applications.

Eligibility: Institutions of higher education, non-profits, for profits, state and local governments, and Native American tribal governments and organizations are eligible to apply for these opportunities. Please note that some opportunities in this list target specific states or regions or indicate some states/regions are not eligible for funding.

Sources and Additional Information:

- Full details of all opportunities, including the full Notice of Funding Opportunity, are available under "Department of Interior - Bureau of Land Management" on https://www.grants.gov/search-grants
- More information on BLM can be found here: https://www.blm.gov/