

Funding Opportunities for Habitat Conservation, Improvement and Planning Projects (2007)

The list of funding sources below is organized according to grantor type (private, state, federal). The general areas of interest for each funding source are displayed in the columns on the left. These areas include: Land protection (L), Public access/Trails/Amenity Improvement (T), Open Space/Comprehensive Planning/Strategic Conservation Planning (P), Habitat Improvement (H), and Capacity Building (C). Many of the grant sources listed administer several programs that are updated annually. It is advised that you check funding organization web-sites regularly for updates. Each source may also fund projects in other areas that are outside the scope of this document. Additional funding sources not listed here are available as well.

Private Foundations

Grant Type*					Foundation
Land Protection (L)	Public Access ,Trails (T)	Conservation Planning (P)	Habitat Improvement (H)	Capacity Building (C)	
L	T	P	H	C	<p>Davis Conservation Foundation</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> To support the wise utilization, protection and advancement of the physical environment and the different natural forms of life that inhabit it – including wildlife, sea life and mankind as they are impacted by the environment. Areas of interest include those related to wildlife, wildlife habitat, environmental protection or outdoor recreation, and projects that strengthen volunteer activity and community involvement in the above categories. The Foundation’s highest geographic priority is Northern New England, particularly projects involving the Northern Forest and the Gulf of Maine.</p> <p><i>Projects Funded:</i> Bangor Land Trust for trails planning. Coastal Mountains Land Trust for the protection of Bald and Ragged Mountains. Town of Freeport Hedgehog Mountain acquisition. Frenchman Bay Conservancy for the Hancock County Collaboration Planning.</p> <p><i>Grant Size:</i> \$3,000 to \$40,000</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> Applicant must be a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization under the IRS code and "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a).</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i> Nancy M. Winslow, Executive Director Davis Conservation Foundation 4 Fundy Road Falmouth, Maine 04105 Phone: (207) 781-5504 Email: info@davisfoundations.org www.davisfoundations.org</p>

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Grant Type*			
L		P	<p>Doris Duke Charitable Foundation</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> To preserve flora and fauna in the U.S. Through its Habitat Conservation Initiative, the Foundation seeks to accelerate the conservation of essential habitats identified in state wildlife action plans through grants that identify priority habitats for conservation, protect priority habitats and build conservation knowledge.</p> <p><i>Projects Funded:</i> The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation administers grants in cooperation with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Wildlife Conservation Society, and the National Council for Science and the Environment. Most projects funded are broad scale statewide or regional efforts that help implement objectives of State Wildlife Action Plans (SWAP).</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> Unsolicited proposals are not accepted. Please submit a letter of inquiry first.</p> <p><i>Grant Size:</i> Multi-year grants that range from \$125,000 to \$3 million.</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i> Doris Duke Charitable Foundation 650 Fifth Avenue, 19th Floor New York, NY 10019 Phone: (212) 974-7590 http://www.ddcf.org</p>
L	T		<p>Wildlife Action Opportunities Fund</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> To provide competitive grants to conservation organizations that are focused on implementing priority actions and strategies identified in State Wildlife Action Plans. Funds to support this program were provided by a grant from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and are administered by The Wildlife Conservation Society. With ever increasing encroachment of commercial, residential and energy development into critical wildlife habitat, the State Wildlife Action Plans provide a comprehensive road map for coordinated efforts in support of protecting important habitats for all wildlife species.</p> <p><i>Projects Funded:</i> Funded projects include those aimed at creating changes in natural resource policy at the local, state, and federal levels that support or improve SWAP implementation. Grants are also awarded to projects that develop local, state, or federal incentive programs that can benefit SWAP priority species.</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> Must be a non-profit organization.</p> <p><i>Grant Size:</i> Range from \$38,000 to \$198,000.</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i> Darren Long Wildlife Conservation Society 2023 Stadium Drive, Suite 1-A Bozeman, MT 59715 Phone: (406) 556-7203 Email: dlong@wcs.org http://www.wcs.org/wildlifeopportunity</p>

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L	T	P	H	C
				<p>Fields Pond Foundation</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> To provide financial assistance to nature and land conservation organizations that are community-based and that serve to increase environmental awareness by involving local residents in conservation issues. Areas of interest include trail making and other enhancement of public access to conservation lands, rivers, coastlines and other natural resources; land acquisition for conservation; assistance in establishment of endowments as a means of funding stewardship of conservation areas; and related education programs and publications. Short-term loans to acquiring conservation lands may be considered.</p> <p><i>Projects Funded:</i> Damariscotta River Association for acquisition of a 33-acre parcel in South Bristol. Island Heritage Trust for trail improvements at the Pine Hill Preserve.</p> <p><i>Grant Size:</i> \$500 to \$25,000, with most falling within the range of \$2,000 to \$10,000</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> Applicant must be a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Proposals from municipal government agencies are encouraged.</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i> Fields Pond Foundation, Inc. Five Turner Street, Box 540667 Waltham, MA 02454-0667 Phone: (781) 899-9990 Email: info@fieldspond.org www.fieldspond.org</p>
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				<p>Jesse P. Cox Charitable Trust</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> To support important societal issues in the Trust's fields of interest, and for which adequate funding from other sources cannot be obtained. The Trust hopes to increase significantly the ability of nonprofit organizations in the Trust's fields of interest to carry out their stated missions. Fields of interest include: environmental projects which will have a positive impact on the protection of critical natural resources, energy conservation, public awareness of the critical environmental issues facing the region, and protection of the public's health, especially in low- income or minority communities. Land acquisition projects are not generally funded.</p> <p><i>Projects Funded:</i> Maine Coast Heritage Trust to launch a direct support program as part of the Maine Land Trust Network to provide individual consulting services for land trusts. Maine Caucus of the Northern Forest Alliance for the Plum Creek and Beyond campaign, a project to advocate for responsible development and permanent conservation in Maine's Moosehead Lake region.</p> <p><i>Grant Size:</i> Grants generally in the range of \$25,000 to \$75,000, with an average award of \$35,000.</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> Must be a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization under the IRS code and "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a). The Trust does not fund municipal work, but does provide funding to regional watershed organizations.</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i> Gioia C. Perugini, Program Officer Jesse B. Cox Charitable Trust Hemenway & Barnes 60 State Street Boston, MA 02109 Phone:(617) 227-7940 x775</p>

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					<p>Email: gperugini@hembar.com http://www.hembar.com/selectsrv/jbcox/cox.html</p>
L	T	P	H	C	<p>Jane's Trust</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> To address important issues in the Trust's fields of interest and areas of geographical focus. The Trustees are interested particularly in organizations and projects which primarily benefit underserved populations and disadvantaged communities. Areas of interest include the arts and culture, education, environment and public welfare. More specifically the trust's focus on the environment involves the protection and enhancement of the natural environment and the conservation of natural resources in its geographical areas of interest (Florida, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont). Grants for the environment will be made to support a variety of objectives, including meaningful and innovative contributions to protection of critical or historically significant rural and urban natural resources and efforts that have a beneficial impact on the quality of life for underserved populations.</p> <p><i>Projects Funded:</i> Downeast Lakes Land Trust for operating support, staff and programming as it develops forest management, programming and land ownership capacity. Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea Conservation Initiative for a stewardship endowment to support the York Land Trust, Kittery Land Trust and Great Works Land Trust to care for newly protected lands in the project area.</p> <p><i>Grant Size:</i> On average about \$125,000.</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> Applicant must be a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization under the IRS code. Jane's Trust will normally not support public entities, such as municipalities, municipal departments, or public schools directly, but will entertain applications from tax-exempt fiscal agents or partners for collaborative projects with municipalities or schools (described above). This does not apply to public colleges and universities.</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i> Susan M. Fish Grants Administrator Select Client Services Hemenway & Barnes 60 State Street Boston, MA 02109 Phone: (617) 227-7940 x775 Email: sfish@hembar.com http://www.hembar.com/selectsrv/janes/index.html</p>
L	T	P	H	C	<p>John Sage Foundation</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> To promote and enhance a harmonious relationship between people and the natural environment. Areas of interest include land acquisition and site evaluations, water testing programs, environmental education programs, planning and scholarships, support for an environmental centers and libraries, boardwalks for nature preserves, community garden programs, and natural history museum equipment.</p> <p><i>Projects Funded:</i> Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust for a natural resource inventory. Friends of Unity Wetlands for an easement purchase and support. Bayside Neighborhood Association for an inventory of recreational and open space land. Friends of Unity Wetlands for an easement purchase and support.</p>

