

Please read the following
documents (2 pages)
carefully before submitting
your application.

Chapter Support Grants criteria for eligibility

- 1** – Grant requests can be between \$100 and a maximum of \$1000.
- 2** – Your Application **MUST** align with one or more of the mission statements.
 - To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness
 - To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use
 - To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource
 - To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage
- 3** – Chapter Support Grant submission is January 1 to March 1 each year. Make sure your application is complete. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- 4** – Projects on Private Lands will **NOT** be considered.

If you are awarded a grant and the grant is unable to be completed during the year it is awarded, please contact the committee chairman through Michelle Wade, michellewade@bcha.org, as soon as possible to discuss your options.

BCHA Grant Application Evaluation

When reviewing grant applications, the Grants Committee looks at the overall value, purpose, and potential impact of each proposed project. The following information explains what the committee looks for when reviewing an application.

Not every project will address every area. Each application is considered based on the information provided and the nature of the proposed project.

Mission Alignment — Most Important

The committee looks for projects that support one or more BCHA Mission Statements. On the application, please select the BCHA Mission Statement(s) that your project aligns with.

Public Lands

The project must take place on public lands managed by a federal, state, county, or city agency. Grants do not apply to projects on private property.

Education & Trail Stewardship

The committee looks for opportunities to educate trail users, volunteers, or the community about trail stewardship, safety, ethics, responsible stock use, and the Light on the Land principles. Youth education events should be submitted as Youth Grants rather than Chapter Support Grants.

Trails, Trailheads & Equipment

The committee considers projects involving trail construction, maintenance, or improvement; trailhead improvements that make access safer or more suitable for stock; and tools or equipment needed to complete the project.

Natural Resource Protection

Projects that protect, restore, or enhance natural resources such as soil, water, vegetation, and wildlife habitat are considered.

Partnerships & Collaboration

The committee values projects that involve land managers, government agencies, other organizations, or community groups. When applicable, applicants should identify project partners and describe their involvement.

Project Planning & Outcomes

The committee looks for clear goals, a realistic plan for completing the project, and measurable outcomes that help demonstrate what the project will accomplish.

Maintenance & Follow-Up

Plans for ongoing maintenance, monitoring, or follow-up help demonstrate how the benefits of a project will continue after the initial work is completed.

Letters of Support

Letters of support are always a bonus and may demonstrate land-manager support, collaboration, community involvement, or other support for the proposed project.