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Environment & Conservation Grant Resource Guide

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About This Guide

This **Environment and Conservation Grant Resource Guide** is intended to be used in conjunction with our more general **Grant Resource Guide**, which contains information about identifying and applying for federal grants.

Each year, 26 federal agencies award federal grants to support community initiatives, research, infrastructure programs, and public interest projects, all relevant to the work and/or goals of that agency. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis or distributed under a formula. The majority of federal grant recipients are state and local government agencies who then distribute funds to smaller entities.

The **Grant Resource Guide** includes the following topic areas:

- What is a Federal Grant?
- Finding Grant Opportunities
- Determining Eligibility
- Applying for Grants
- Awarding Grants: The Process
- Additional Resources
- Letter of Support

This **Environment and Conservation Grant Resource Guide** provides information about federal agencies which offer grants in this field, as well as examples of grants currently offered.

For more information about the grant process, to discuss a letter of support, or for any other questions, please contact Shawn Meredith at Shawn.Meredith@mail.house.gov

Please note: Funding information and application deadlines are subject to change. Potential applicants should regularly check grants.gov and the funding agency's grants webpage for the most up-to-date information.

Federal Agencies and Available Grants

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

USDA utilizes science and public policy to improve economic opportunity in rural areas, promote agricultural production, and preserve natural resources. To achieve this goal, the Department offers an array of funding avenues that assist with projects that bring housing, community facilities, business guarantees, utilities and other services to rural America.

For more information about USDA grants and programs, please visit the USDA page on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or [usda.gov/topics/farming/grants-and-loans](https://www.usda.gov/topics/farming/grants-and-loans)

Crop Protection and Pest Management (CPPM) Competitive Grants Program

Current Grants.gov close date: March 15, 2021

The purpose of the CPPM program is to address high priority issues related to pests and their management using integrated pest management (IPM) approaches at the state, regional and national levels. The CPPM program supports projects that will ensure food security and respond effectively to other major societal pest management challenges with comprehensive IPM approaches that are economically viable, ecologically prudent, and safe for human health. The CPPM program addresses IPM challenges for emerging issues and existing priority pest concerns that can be addressed more effectively with new and emerging technologies. The outcomes of the CPPM program are effective, affordable, and environmentally sound IPM practices and strategies needed to maintain agricultural productivity and healthy communities.

*For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **USDA-NIFA-CPPM-008055** or nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/crop-protection-and-pest-management*

Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) Challenge Cost Share Grant Program

Current Grants.gov close date: April 16, 2021

The U&CF Program restores, sustains, and manages more than 140 million acres of urban and community forest lands for the benefit of communities in the United States. Healthy urban & community forests and green infrastructure are not only critical to all our nation's forests, but also essential to the economic, environmental, physical, and mental well-being of our population. Increasingly, our urban and community forests are facing threats such as insects, diseases, extreme weather events and other hazards. Additionally, the lack of investment in urban forest disaster mitigation is contributing to community disasters such as urban flooding and human heat deaths in our cities-- disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations. New systemic solutions are needed to create and enhance green infrastructure in the right place and at the right scale and encompass pressing social, economic, ecological, and historic factors holistically. This program consists of two categories: 1) Increasing Resiliency of Urban Forests through Reforestation and Management and 2) Planning Disaster Mitigation Strategies for Urban Forests

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **USDA-FS-UCF-010-2021** or ucfgrants2021.urbandcommunityforests.org/

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Competitive Grants Program Sustainable Agricultural Systems (SAS)

Current Grants.gov close date: July 1, 2021

NIFA seeks creative and visionary applications that take a systems approach for projects focused on the themes in the USDA Science Blueprint: (1) sustainable agricultural intensification; (2) agricultural climate adaptation; (3) value-added innovation; and/or (4) food and nutrition translation. These projects are expected to significantly improve the supply of affordable, safe, nutritious, and accessible agricultural products, while fostering economic development and rural prosperity in America. These approaches must demonstrate current needs and anticipate future social, cultural, behavioral, economic, health, and environmental impacts. Additionally, the outcomes of the work being proposed should result in societal benefits, including promotion of rural prosperity and enhancement of quality of life for all those involved in food and agricultural value chains from production to utilization and consumption.