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				<p>Grant Size: A few hundred dollars to a several thousand.</p> <p>Eligibility: Applicant must be a 501(c)(3) or have a fiscal sponsor who is.</p> <p>Contact Information: Don Brackett, Secretary John Sage Foundation 630 Old County Rd. Knox, ME 04986 Email: donjane@prexar.com http://www.megrants.org/Sageindex.HTML</p>
	P	H	C	<p>L.L. Bean Maine Land Trust Grant Program</p> <p>Mission: To provide strategic funding to Maine land trusts for organizational development efforts that will significantly increase the organization’s ability to conserve and properly care for its conservation holdings. Collaborative projects are welcomed and encouraged. The funds may also be used for direct land protection costs in cases where a small grant will make a significant difference to the project. Areas of interest include staffing, organizational management audits, campaign feasibility studies, board/volunteer development, strategic planning and/or implementation, conservation planning, public awareness/outreach, membership development, and systems development. Shared resources, planning or implementation of regional initiatives including outreach, land protection, and stewardship, and initiatives that will further integrate the land trust into the communities it serves.</p> <p>Projects Funded: Kennebec Land Trust for Open Space Planning in Readfield, creating a blueprint for future land conservation to both the land trust and the town government. Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association for support of a partnership with Boothbay Region Land Trust and Sheepscot Wellspring Land Alliance to conduct regional conservation planning and proactive conservation in the Sheepscot watershed.</p> <p>Grant Size: Annually three to five grants approximately \$5,000 each.</p> <p>Eligibility: Applicant must be a 501(c)(3), a current member of the Maine Land Trust Network, and applicant must have adopted LTA’s Land Trust Standards & Practices. More than one organization involved in a collaborative project may apply.</p> <p>Contact Information: Megan Shore L.L. Bean Land Trust Grant Program Maine Coast Heritage Trust 1 Bowdoin Mill Island, Suite 201 Topsham, ME 04086 Phone: (207) 729-7366 Email: mshore@mcht.org http://www.mltn.org/resources/conservation_funding.html</p>
	T			<p>Maine Community Foundation (several funds, listed below, are available through MCF)</p> <p>Mission: To provide long-term support to strengthen Maine communities. The program seeks project proposals that recognize and build on a community’s strengths and assets.</p> <p>Eligibility: Application must be a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, public school, public agency working for the State of Maine, or Indian tribal government (and their political subdivisions) recognized by the Department of the Interior <u>or</u> have a fiscal sponsor that is a 501(c)(3) organization, public school, public agency, or Indian tribal government.</p>

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	T	P	H	C	<p><u>Fund Name:</u> Community Building Program</p> <p><i>Areas of Interest:</i> Projects must meet each of the following three criteria: 1. Use existing community resources to strengthen community life; 2. Strengthen communities' and organizations' ability to meet future challenges; 3. Be sustainable or have a lasting impact after MCF grant funding is complete. Projects must also meet at least one of the following priorities: 1. Build collaborative relationships and partnerships to plan, implement, and evaluate the project; 2. Include the people who will benefit from the project in its planning, implementation and evaluation; 3. Develop and strengthen local leadership.</p> <p><i>Projects Funded:</i> Coastal Mountains Land Trust to work with residents of Hope on the Hatchet Mountain Campaign Committee toward a three phase campaign to raise funds to acquire the 27-acre property on Hatchet Mountain, to rehabilitate the road, and for long term stewardship. Forest Society of Maine to explore a community forest vision for 5,000 acres of unfragmented forest in Amherst.</p> <p><i>Grant Size:</i> \$500 to \$7,500.</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i> Grantmaking Maine Community Foundation 245 Main Street Ellsworth, ME 04605 Phone: (207) 667-9735 http://www.mainecef.org/grants/availablegrants/communitybuilding.aspx</p>
L		P	H	C	<p><u>Fund Name:</u> King and Jean Cummings Charitable Trust Fund</p> <p><i>Areas of Interest:</i> Programs in the arts, education, the environment, and cultural preservation in Franklin County, Somerset County, Piscataquis County, Washington County, Newport and Islesboro.</p> <p><i>Projects Funded:</i> Downeast Lakes Land Trust to restore local wild brook trout and riparian habitat, Quoddy Regional Land Trust for a three-year collaboration to increase resources for development, conservation and administration between QRLT, Great Auk Land Trust and Downeast Rivers Land Trust.</p> <p><i>Grant Size:</i> Up to \$7,500</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i> King and Jean Cummings Charitable Trust Fund Maine Community Foundation 245 Main Street Ellsworth, ME 04605 Phone: (207) 667-9735 http://www.mainecef.org/grants/availablegrants/cummingsfund.aspx</p>
	T	P		C	<p><u>Fund Name:</u> Fund for Maine Land Conservation</p> <p><i>Areas of Interest:</i> Projects that promote collaboration, resource sharing and, if appropriate, mergers of land trusts. It also supports projects that promote collaboration among land trusts, municipalities, watershed groups, and other non-profit organizations whose work focuses on land conservation, stewardship, and smart growth and will</p>

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					<p>support the costs associated with collaborative work, such as meetings, supplies/materials (joint brochures for example), shared office resources or start up costs associated with establishing collective stewardship or easement programs. Some operational costs such as management plans, developing conservation priorities and increasing visibility in the community will be considered for collaborative projects.</p> <p>Projects Funded: Mahoosuc Land Trust for the Mahoosuc Conservation Initiative, a collaboration working to develop a strategy to protect traditional land uses in the Mahoosuc Mountain Range. The Trust for Public Land to collaborate with Portland Trails and the Bayside Neighborhood Association to develop the Portland Bayside Trail.</p> <p>Grant Size: Up to \$7,500.</p> <p>Contact Information: Fund for Maine Land Conservation Maine Community Foundation 245 Main St. Ellsworth, ME 04605 Phone: (207) 667-9735 http://www.mainecef.org/grants/availablegrants/landconservation.aspx</p>
L	T	P	H	C	<p>New England Grassroots Environment Fund</p> <p>Mission: To energize and nurture long-term civic engagement in local initiatives that create and maintain healthy, just, safe and environmentally sustainable communities. Areas of interest include: air-climate change and indoor and outdoor quality; biotechnology; energy-conservation, gas, nuclear, renewables, and transportation; land use- community resources, historic preservation, land trusts, planning, regulatory issues, sprawl, and trails; natural resources- agriculture, biodiversity, education, forestry, marine environment, and wildlife; population/consumption- changing behaviors, ecoteams, population education, and sustainable communities; toxics/hazardous waste- brownfields, incinerators, industrial sites, landfills, pesticides, public health, recycling/resource recovery, and sludge/biosolids; urban environment- air quality, community gardens, land use, multi-issues, public health, and youth activities; water- aquifer protection, streambank restoration, water conservation, water quality monitoring, watershed management, and wetlands.</p> <p>Projects Funded: Camden Area Futures Group to help fund the "Consensus Building Project" that will serve as a forum for advocating policies and activities that support the town's long-term interest in protecting Camden's harbor as a thriving working waterfront. Moosehead Region Futures Committee to present the group's response, "Citizen Solutions", to Plum Creek Timber's 2005 development proposal, solicit feedback through broad distribution of the map, and present testimony at Land Use Regulation Commission hearings.</p> <p>Grant Size: \$500 to \$2,500.</p> <p>Eligibility: Incorporated organizations (with or without established 501(c)(3) status) and unincorporated, ad hoc groups in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island may apply.</p> <p>Contact Information: New England Grassroots Environment Fund P.O. Box 1057 Montpelier, VT 05601 Phone: (802) 223-4622 Email: info@grassrootsfund.org www.grassrootsfund.org</p>

