

Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) Grant Program Best Practices for Applicants

- Highlight the goal(s) of your project clearly and concisely.
 - Your project's goals should be found easily in your application, and not buried in the middle of text.
- If your project includes seeding or planting an area, provide a list of seed/plant species that will be used.
 - Seed mixes and plant lists can be uploaded to your application as an additional attachment.
 - For prairie and savanna projects, seed mixes are highly recommended over plugs due to their maintenance requirements and cost.
 - Native seed and plant providers for your region can be found [here](#).
- Highlight the direct benefits that your project will provide to specific species of wildlife. Minnesota wildlife information can be found at the following links:
 - [Minnesota DNR's Rare Species Guide](#).
 - [Minnesota DNR's Wildlife Information Page](#).
- If your project has a high cost per acre, clearly justify why that is in your application.
- Make your budget as detailed as possible, highlighting specifically how funds will be used in each budget category.
- If your project includes invasive species removal, please follow the Minnesota DNR's guidance for invasive species removal methodology at the following links:
 - [Terrestrial Invasive Plant Information](#)
 - [Aquatic Invasive Plant Information](#)
- Reach out to DNR subject experts to discuss your project and collect feedback:
 - If you need assistance connecting with a specific subject expert, please reach out to the CPL program at lscplgrants.dnr@state.mn.us.
 - [Area Fisheries Managers](#)
 - [Area Foresters](#)
 - [Area Wildlife Managers](#)
 - [Non-Game Wildlife Specialists](#)
 - [Regional Ecologists](#)
 - [Regional Prairie Specialists](#)
- Discuss your project and application with CPL staff to gain insight on project eligibility and competitiveness.