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **USDA-NIFA-AFRI-007892** or nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/afri-sustainable-agricultural-systems-competitive-grants-program

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) - Foundational and Applied Science

Current Grants.gov close date: July 29, 2021

The AFRI Foundational and Applied Science Program supports grants in six AFRI priority areas to advance knowledge in both fundamental and applied sciences important to agriculture. The six priority areas are: Plant Health and Production and Plant Products; Animal Health and Production and Animal Products; Food Safety, Nutrition, and Health; Bioenergy, Natural Resources, and Environment; Agriculture Systems and Technology; and Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities.

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **USDA-NIFA-AFRI-007692** or nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/agriculture-and-food-research-initiative-foundational-applied-science-program

Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) - Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements

Current Grants.gov close date: September 30, 2021

The REAP will provide funds to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to install renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements. The REAP is designed to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses reduce energy costs and consumption and help meet the nations critical energy needs. The grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **USDA-RD-HCFP-RCDI-2021** or rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-community-development-initiative-grants

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

Whether you are a startup energy business looking to launch a pilot project, a company with proven technology that needs help reaching commercial scale, or a state, local or tribal government looking for funding resources for energy projects, DOE supports a number of grant, loan and financing programs.

For more information about DOE grants, please visit the DOE page on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or energy.gov/energy-economy/funding-financing

SuperTruck 3

Current Grants.gov close date: April 10, 2021

This program seeks innovative R&D concepts to enable medium- and heavy-duty vehicle original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), suppliers, fleet operators, companies operating large captive fleets, universities and National Laboratories to develop higher efficiency, low-emissions trucks and freight systems to use energy more efficiently and reduce CO2 emissions standards.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **DE-FOA-0002464** or epicweb.ee.doe.gov/EPICWeb/#/home

U.S. Department of Interior (DOI)

Through the National Park Service (NPS), a bureau of DOI, the State, Tribal, and Local Plans and Grants Division provides preservation assistance through several programs that support the preservation of America's historic places and diverse history. The division administers grant programs to state, territorial, tribal, and local governments, educational institutions, and non-profits in addition to providing preservation planning, technical assistance, and policy guidance. This work supports historic properties and place-based identity, key components to the social and economic vitality of our communities. Additionally, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Grants program provides assistance to museums, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations for the purposes of assisting in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of Native American "cultural items," including human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony.

For information about DOI grants, please visit the DOI page on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), [doi.gov/grants](https://www.doi.gov/grants), or [nps.gov/getinvolved/community-assistance.htm](https://www.nps.gov/getinvolved/community-assistance.htm), [nps.gov/orqs/1623/index.htm](https://www.nps.gov/orqs/1623/index.htm)

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF): Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Land Acquisition Grants

Current Grants.gov close date: April 9, 2021

The HCP Land Acquisition Grant program was designed to reduce conflicts between the conservation of listed species and competing land uses on specific parcels of land associated with approved and permitted HCPs. Under this program, the Service provides matching grants to States in support of land acquisition projects that will conserve species habitat in perpetuity through fee simple acquisition or the acquisition of permanent conservation easements. The Service considers the use of Federal acquisition dollars by States for habitat protection associated with HCPs to be an important and effective mechanism to promote species recovery, prevent extinction, and preclude the need to list species under the ESA in the future. All land acquired through these grants complements, but does not replace, the mitigation, minimization, and/or monitoring commitments of the HCP. Thus, this work is additive to the conservation commitments entered into when HCPs are permitted and serves as a meaningful way to leverage non-Federal investment in species recovery and connect conservation lands across the landscape.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **F21AS00170** or [fws.gov/endangered/grants/](https://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/)

Preservation Technology and Training (PTT) Grants

Current Grants.gov close date: March 15, 2021

PTT Grants are intended to create better tools, better materials, and better approaches to conserving buildings, landscapes, sites, and collections. The PTT Grants are administered by the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT), the NPS' innovation center for the preservation community.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **P21AS00252** or [ncptt.nps.gov/grants/preservation-technology-and-training-grants/](https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/grants/preservation-technology-and-training-grants/)

Historic Preservation Fund - Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Grants

Current Grants.gov close date: March 31, 2021

The HBCU grant program exists to repair historic structures on campuses of HBCUs that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places either individually or as contributing to a National Register or National Historic Landmark historic district.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **P21AS00241** or [nps.gov/preservation-grants/HBCU/index.html](https://www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/HBCU/index.html)

Historic Preservation Fund - Underrepresented Community (URC) Grants

Current Grants.gov close date: March 31, 2021

The NPS' URC Program (URC) is intended to diversify the nominations submitted to the National Register of Historic Places to include communities that are currently underrepresented. URC grants are funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) and are administered by the NPS. Projects include surveys and inventories of historic properties associated with communities underrepresented in the National Register, as well as the development or amendment of nominations to the National Register.