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L		P	H	C	<p>The Norcross Wildlife Foundation</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> To protect, enhance and expand habitat for wildlife primarily at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary in the form of holdings in the surrounding towns of Monson, Wales, Holland, Brimfield and Hardwick, Massachusetts and Stafford, Connecticut; to protect wild land wherever it is threatened; to propagate, establish, restore and maintain populations of threatened and endangered plants native to New England; to provide the public with educational programs in natural and environmental science; and to support, through grants, gifts, easements and loans-for-land, the activities of a national and international constituency of not-for-profit wildlife conservation organizations. Areas of interest include grants with practical, immediate use: computer/office technology, specialized software, GPS and other ground truthing equipment, water quality testing equipment, trail construction materials and signage, support for newsletters, reports, brochures, DVDs, and educational materials.</p> <p><i>Projects Funded:</i> Maine Audubon to publish brochures, York Land Trust for computers.</p> <p><i>Grant Size:</i> Average grant size \$5,000, up to \$10,000.</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> Primarily grassroots community NGO's.</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i> The Norcross Wildlife Foundation P.O. Box 269 Wales, MA 01081 Phone: (212) 362-4831 Email: johnmcmurray@ez2.net http://www.norcrossws.org/</p>
L					<p>Norcross Wildlife Foundation No-Interest Loans for Land Conservation</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> Norcross Wildlife Foundation makes loans to small, grassroots conservation organizations (e.g. local or regional land trusts, sanctuaries and nature centers) anywhere in the U.S. to help them acquire land they have prioritized for conservation. Norcross intends to facilitate the purchase of land that possesses significant natural habitat, the protection of which will serve to advance its wildlife conservation mission. Area of interest includes land throughout the U.S. that possesses significant wildlife habitat.</p> <p><i>Loan Size:</i> Loans of up to \$250,000 are available for up to one full year.</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> Must be a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i> Dan Donahue Director of Land Protection & Stewardship The Norcross Wildlife Foundation P.O. Box 269 Wales, MA 01081 Email: dan@norcrossws.org www.norcross.org</p>
L	T				<p>Sweetwater Trust Land Protection Program- Wild Lands, Wild Waters</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> To fund conservation projects that safeguards wild lands, wild waters, native wildlife, and living soils. Areas of interest include projects that help establish, enlarge, connect and restore core wild areas throughout New England, the Adirondack Region of</p>

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				<p>New York, and contiguous areas of the Canadian provinces.</p> <p>Projects Funded: Greater Lovell Land Trust for support of conservation planning in the Kezar Lake, Cold River and Kezar River watersheds, including a 25,000-acre unfragmented forest block. Medomak Valley Land Trust for support of acquisition of the Burkett's Mill addition to the Three Brooks Forest, part of a larger 7,000 acre roadless tract in coastal Maine.</p> <p>Grant Size: \$5,000 to \$500,000.</p> <p>Eligibility: Nonprofits, also government agencies, foundations, businesses, and individual landowners.</p> <p>Contact Information: Nancy Smith or Sigrid Pickering Sweet Water Trust Faneuil Hall Marketplace 4 South Market Building, 4th floor Boston, MA 02109-1610 Phone: (617) 263 7776 Email: watersweet@aol.com www.sweetwatertrust.org</p>	
		P	H	C	<p>Libra Foundation</p> <p>Mission: To contribute to worthy causes throughout the State of Maine. Areas of interest include the arts, culture humanities, education, environment, health, human services, justice, public/society benefit and religion.</p> <p>Projects Funded: Freeport Conservation Trust for Mitchell Ledge Farm, Forest and Trails Conservation Project, to purchase a conservation easement on a culturally and ecologically significant farm in Freeport.</p> <p>Eligibility: Applicant must be a 501(c)(3) and "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a).</p> <p>Grant Size: Less than \$25,000.</p> <p>Contact Information: Elizabeth C. Flaherty Executive Assistant Three Canal Plaza P.O. Box 17516 Portland, ME 04112-8516 Phone: (207) 879-6280 www.librafoundation.org</p>
L	T	P	H	C	<p>The Fund for Wild Nature</p> <p>Mission: Provides small grants to grassroots organizations and innovative conservation efforts that meet emerging needs for protecting biodiversity and wilderness. The fund provides money for campaigns to save and restore native species and wild ecosystems, including actions to defend wilderness and biological diversity.</p> <p>Projects Funded: <i>Restore Mt. Hood</i> campaign to create and promote a scientifically based alternative management plan for the Mount Hood National Forest in Oregon that prioritizes restoring clean water, abundant wildlife, and world-class recreation. <i>Colorado Wild</i> for a campaign to preserve a critical wildlife corridor, rare species, wetlands, air quality, and</p>

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				<p>nearby wilderness areas in the Southern Rocky Mountains of Colorado.</p> <p>Eligibility: Small organizations with annual budgets less than U.S. \$250,000.</p> <p>Grant Size: Approx. \$1,000-\$3,000</p> <p>Contact Information: Fund for Wild Nature PO Box 42523 Portland, OR 97242 Phone: 503-512-7463 Email: fwn@fundwildnature.org www.fundwildnature.org</p>

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Land Protection (L)	Public Access ,Trails (T)	Conservation Planning (P)	Habitat Improvement (H)	Capacity Building (C)	
L	T				<p>Land for Maine’s Future Program</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> To increase the future social and economic well-being of the citizens of Maine through the conservation of high quality natural areas for public recreation, hunting, fishing, conservation, farmland, wildlife habitat, vital ecological functions and scenic beauty. Money for the program is provided through state bonding efforts. Candidate lands include, but are not limited to, working forests, undeveloped coastlines, trail corridors, prime farmlands, water access sites, and threatened wildlife habitats.</p> <p><i>Projects Funded:</i> Numerous land acquisition projects of local, regional, and state significance.</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> Partners have included nonprofit organizations, foundations, cooperating landowners, municipalities, and federal agencies. Each proposal must be endorsed by one of the participating state agencies: Departments of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Conservation, Marine Resources, Agriculture and the State Planning Office.</p> <p><i>Grant Size:</i> Depends on bond amount and application submitted.</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i> Tim Glidden, Director Maine State Planning Office 184 State Street 38 State House Station Augusta, ME 04330-0038 Phone: (207) 287-1487 Email: Tim.glidden@maine.gov http://www.maine.gov/spo/lmf/</p>
L	T	P	H		<p>Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> To conserve wildlife and open spaces through the sale of instant lottery tickets. The seven-member Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board chooses projects in four categories that promote recreation as well as conservation of Maine's special places, endangered species and important fish and wildlife habitat. The four categories include: Fisheries, wildlife and habitat conservation projects (35%); Acquisition and management of public lands, parks, wildlife conservation areas, public access and outdoor recreation sites and facilities (35%) (State must hold title to, or an easement on, any parcel of land acquired with MOHF funds); Endangered and threatened species conservation projects (15%); and Natural resources law enforcement (15%).</p> <p><i>Projects Funded:</i> Dept. of Conservation to accomplish more strategic and sustainable land conservation along Maine's Downeast Coast by working on a common regional conservation vision, conservation plan, and land stewardship policies and practices. Grafton Forest Legacy Project for the purchase of forest land in Grafton Township.</p>

