

Requirements

1. Applicant/Awardee must be any entity owning or managing¹ energy and/or transportation lands² within in the U.S.
2. Applicant/Awardee must be engaged in at least one of the Rights-of-Way as Habitat Working Group projects or programs. Engagement may include use of tools, manuals, resources, or collaborations fostered by the Working Group.
3. Funding awards are made to reimburse costs associated with pollinator habitat creation using native plants, pollinator garden plantings, seed mix procurement, procurement of native plants or materials used for wildlife and biodiversity enhancement, or services related to project installation and evaluation.
4. Applicants must first be notified of funding award to be an awardee. Only awardees are eligible for reimbursement of eligible expenses through this program. Awardee will provide receipts, invoice copies, or other documented use of funds when applying for reimbursement upon request.
5. All reimbursable purchases or work on the project must be completed and submitted to UIC for reimbursement on or before December 1, 2025.
6. Application selection and awardee funds reimbursement is the sole discretion of the UIC's Energy Resources Center as the host of the Rights-of-Way as Habitat Working Group.
7. Awardee will provide UIC periodic project updates. When work is completed, the awardee will provide a short summary of the outcomes associated with the application metrics and share any related publications, postings, or other media coverage of the awarded project.
8. Applicant/Awardee must have ability to share outcomes and results at a future Working Group meeting, roundtable, or other event. Awardees are asked to include mention of the Pollinate Program in any outreach or communications in relation to the funded project.
9. Applicant/Awardee authorizes UIC to share project information as part of program updates, reports, and social media postings. Project information includes applicant and partnership names, project name, objectives, and description, outcomes and associated documentation via photographs, reports, media, or feedback associated with the project.

¹ Owning or managing refers to lands where the applicant has direct land management authority via fee ownership, lease, easement, or other land rights agreement that allows the funded activity to occur.

² Energy and transportation lands refers to lands that are used wholly or in part for the construction and maintenance of energy and/or transportation infrastructure used to produce, transport, or store electricity, gas, data, goods, materials, commodities, liquids, or vehicles.

