



LETTER OF INTEREST - TO REQUEST CONSIDERATION FOR FUNDING

Due by Friday, November 1st, 2019

The *Letter of Interest* is organized into two sections:

- 1) Project Proponent and Partner Information, and
- 2) Eligibility, Project Area, Actions, and Preliminary Budget

Interested parties should complete the letter of interest template on the pages that follow using the adobe fillable form. Please provide an answer to all questions, as it may not be possible to evaluate project eligibility if questions are left blank. If you are uncertain how to best answer a question, you are encouraged to first review the *Letter of Interest Instructions*. If questions remain, feel free to contact Dan Huser (dhuser@sagebrusheco.nv.gov) or Kathleen Petter (kpetter@sagebrusheco.nv.gov) of the Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team or call us at 775-684-8600. A Question and Answer Conference Call and Webinar is also scheduled for Friday, October 18th, 2019, at 10:00 am PST so long as sufficient registration occurs.

After you have answered the questions to the best of your ability, please submit additional supporting materials including maps of your parcels with the area of interest for your project highlighted, grazing or management plans, and pictures of the project area (and potentially other materials) with your *Letter of Interest*. When you have filled out the Letter of Interest template that follows and compiled the additional information requested, send the collective materials to Dan Huser (dhuser@sagebrusheco.nv.gov) with the *SUBJECT: 2019 CCS Credit Project Seed Funding Letter of Interest*, no later than **November 1st at 5:00 P.M. PST**.

SECTION 1 - PROJECT PROPONENT & PARTNER INFORMATION

1. Contact Person Name & Title	<i>Provide first and last name of authorized agent and agent's title.</i>
2. Mailing Address	<i>Provide mailing address for authorized agent.</i>
3. Telephone	<i>Provide telephone number where authorized agent can be reached (home, work or cellular).</i>
4. Email Address	<i>Provide email address for authorized agent.</i>
5. Project Partners	<i>Please list all entities involved with the proposed project.</i>
6. Other Projects	<i>If associated with a credit project already or another letter of interest, please list the other projects, and if different, the contact person and mailing address for the other projects.</i>
7. Timeline	<i>Provide the expected project start date.</i>
8. Statement of Recognition & Accuracy	<p>I am submitting this <i>Letter of Interest</i> to apply for the Sagebrush Ecosystem Program 2019 Conservation Credit System (CCS) Credit Project Seed Funding. I recognize that not all projects may be eligible for participation, and not all eligible projects may be funded. I attest that the information provided in this form is accurate to the best of my ability and provide authorization to the Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team to contact me with questions or requests for further information.</p> <p align="center"> </p> <p align="center"> Authorized Agent Date </p>

<p>15. Description of Project Area</p>	<p><i>Please describe each discrete area defined on the required map of the project area submitted with the letter of interest, and specify the general road access to the property, and/or place names.</i></p>
<p>16. Briefly describe the current use of the land you are planning to restore, enhance or manage.</p>	<p><i>Briefly describe the current use of the proposed project site.</i></p>

19. What habitat improvements and risk reduction activities will be implemented, and what is the amount of seed grant funding requested for each activity?

Habitat improvement or protection actions are to be implemented as part of all awarded projects. Please check, describe, and provide the seed grant funding requested for all habitat improvement and risk reduction activities that apply.

Removing Existing Infrastructure

Describe:

Funding Requested:

Removing Pinyon-Juniper (required in the project area where appropriate)

Describe:

Funding Requested:

Protecting High Quality Habitat

Describe:

Funding Requested:

Significant Weed or Annual Invasive Grass Treatment Actions

Describe:

Funding Requested:

Improving wet meadows (e.g., establishing grade controls, forb or grass seeding, etc.)

Describe:

Funding Requested:

Planting/Seeding Sagebrush

Describe:

Funding Requested:

Adaptive Grazing Management

Describe:

Funding Requested:

Other (please specify)

Describe:

Funding Requested:

Willing to commit to actions but will determine improvement efforts based on HQT

Describe:

Funding Requested:

Comments:

<p>20. What is the total amount of funding requested?</p>	<p><i>Please provide the total amount of funding requested in the above questions below. If awarded, the funds expended would be recovered by the Sagebrush Ecosystem Program on a per credit basis should a sale of credits occur for investment into additional projects.</i></p> <p><i>If additional funds outside of the categories covered are necessary to project success, please provide the intent of these funds, the rationale, and the additional amount requested:</i></p>
<p>21. Have conservation funds ever been received to implement a conservation practice(s) within the proposed project area?</p>	<p><i>Indicate if you have ever received an outside source (federal, state, private or other) of funding to implement conservation on your proposed project area. If yes, provide funding source, uses of the funding and contract period for each funding source.</i></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (describe below) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure </p>
<p>22. Will there be any private investment contributing to the credit development or habitat improvements/risk reduction activities as part of the project?</p>	<p><i>Indicate if you plan to match the funding request from the state with private investment. If yes, and you are willing to share this information, provide the approximate amount of investment planned, and the habitat improvement / risk reduction activities that will be implemented by this investment.</i></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (describe below) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure </p>
<p>23. Is any of the proposed project area covered by a conservation easement, held by a conservation organization or agency, or otherwise had conservation values protected?</p>	<p><i>Indicate whether there are any existing conservation easements or external conservation restrictions on the property. Provide additional clarification here if needed.</i></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (describe below) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure </p>