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				<p>Eligibility: Interested parties must apply through one of 16 designated state Natural Resource Agencies.</p> <p>Grant Size: Varies</p> <p>Contact Information: Carol Gay, Secretariat Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund 37 Wiscasset Road Pittston, ME 04345. Phone: (207) 458-8421 Email: mohf@zwi.net http://www.maine.gov/ifw/outdoorheritage/</p>
L			H	<p>Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)</p> <p>Mission: Funded through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and jointly administered by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Maine Natural Areas Program, the program is designed to protect rare, threatened and endangered species, their habitat and rare and exemplary natural communities by informing landowners of the species and habitats that may occur on their property and providing private landowners with financial and/or technical assistance for managing their lands. LIP funds are being used in Maine to offer a variety of tools to landowners including funds for conservation easements, cooperative management agreements and habitat management activities for projects in 24 Beginning with Habitat Focus Areas of Statewide Ecological Significance.</p> <p>Projects Funded: Upper Saco River, Fryeburg, to protect 12 tracts, creating a 558-acre unfragmented area, of privately-owned forest floodplain habitat from development while keeping the land in responsible forest management. Gerrish Island, Kittery, to protect a 350-acre area which comprises a major portion of the largest undeveloped block on the island and includes over a mile of ocean frontage, upland forests, freshwater wetlands and vernal pools. Funding also contributed to the management of invasive plant species.</p> <p>Eligibility: Actions must occur on privately owned lands in one of the 24 Focus Areas of Statewide Ecological Significance. Proposals must be submitted by an entity willing and able to hold and monitor a conservation easement. This includes land trusts, municipalities, state agencies, or other entities authorized to hold easements.</p> <p>Grant Size: Varies</p> <p>Contact Information: Sarah Demers Landowner Incentive Program Coordinator Maine Natural Areas Program State House Station #93 Augusta, Maine 04333 Phone (207) 287-8670 Email: sarah.demers@maine.gov http://www.mainenaturalareas.org/docs/lip/</p>
L				<p>Department of Conservation- Maine Land and Water Conservation Fund</p> <p>Mission: To assist federal, state and local governments in the acquisition and/or development of public outdoor recreation facilities. Administered at the federal level by the National Park Service and at the state level by the Maine Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands, LWCF grants can provide up to 50% of the allowable costs for acquisition and/or</p>

				<p>development projects. In general, projects include the acquisition, development, and/or renovation of outdoor recreation facilities intended for either active or passive public use.</p> <p>Projects Funded: Town of Buckfield for recreational playing fields. Town of Bar Harbor for the restoration of Agamont Park. Town of Brunswick for Cox Pinnacle trail improvements.</p> <p>Eligibility: Municipal agencies, state agencies, other governmental agencies (Indian Tribal Governments). Special purpose agencies, such as Water Districts, are not eligible</p> <p>Grant Size: Up to \$25,000, but may vary annually.</p> <p>Contact Information: Bud Newell, Program Manager Grants and Community Recreation Division Bureau of Parks and Lands 22 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333 Phone: (207) 287-4962 E-mail: Bud.Newell@maine.gov http://www.maine.gov/doc/parks/programs/community/lwgrants.html</p>
L	T			<p>Department of Conservation- Maine Recreational Trails Program</p> <p>Mission: To provide funding for all kinds of recreational trail use, such as hiking, running, wheelchair use, bicycling, in-line skating, equestrian use, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, off-road motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, four-wheel driving, or other off-road motorized vehicle use. Trail projects must ensure public access to the recreation improvements funded by the grant. Eligible projects include the design, reconstruction and non-routine maintenance or relocation of trails, costs associated with structure design, the construction of bridges, boardwalks, and trailside and trailhead facilities, and the acquisition of easements or fee simple for trail corridors.</p> <p>Projects Funded: Boothbay Region Land Trust for trails work at the Penny Lake Preserve. Town of Fairfield for a trail section of the Kennebec-Messalonskee Trail. Town of Brunswick for the College to the Commons Trail.</p> <p>Eligibility: Non-profit organizations, municipal agencies (cities, towns, counties, school districts, etc.), state agencies, federal government agencies, other governmental entities (Indian tribal governments, regional governments).</p> <p>Grant Size: Up to \$10,000 for small grants and up to \$30,000 for standard grants and up to \$100,000 for motorized bridge projects.</p> <p>Contact Information: Bud Newell, State Trail Administrator Department of Conservation 22 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333 Bud Newell, Program Manager Phone: (207) 287-4962 E-mail: Bud.Newell@maine.gov http://www.maine.gov/doc/parks/programs/community/trailsfund.html</p>
	T			<p>Department of Conservation- Boat Access Program</p> <p>Mission: To provide access sites to the waters of Maine for public recreational boating. The Boating Facilities Fund Grant Program assists towns, cities, districts and other public and private agencies in the acquisition, development, enhancement, or rehabilitation of boat</p>

				<p>launching facilities available to the general public. Projects of interest include boat access sites that provide public access to both motor and non-motorized watercraft in either fresh or salt water. Priority is given to launching facilities that can be used by both motor and non-motorized watercraft.</p> <p>Projects Funded: Town of Westport for the development of a public site on land purchased with funds from the Land for Maine’s Future Program. Town of Kittery for renovation of a town-owned launch site on the Piscatiqua River.</p> <p>Eligibility: Towns, cities, districts and other public and private agencies that have right, title or interest in the land to be acquired and/or developed and legally assure that the site will be available to the general public.</p> <p>Grant Size: Varies</p> <p>Contact Information: George Powell Boating Facilities Division 22 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0022 Phone: (207) 287-4952 Email: george.powell@maine.gov http://www.maine.gov/doc/parks/programs/boating/grants.html</p>
			H	<p>Maine Coastal Program- Habitat Restoration Grants</p> <p>Mission: To further the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment’s goal of habitat restoration and to support a strategic approach to marine, coastal and riverine habitat restoration within Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. Areas of interest include projects that will result in on-the-ground restoration of habitat to benefit living marine resources, including anadromous fish species.</p> <p>Projects Funded: Restoration of the Wheeler Wildlife Refuge Salt Marsh in York. Restoration of the Sebasticook River Channel.</p> <p>Eligibility: Non-government organizations, community associations, cooperatives, civic groups, municipalities, schools, and tribal and state governments are eligible.</p> <p>Grant Size: Varies</p> <p>Contact Information: Jon Kachmar Coordinator, GOMC Habitat Restoration Subcommittee Maine State Planning Office 38 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333 USA Phone: (207) 287-1913 E-mail: jon.kachmar@maine.gov http://restoration.gulfofmaine.org/</p>
			H	<p>Department of Environmental Protection- Small Community Grants</p> <p>Mission: To improve water quality, protect public health, and open shellfishing areas which are affected by wastewater discharges. The program provides financial and technical assistance in solving wastewater disposal problems (malfunctioning septic systems) in unsewered areas.</p>

