Noxious weeds pose a major threat to Montana’s economy and environment. During the past century, weeds have expanded to infest over 8.2 million acres, or 9% of the state, degrading the productivity and biological diversity of ecosystems.

NOXIOUS WEEDS CAN...
- Be poisonous to livestock
- Decrease crop production
- Outcompete native forage
- Reduce habitat for wildlife
- Reduce soil stability
- Decrease water resources
- Reduce land value

APPLY ONLINE

STEP 1: DESIGNATE A PROJECT COORDINATOR
Project coordinators can be from the County Weed District, Tribal Weed District, Conservation District, Extension Office, University, or a non-profit.

STEP 2: ORGANIZE AND PLAN
Create a cooperative weed management area, map weed infestations, plan a budget, plan weed management strategies or project scope, and outline project activities and education events.

STEP 3: COMPLETE AN APPLICATION
Project coordinators can complete the full application online at www.fundingmt.org. New local cooperatives must also complete a checklist EA. Specific instructions and guidelines can be found on the NWTF webpage: www.agr.mt.gov/

STEP 4: SUBMIT REPORTS AND CLAIMS
Once the project is complete, submit a final status report which summarizes activities and accomplishments of the project. All grants are reimbursable, and claims may be submitted anytime before the grant closes.

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**RESEARCH PROJECTS**
Creative projects that investigate new noxious weed management techniques. Research may include chemical, non-chemical, biological, and IPM control.

**EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**
Projects that promote public awareness about noxious weed impacts and may include mapping, monitoring, planning, and public education.

**LOCAL COOPERATIVE PROJECTS**
Landowner driven projects that involve on-the-ground control of noxious weeds in cooperative weed management areas. Projects also include IPM strategies such as biological control, grazing, and revegetation.

Grants up to $75,000 are awarded annually for innovative noxious weed research projects, educational projects, and local cooperative cost-share projects.

Grant writing workshops and trainings are available! Check the NWTF website for more details.