



2026 Y2Y Partner Grants - Request for Proposals -

Introduction to Yellowstone to Yukon

The Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (Y2Y) is pleased to announce that its Partner Grants program has been extended to its 28th year. The Y2Y Partner Grants program is made possible through the generous support of the Woodcock Foundation. Y2Y also thanks those individuals who choose to direct their personal donations to the Partner Grants program.

Recognizing the threats causing loss of ecological integrity (biodiversity and natural processes) throughout the world, Y2Y is inspired by a vision of an interconnected system of wild lands and waters stretching from Yellowstone to Yukon, harmonizing the needs of people with those of nature. Y2Y's mission is to connect and protect Rocky Mountain habitat from the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem to the mountains of northern Yukon so that people and nature can thrive. This vision is guided by conservation strategies that marry leading-edge research with on-the-ground action. We carry out our work collaboratively with partners across the region, including environmental non-government organizations (ENGOS), government agencies, First Nations/Native American tribes, researchers, foundations, and businesses.

Y2Y uses its conservation strategies to identify Priority Areas – places within the Yellowstone to Yukon region that are either core wildlife habitat areas, large-scale corridors connecting core areas or strategic communities where increasing coexistence strategies will benefit both people and wildlife. We examine threats, opportunities, and capacities in these Priority Areas to determine where to focus our efforts. For more information on Y2Y's vision, mission, and strategies, please visit y2y.net.

Grant Eligibility

To be eligible for funding, organizations and projects must meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must be associations, groups, organizations, tribes, bands, agencies, partnerships or networks working within the Yellowstone to Yukon region in support of the Y2Y vision and mission. Individuals wishing to apply must find an eligible organization to sponsor their proposal. There is no requirement for organizations to have charitable status.
- We will only accept one proposal per organization. Exceptions will be considered for organizations that have separate chapters or regional offices provided each chapter/regional office has its own budget and is responsible for raising part or all of its own funding, however the funding process is very competitive and it is rare that we are able to fund more than one project from a single organization.
- Collaborative or joint proposals from more than one organization working on the same project or initiative are encouraged.
- These funds are not intended to fund scientific or academic research, unless that work has been commissioned by an organization as being essential to advance a conservation campaign or project.

- Priority will be given to projects that most contribute to the Y2Y Vision:
 - 1) Address the following threats or opportunities:
 - a. promote new protected areas on public lands;
 - b. protect habitat on, or corridors across, private lands;
 - c. mitigate the impacts of highways or railroads on wildlife;
 - d. reduce conflict and promote co-existence between humans and wildlife;
 - e. restore degraded habitat for grizzly bears or other umbrella species;
 - f. oppose development, activities, or policies that threaten the Yellowstone to Yukon vision; or
 - g. promote policies that help to advance the Yellowstone to Yukon vision; and
 - h. help to communicate the Yellowstone to Yukon vision.
 - 2) Are undertaken by small grassroots groups and/or organizations that might not otherwise be able to secure funding for their work;
 - 3) Will benefit significantly from Y2Y's investment;
 - 4) Focus on co-operative efforts; and
 - 5) Focus on on-the-ground conservation actions.
- Please note that organizations that have received a Y2Y Partner Grant for the past three consecutive years (2023, 2024, and 2025) are not eligible to apply this year but may reapply in **2027**.
- As a U.S. 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and a Canadian charity, Y2Y can support only projects that do not include lobbying (U.S.)/or political activity (Canada) components. If you are unsure about the definitions of "lobbying" and "political activity", please consult the government agency that regulates charities in your country.

Grant awards will be limited to a maximum of \$5,000 CDN.

Timelines for Y2Y's 2026 Partner Grants program:

Request for proposals: Friday January 23, 2026

Application deadline: Friday February 20, 2026, 11:59 pm Mountain Time

Notification of decisions: Monday March 16, 2026

Final reports due: Monday November 30, 2026

The grant application form is attached to this email. Completed applications should be submitted to Bill Hunt at partner.grant@y2y.net by 11:59 pm Mountain Time, February 20, 2026. You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your application.