				<p>Projects Funded: N/A</p> <p>Eligibility: Discharges of untreated or partially treated sewage which flow into public drinking water supplies, shellfishing areas, or other waterbodies, or which cause a public health hazard, are eligible to receive assistance if the property owner meets income qualifications. A municipality (a city or town government) may apply for a grant on behalf of residents who own property within municipal limits or a quasi-municipal organization (sewer district, etc) may also apply for a grant for problems within district boundaries. For unorganized territories, the county commissioners may apply for a grant. Individual property owners are not eligible to receive a grant directly, although the funding may be used to construct individual septic systems.</p> <p>Grant Size: Grants for 25 to 100% of the replacement costs of malfunctioning septic systems of a year round residence, 25% to 50% of a business and 25% to 50% of a seasonal or second home are available for qualifying systems. Property owners benefiting from the grants must have a taxable income of \$40,000 or less, although technical assistance is available to anyone. The maximum project size which can be funded in a single year is \$100,000.</p> <p>Contact Information: Tim.A.MacMillan, P.E. Small Community Grant Program Maine Department of Environmental Protection 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0017 Email: Tim.A.MacMillan@maine.gov Phone: (207) 287-7765 http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgrant/scgpara2.htm</p>
			H	<p>Department of Environmental Protection- Watershed Protection Grant Program</p> <p>Mission: To provide funding and classroom support for service learning projects designed to protect the water quality of a lake or stream and to educate the public about the relationship between land use and water quality.</p> <p>Projects Funded: Troy Howard Middle School for Trail Reconstruction and Buffer Planting on the Goose River Feeder Stream. Washington Academy for the Gardner Lake Demonstration Project. Poland Regional High School for Range Pond Buffer Planting.</p> <p>Eligibility: Maine Teachers or Advisors of grades 6 through 12.</p> <p>Grant Size: Up to \$1000.</p> <p>Contact Information: Barb Welch Maine Department of Environmental Protection 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0017 Email: barb.welch@maine.gov Phone: 207-287-7682 http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgrant/watershed/index.htm</p>
			H	<p>Department of Environmental Protection- Invasive Aquatic Plants Cost Share Grants</p> <p>Mission: To provide cost share grants to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic plants. Eligible projects include boat inspection programs and education efforts to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic species as well as hand removal of invasive aquatic plants. This cost share</p>

				<p>program is administered by the Lakes Environmental Association (LEA) under an agreement with the Maine DEP.</p> <p>Projects Funded: N/A</p> <p>Eligibility: Municipal and county governments, quasi-municipal organizations (including water districts) and 501 C(3) eligible organizations (such as lake associations).</p> <p>Grant Size: Up to \$2,000.</p> <p>Contact Information: Peter Lowell or David Welsh Lakes Environmental Association 230 Main Street Bridgton, ME 04009 Email: lakes@megalink.net Phone: 207-647-8580</p>
			H	<p>Department of Environmental Protection- Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Control Grants (“319”/NPS Grants)</p> <p>Mission: To prevent or reduce nonpoint source pollutant loadings entering water resources so that beneficial uses of the water resources are maintained or restored.</p> <p>Projects Funded: York County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Square Pond Watershed Survey. Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Sabbathday Lake Water Quality Improvement Project.</p> <p>Eligibility: Maine public organizations such as state agencies, soil and water conservation districts, regional planning agencies, watershed districts, municipalities, and nonprofit (501(c)(3)) organizations.</p> <p>Grant Size: Varies</p> <p>Contact Information: Norm Marcotte Maine Department of Environmental Protection 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0017 Email: Norm.G.Marcotte@maine.gov Phone: 207-287-3901 http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgrant/319.htm</p>
			L	<p>Maine Drinking Water Program- Land Acquisition Loans</p> <p>Mission: To provide loans to eligible public water systems for the purchase of land and/or conservation easements necessary for source water protection.</p> <p>Projects Funded: Bangor Water District for the purchase of 725 acres around Floods Pond the drinking water source for the city of Bangor.</p> <p>Eligibility: Public and private community water systems and non-profit, non-community water systems are eligible.</p> <p>Grant Size: Varies</p> <p>Contact Information: Beth Pratte Source Water Protection Section Education and Outreach Coordinator 11 State House Station</p>

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L			H	<p>Casco Bay Estuary Project Habitat Protection Fund- Casco Bay Land Opportunity Fund</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> Funded by the Environmental Protection Agency and administered through a partnership with the USFWS Gulf of Maine Program and the Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT), the locally-based Casco Bay Estuary Partnership supports fish and wildlife habitat protection initiatives in the Casco Bay watershed. Funds from this program can be used to support upfront costs of habitat protection such as survey and appraisal work or natural resource assessments, and can also be used to purchase land in fee or easements. Projects must involve the protection of high value fish and wildlife habitat- either as identified in Beginning with Habitat, the Important Habitat Analysis completed by USFWS as part of the Casco Bay Action Plan, or as confirmed by other verifiable biological data.</p> <p><i>Projects Funded:</i> Mill Creek and Falmouth Nature Preserve, Falmouth. Bradbury-Pineland Corridor. Presumpscot River Preserve, Portland.</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> Non-profit conservation groups, towns, and state and federal conservation agencies working in the Casco Bay watershed. All land must be protected in perpetuity and public access created and maintained.</p> <p><i>Grant Size:</i> Few hundred to \$30,000.</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Karen Young</td> <td>Lois Winter</td> <td>Chris Fichtel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Casco Bay Estuary Partnership</td> <td>USFWS Gulf of Maine Program</td> <td>MCHT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>49 Exeter Street</td> <td>4R Fundy Rd.</td> <td>One Main Street</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Portland, ME 04104-9300</td> <td>Falmouth, ME 04105</td> <td>Suite 201</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Phone: (207) 780-4820</td> <td>Phone: (207) 781-8364</td> <td>Topsham, ME 04086</td> </tr> <tr> <td>kyoung@usm.maine.edu</td> <td>lois_winter@fws.gov</td> <td>Phone: (207) 729-7366</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>cfichtel@mcht.org</td> </tr> </table>	Karen Young	Lois Winter	Chris Fichtel	Casco Bay Estuary Partnership	USFWS Gulf of Maine Program	MCHT	49 Exeter Street	4R Fundy Rd.	One Main Street	Portland, ME 04104-9300	Falmouth, ME 04105	Suite 201	Phone: (207) 780-4820	Phone: (207) 781-8364	Topsham, ME 04086	kyoung@usm.maine.edu	lois_winter@fws.gov	Phone: (207) 729-7366			cfichtel@mcht.org
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L			H	<p>North American Wetlands Conservation Act</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> This grant program is funded with appropriations from the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA). The Act was passed, in part, to support activities under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, an international agreement that provides a strategy for the long-term protection of wetlands and associated uplands habitats needed by waterfowl and other migratory birds in North America. The program provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife. This international effort funds a Small Grants program (up to \$75,000</p>																					

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			<p>in federal funds) and a Large Grants program (up to \$1,000,000 in federal funds). Both programs target permanent protection and/or restoration projects that benefit migratory birds, with a strong emphasis on waterbirds, federally endangered species, and wetlands. The programs areas of interest include projects that involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for waterbirds, federally endangered/threatened species, and diadromous fish. Other migratory birds identified as Species of Concern in national and regional Bird Conservation Plans also add a competitive edge to proposals.</p> <p>Projects Funded: Land protection efforts on Coobscook Bay, Merrymeeting Bay/Lower Kennebec, and Florida Lakes, Freeport.</p> <p>Eligibility: Non-profit conservation groups, towns, state and federal conservation agencies. Lands must be permanently protected for at least two years from the date of the grant application.</p> <p>Contact Information: Lois Winter USFWS Gulf of Maine Program 4R Fundy Road Falmouth, ME 04105 Phone: (207) 781-9364 Email: lois_winter@fws.gov www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/NAWCA/grants.htm</p>
L		H	<p>National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Program</p> <p>Mission: This matching grant program, funded and administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Federal Aid Program, directs funds from the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) to state conservation agencies to acquire, restore, or manage coastal wetlands for fish and wildlife values. Areas of interest include projects that are consistent with the National Wetlands Priority Conservation Plan, are located in States with dedicated land acquisition programs or are located in maritime forests on coastal barrier islands. Additional ranking factors developed by the Service include giving credit to projects that benefit threatened and endangered species, promote partnerships, and support conservation and recovery programs. The program will not provide grants to support planning, research, monitoring activities, or construction or repair of structures for recreational purposes.</p> <p>Projects Funded: Hog Island for seabird nesting island and intertidal wetlands protection as part of state WMA. Weskeag Marsh for salt marsh and upland buffer protection and addition to state WMA. Scarborough Marsh WMA for salt marsh and upland buffer acquisition and salt marsh restoration.</p> <p>Eligibility: Typically the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) is the grantee. As grantee, MDIFW can use the funds to acquire additional habitat owned and stewarded by the state or funds can be redirected from the State to a subgrantee, including local land trusts to own and steward the land in perpetuity. For all grants, the state must be willing to support the proposal and provide at least a minimum of sufficient in-kind service to administer the grant.</p> <p>Grant Size: Up to \$1 million.</p>

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			H	<p>USFWS Fish Passage Program</p> <p>Mission: Administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this program provides matching funds to support sea-run fish restoration projects including fishway restoration, barrier bypass, dam removal, or other appropriate methods. Using a voluntary, non-regulatory approach, the goal of the program is to restore native fish and other aquatic species to self-sustaining levels by reconnecting habitat that has been fragmented by barriers, where such re-connection would not result in a net negative ecological effect such as providing increased habitat to exotic species. The Program provides assistance through Service staff and cooperative partnerships, including providing information on fish and habitat needs and methods for fish to bypass barriers.</p> <p>Projects Funded: Dam removal on the East Machias River to allow passage and access to spawning sites for Atlantic salmon and other searun species. Construction of a fish ladder at the Pleasant Pond Dam to allow passage and access to spawning sites for alewives and other species.</p> <p>Eligibility: Local communities and partner agencies and organizations.</p> <p>Grant Size: Up to \$25,000.</p> <p>Contact Information: Sandra Lary U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Gulf of Maine Program 4R Fundy Road Falmouth, ME 04105 Phone: (207) 781-8364 Email: Sandra_lary@fws.gov http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/fwma/fishpassage/R5/region5.htm</p>

	T		H	<p>USFWS Private Stewardship Grants Program</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> The Private Stewardship Grants Program (PSGP) provides financial and other assistance to individuals and groups engaged in local, private, and voluntary conservation efforts conducted on private lands that benefit species listed or proposed as endangered or threatened under the U.S. Endangered Species Act or other at-risk species. The PSGP supports on-the-ground conservation actions as opposed to, for example, education and outreach, planning, or research activities, and will not fund the acquisition of real property either through fee title or easements.</p> <p><i>Projects Funded:</i> The Nature Conservancy for management of impacts to a circumneutral fen supporting the prairie white-fringed orchid at the Crystal Bog Preserve in the towns of Crystal and Sherman, Aroostook County. The National Audubon Society for habitat restoration for breeding waterbirds on Stratton Island in York County.</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> Eligible projects include those by landowners and their partners who need technical and financial assistance to improve habitat or implement other activities on private lands. Under the PSGP, privately owned means land that is not owned by a governmental entity.</p> <p><i>Grant Size:</i> A proposal must include at least 10% cost sharing on the part of the landowner or other non-Federal partners involved in the project. The cost share must come from sources other than the PSGP or other Federal funds.</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i> Diane Lynch, PSGP Coordinator USFWS Regional Office 300 Westgate Center Drive Hadley, MA 01035-9589 Phone: (413) 253-8628 Email: diane_lynch@fws.gov http://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/private_stewardship/index.html</p>
L			H	<p>USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> Provides grants to the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to benefit nongame fish and wildlife. Priority is given to projects involving species at risk of becoming threatened or endangered. Grants can be used for resource management and research, land acquisition, restoration or enhancement, education and/or promoting non-consumptive forms of wildlife recreation.</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> States must provide 1/3 of cost, private groups can contribute 1/3 of costs, and the Partnership for Wildlife Program provides the final third.</p> <p><i>Grant Size:</i> State's are limited to \$250,000 annually.</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i> Dan Leahy, Regional Office Federal Aid Coordinator USFWS Regional Office 300 Westgate Center Drive Hadley, MA 01035-9589 Phone: (413) 253-8687 Email: dan_leahy@fws.gov Website: www.fws.gov/partners/</p>

		P	H	<p>USFWS Tribal Wildlife Grants and Tribal Landowner Incentive Program</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> These programs support actions and activities that benefit wildlife and their habitat, including species of tribal or cultural or traditional importance and species not hunted or fished. Tribal Wildlife Grants can provide up to 100% of the funds for projects that benefit fish, wildlife and their habitats. Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to, planning for wildlife and habitat conservation, ongoing and/or new fish and wildlife conservation and management actions, fish and wildlife related laboratory and field research, natural history studies, habitat mapping, field surveys and population monitoring, habitat preservation, conservation easements, and public education that is relevant to the project. The Tribal Landowner Incentive Grants can provide up to 75% of the funds that protect and restore habitats that benefit federally listed, proposed, or candidate species, or other at-risk species on tribal lands. Land acquisition is not permitted in the 2007 cycle.</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> Federally recognized tribes only.</p> <p><i>Grant Size:</i> Up to \$200,000 for Tribal Wildlife Grants and up to \$120,000 for the Tribal Landowner Incentive Program.</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i> D. J. Monnette Regional Director USFWS 300 Westgate Center Drive Hadley, MA 01035-9589 Phone: (413) 253-8552 http://www.fws.gov/grants/tribal.html or</p> <p>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Gulf of Maine Coastal Program 4R Fundy Road Falmouth, ME 01405 Phone: (207) 781-8364</p>
		P	H	<p>USFWS Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund- Conservation Grants Program</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> In an effort to support the recovery of endangered species or species at-risk, this program funds habitat restoration, species status surveys, public education, outreach, captive propagation and reintroduction, nesting surveys, genetic studies and development of management plans on privately owned lands.</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> Participation in the CESCFC programs is limited to State agencies that have a current cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Interior. Currently, in Maine, only MDIFW holds a cooperative agreement. However, individuals or groups (for example land conservancies, community organizations, or conservation organizations) may work with a State organization that has a cooperative agreement, on conservation efforts that are mutually beneficial, as a subgrantee.</p> <p><i>Grant Size:</i> Varies</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i> Diane Lynch, PSGP Coordinator USFWS Regional Office 300 Westgate Center Drive Hadley, MA 01035-9589</p>

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L					<p>USFWS Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund- Recovery Land Acquisition Grant</p> <p>Mission: In an effort to support the recovery of endangered species or species at-risk, this grants provides funds to states and territories for permanent protection, through fee or easement acquisition, of threatened and endangered species habitat in support of approved recovery plans for at least one federally listed species.</p> <p>Projects Funded: MDIFW in partnership with the Nature Conservancy for land protection along Atlantic salmon habitat on the Spring River and West Branch of the Narraguagus River. MDIFW in partnership with the Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association and Small Woodlot Owners of Maine for land protection along Atlantic salmon habitat on the Sheepscot River.</p> <p>Eligibility: Participation in the CESCOF programs is limited to State agencies that have a current cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Interior. Currently, in Maine, only MDIFW holds a cooperative agreement. However, individuals or groups (for example land conservancies, community organizations, or conservation organizations) may work with a State organization that has a cooperative agreement, on conservation efforts that are mutually beneficial, as a subgrantee.</p> <p>Contact Information: Diane Lynch, PSGP Coordinator USFWS Regional Office 300 Westgate Center Drive Hadley, MA 01035-9589 Phone: (413) 253-8628 Email: diane_lynch@fws.gov http://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/Section6</p>
L	P	H	C		<p>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation- Keystone Initiatives</p> <p>Mission: The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, a nonprofit organization, was established by Congress to provide funds to conserve and restore fish, wildlife, native plants and the habitat on which they depend, through community-based partnerships. The Foundation has several different funds. Applicants apply to the Keystone Initiatives Fund within one of four categories: Bird conservation, freshwater fisheries conservation, marine mammal conservation, wildlife or habitat conservation. Please visit www.nfwf.org to find out the foundations priorities within each area.</p> <p>Eligibility: Federal, state, local governments, educational institutions, non-profit organizations.</p> <p>Grant Size: \$50,000-\$300,000.</p> <p>Contact Information: Peter Stangel, Director 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200 Atlanta, GA 30345 Phone: (404) 679-7099 www.nfwf.org/</p>

L	T	P	H	C	<p>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation- Maine Atlantic Salmon Collaborative</p> <p><i>Areas of Interest:</i> The Maine Atlantic Salmon Collaborative Fund (MASCF) supports habitat protection, restoration and habitat assessment work which directly benefit the recovery of salmon populations in watersheds containing the Distinct Population Segments (DPS) of Atlantic salmon listed under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, as well as projects in the Penobscot River watershed. Projects in other drainages may also be eligible for funding, so long as they demonstrate a strong direct link to salmon conservation. In addition, the MASCF has a strong interest in supporting projects that implement recommendations in the report from the National Academy of Sciences, Atlantic Salmon in Maine (2004), the objectives identified in the State of Maine Atlantic Salmon Conservation Plan, and recovery activities identified in the Final Recovery Plan for the Gulf of Maine Distinct Population Segment of Atlantic Salmon.</p> <p><i>Projects Funded:</i> The Penobscot River Restoration Trust to support the restoration of self-sustaining runs of Atlantic salmon and other searun fish on the Penobscot River. The Nature Conservancy toward the purchase of 10,000 acres along salmon habitat on the Spring River and West Branch of the Narraguagus River. The Downeast Salmon Federation to support an education position and salmon-related outreach program.</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> Non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations, educational institutions, state or local government agencies, and private for-profit businesses.</p> <p><i>Grant Size:</i> Several thousand dollars to \$150,000.</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Jed Wright</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Jonathan Mawdsley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>USFWS</td> <td>Program Director, Eastern Region</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gulf of Maine Program</td> <td>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4R Fundy Road</td> <td>1120 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 900</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Falmouth, ME 04105</td> <td>Washington, DC 20036</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Phone: (207) 781-8364</td> <td>Phone: (202) 857-0166</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Email: Jed.wright@fws.gov</td> <td>Email: Jonathan.Mawdsley@nfwf.org</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>www.nfwf.org</td> </tr> </table>	Jed Wright	Jonathan Mawdsley	USFWS	Program Director, Eastern Region	Gulf of Maine Program	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	4R Fundy Road	1120 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 900	Falmouth, ME 04105	Washington, DC 20036	Phone: (207) 781-8364	Phone: (202) 857-0166	Email: Jed.wright@fws.gov	Email: Jonathan.Mawdsley@nfwf.org		www.nfwf.org
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L					<p>Forest Legacy Program</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> The Forest Legacy Program (FLP) is a voluntary private land conservation program between the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service, states, land trusts, private landowners, and others that provides financial assistance to ensure that important forests remain intact and on the tax rolls, and that they continue to contribute to the community, the local economy, the landowner, and the environment. The program provides up to 75% of the funds needed to acquire (fee or easement) forestlands used for timber production that are threatened by development. Goals of the program are to promote forestland protection and other conservation opportunities, to maintain traditional forest uses, protect water quality, prevent development along pristine lakes, ponds, and streams, provide public recreation opportunities, and maintain productive forests, and to prevent the fragmentation and conversion of private forest land. FLP funded acquisitions must serve public purposes identified by participating states and agreed to by the landowner, including the protection of important scenic, cultural, fish, wildlife and recreational resources, riparian areas and other ecological values. Traditional forest uses, including timber management, as well as hunting, fishing, hiking, and similar</p>																

			<p>recreational uses are consistent with purposes of the FLP.</p> <p>Projects Funded: Support for the permanent protection of lands at Katahdin Ironworks, the Machias River, and lands in Sebago.</p> <p>Eligibility: Limited to private forest landowners.</p> <p>Grant Size: Up to 75% of the cost of the project.</p> <p>Contact Information: Deirdre Raimo Forest Legacy Program Manager USDA Forest Service; NA, State and Private Forestry 271 Mast Rd. Durham NH 03824 Phone: (603) 868-7695 Email: draimo@fs.fed.us http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/flp.shtml</p>
L			<p>NOAA Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program</p> <p>Mission: To protect coastal and estuarine lands considered important for their ecological, conservation, recreational, historical or aesthetic values by providing state and local governments with matching funds to purchase significant coastal and estuarine lands, or conservation easements on such lands, from willing sellers. Lands or conservation easements acquired with CELCP funds are protected in perpetuity so that they may be enjoyed by future generations.</p> <p>Eligibility: Coastal states with a coastal management program or national estuarine research reserve approved under the Coastal Zone Management Act may participate in the CELCP. A state must also have an approved CELCP plan in order to compete for funding. Projects must be located within a state's designated coastal zone, coastal watershed boundary, or other boundary established by the state consistent with the CELCP guidelines. Eligible state and local governments, as defined in the CELCP guidelines, may receive funds and hold title to land under the CELCP.</p> <p>Grant Size: Varies</p> <p>Contact Information: Jim Connors State Planning Office State House Station #38 184 State Street Augusta, ME 04333 Phone: (207) 287-8938 E-mail: jim.connors@maine.gov http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/land/welcome.html</p>
		H	<p>NOAA Fisheries' Community-Based Habitat Restoration Program</p> <p>Mission: The program goal is to bring together citizen groups, public and nonprofit organizations, watershed groups, industry, corporations and businesses, youth conservation corps, students, landowners, academic institutions and local government, state, and federal agencies to cooperatively implement habitat restoration projects to benefit NOAA trust resources. In particular, the focus is to enhance the ability of local communities to remove river barriers and restore migratory fish passage.</p> <p>Projects Funded: Dennys River Watershed restoration project. Sennebec Dam</p>

			<p>removal, survey, and monitoring.</p> <p>Eligibility: Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profits, commercial (for-profit) organizations, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, state, local and Indian tribal governments whose applications propose to benefit NOAA trust resources. Applications from federal agencies or employees of federal agencies will not be considered. Federal agencies are strongly encouraged to work with others that are eligible to apply.</p> <p>Grant Size: \$200,000 to \$600,000 per year for a period of three years.</p> <p>Contact Information: Eric Hutchins NOAA Restoration Center NOAA Fisheries Service One Blackburn Drive Gloucester, MA 01930 Phone: (978) 281-9313 Email: Eric.Hutchins@noaa.gov www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration</p>
			<p>USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Programs</p> <p>The USDA’s NRCS has a number of programs to provide financial and technical assistance to landowners to help with the stewardship for agricultural lands. The different programs available in the State of Maine are listed below.</p>
L		H	<p>USDA NRCS Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)</p> <p>Mission: This program provides financial and technical assistance to landowners in return for restoring, protecting and/or enhancing wetland functions and values and retiring marginal land from agriculture. The goal is to achieve the greatest wetland functions and values, along with optimum wildlife habitat, on every acre enrolled in the program. USDA will fund the cost of a conservation easement, a 30-year term conservation easement or cost-share restoration projects to protect and restore wetlands on their property. For both permanent and 30-year easements, WRP will pay all costs associated with the easement and will contribute to restoration cost as well. Individuals are encouraged to partner with agencies, conservation districts and/or organizations to share in the remaining costs of restoration.</p> <p>Projects Funded: N/A</p> <p>Eligibility: Private landowners and tribes are eligible to apply. Eligible land includes wetlands cleared or drained for farming, pasture, or timber production, certain adjacent lands that contribute significantly to wetland functions and values, previously restored wetlands that need long-term protection, upland areas needed to provide an adequate buffer or that contribute to creating a manageable boundary, drained wooded wetlands, existing or restorable riparian habitat corridors that connect protected wetlands, and certain lands substantially altered by flooding. The land must be restorable and be suitable for providing wildlife benefits</p> <p>Grant Size: Varies</p> <p>Contact Information: http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/</p>
L		H	<p>USDA NRCS Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)</p> <p>Mission: WHIP is a voluntary program that encourages creation of high quality</p>

				<p>wildlife habitats that support wildlife populations of National, State, Tribal, and local significance. NRCS provides both technical assistance and up to 75-percent cost-share assistance to establish and improve wildlife habitats on farmed lands. WHIP agreements between NRCS and the landowner generally last for 15 years (shorter and longer agreements are available).</p> <p>Projects Funded: N/A</p> <p>Eligibility: Eligible lands under the program include privately owned land, federal land when the primary benefit is on private or Tribal land, state and local government land on a limited basis, and Tribal land. If land is determined eligible, NRCS places emphasis on enrolling: habitat areas for wildlife species experiencing declining or significantly reduced populations, practices beneficial to fish and wildlife that may not otherwise be funded, and wildlife and fishery habitats identified by local and State partners and Indian Tribes in each State.</p> <p>Grant Size: Varies</p> <p>Contact Information: Jeff Norment Biologist Natural Resources Conservation Service 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite #3 Bangor, ME 04401 Phone: (207) 990-9100 x 3 Email: jeff.norment@me.usda.gov http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/</p>
			H	<p>USDA NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)</p> <p>Mission: EQIP is a voluntary program that offers eligible farmers, ranchers and non-industrial foresters technical and financial assistance to address soil, water and related natural resource concerns on their land. The goal of the program is to promote agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. In the past efforts have concentrated on improving water quality, conserving both ground and surface water, reducing soil erosion from cropland and forestland, and improving rangeland, improve air quality and address wildlife issues.</p> <p>Projects Funded: N/A</p> <p>Eligibility: Persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production are eligible for the program. Eligible land includes cropland, pastureland, private non-industrial forestland, and other farm lands as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.</p> <p>Grant Size: Varies</p> <p>Contact Information: Bill Yamartino Natural Resources conservation Service 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite #3 Bangor, ME 04401 Phone: (207)990-9100, ex. 3 E-mail: bill.yamartino@me.usda.gov http://www.me.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/EQIP07.html</p>

*Land protection (L), Public access/Trails/Amenity Improvement (T), Open Space/Comprehensive Planning/Strategic Conservation Planning (P), Habitat Improvement (H), and Capacity Building (C)

			H	<p>USDA NRCS Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> Under this voluntary program landowners plant certain species to improve water quality, reduce soil erosion and produce wildlife habitat on their lands. The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) provides technical and financial assistance to eligible farmers and ranchers to address soil, water, and related natural resource concerns on their lands in an environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner. For example, it encourages farmers to convert highly erodible cropland or other environmentally sensitive acreage to vegetative cover, such as tame or native grasses, wildlife plantings, trees, filterstrips, or riparian buffers. Farmers receive an annual rental payment for the term of the multi-year contract. Cost sharing is provided to establish the vegetative cover practices.</p> <p><i>Projects Funded:</i> N/A</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> Agricultural producers only.</p> <p><i>Grant Size:</i> Varies</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i> Bill Yamartino Natural Resources conservation Service 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite #3 Bangor, ME 04401 Phone: (207)990-9100, ex. 3 E-mail: bill.yamartino@me.usda.gov http://www.me.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/EQIP07.html</p>
			H	<p>USDA Farm Service Agency- State Areas for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE)-</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> This program addresses habitat restoration and enhancement needs for high priority wildlife. Through cost-share agreements, SAFE provides an opportunity to develop cooperative conservation projects to address high priority wildlife needs through habitat restoration and enhancement. SAFE practices can be used to restore threatened and endangered species habitat, habitat for species that have suffered a significant population decline, and habitat for species that provide significant social or economic value to a community.</p> <p><i>Projects Funded:</i> N/A</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> State and local governments and non-profits for land that was in crop production.</p> <p><i>Contact Information:</i> Candace Weymouth, Program Specialist Natural Resources Conservation Service 967 Illinois Avenue Bangor, ME 04401 Phone (207) 990-9140 www.fsa.usda.gov (click on conservation programs)</p>
			H	<p>USDA Forest Service- Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP)- Implemented by Maine Forest Service WoodsWISE</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> To encourage the long-term sustainability of forest lands through financial incentives (cost share) and technical assistance to private landowners. Landowner engagement in ongoing management of their forests is the hallmark of a program. Maine Forest Service seeks to help landowners connect with their land, and develop</p>

				<p>working relationships with foresters and other resource professionals. Through FLEP, state forestry agencies can provide incentives to achieve a wide array of objectives including forest stewardship plan preparation, afforestation and reforestation, forest stand improvement, agroforestry implementation, water quality improvement and watershed protection, fish and wildlife protection, forest health and protection, invasive species control, and wildlife related practices.</p> <p>Projects Funded: N/A</p> <p>Eligibility: Private landowners owning between 10 and 1000 acres.</p> <p>Contact Information: Maine Forest Service Forest Policy and Management Division Maine Department of Conservation 22 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333 Tel: (207) 287-2791 www.maineforestservice.org</p>
L				<p>USDA Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP)</p> <p>Mission: FRPP is a voluntary program that helps farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture. The program provides matching funds to State, Tribal, or local governments and non-governmental organizations to purchase conservation easements. Participating landowners agree not to convert their land to non-agricultural uses and to develop and implement a conservation plan for highly erodible land.</p> <p>Projects Funded: N/A</p> <p>Eligibility: The land protected by easement must be privately owned, be part or all of a farm or ranch, and contain prime, unique or other productive soils. Additional requirements apply.</p> <p>Grant Size: Varies</p> <p>Contact Information: Bill Yamartino Natural Resources conservation Service 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite #3 Bangor, ME 04401 Phone: (207)990-9100, ex. 3 E-mail: bill.yamartino@me.usda.gov http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/fpp/</p>