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **P21AS00262** or nps.gov/preservation-grants/community-grants.html

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) National Operations Center Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Management

Current Grants.gov close date: April 13, 2021

The Aquatic Habitat Management mission area enables the BLM to develop and implement program policy, carry out projects, assure adequate water is available, and maintain vital partnerships at all levels within the Bureau to support multiple use and sustained yield on public lands. Management actions emphasize on-the-ground and in-the-water actions that increase the health of fish and wildlife populations to sustain recreational and subsistence uses that enhance or maintain many local economies in the West. In addition, these actions reduce the need to federally list species and work to protect and recover listed species and the ecosystems upon which they depend, as per the Endangered Species Act of 1973. The Clean Water Act guides the BLM's uses of water resources, including water quality and quantity. The BLM will continue to work with cooperators, conservation organizations, fishing partners, and other stakeholders to focus on the highest value habitat restoration and conservation projects. The BLM will also continue to conduct baseline inventories and assessments critical to many public land uses and ongoing monitoring programs, including emphasizing native, special status, sport, and subsistence species to enhance opportunities for fishing on America's public lands.

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **L21AS00312** or blm.gov/services/financial-assistance-and-grants

Battlefield Interpretation Grants

Current Grants.gov close date: May 5, 2021

The American Battlefield Protection Program supports the identification, research, evaluation, interpretation, and protection of historic battlefields and associated sites on a national, State, and local level. Grant funds will be awarded for projects that deploy technology to modernize

and enhance battlefield interpretation and education at Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War battlefield sites eligible for assistance under the battlefield acquisition grant program.

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **P21AS00291** or nps.gov/subjects/battlefields/battlefield-planning-grants.htm

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF) Traditional Conservation Grants Program (Service Legacy Region 1)

Current Grants.gov close date: May 12, 2021

The principle objective of the Traditional Conservation Grant program is to support the development and implementation of States' programs to conserve and recover threatened and endangered species under the FWS' jurisdiction. Financial assistance, provided in the form of grants, can be used to support projects that have direct conservation benefits for federally listed species, candidate and at-risk species, and recently delisted species. States may apply for funding to conduct work on federally listed resident species that are included in the State's cooperative agreement. States may also apply for funding to monitor candidate, at-risk, and recently delisted species.

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **F21AS00163**

American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant (BLAG)

Current Grants.gov close date: June 1, 2021

The NPS' ABPP supports the identification, research, evaluation, interpretation, and protection of historic battlefields and associated sites on a national, State, and local level. BLAGs are offered to assist state and local governments and, when applicable, their nonprofit partners acquire and preserve eligible Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War battlefield lands.

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **P21AS00227** or nps.gov/orgs/2287/index.htm

Endangered Species Recovery Implementation

Current Grants.gov close date: September 30, 2021

The principal objective of this Recovery Implementation funding opportunity is to support the implementation of priority recovery actions for federally endangered and threatened species. The ESA conveys the importance of recovery plans as a central organizing tool for guiding each species' recovery process by requiring their development for every listed species. Recovery plans establish an overall recovery vision that, among other things:

- Defines the point at which protections under the ESA are no longer needed,
- Identifies and prioritizes the most effective and feasible suite of recovery actions that will promote species survival and recovery,

- Provides the public and policy makers with an overall estimate of the time and cost to recover species, and the ability to measure success and resources needs, and
- Aids the Service in working with others to improve the status for imperiled species.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **F21AS00155**

Candidate Species Conservation Fund

Current Grants.gov close date: September 30, 2021

The principle objective of this Candidate Species Conservation funding opportunity is to accomplish conservation tasks for high priority candidate species (based on our annual Candidate Species Assessments) or other at-risk species in the United States, such that identified threats to the species may be reduced or eliminated. These efforts are based on cooperative relationships with states, non-governmental organizations, private landowners and those interested in habitat restoration or undertaking candidate and at-risk species research, surveys and monitoring, or educational outreach efforts.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **F21AS00156** or fws.gov/endangered/grants/index.html

Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW)

Current Grants.gov close date: September 30, 2021

The PFW Program is a voluntary, incentive-based program that provides direct technical assistance and financial assistance in the form of cooperative and grant agreements to private landowners to restore and conserve fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit of federal trust resources.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **F21AS00193** or fws.gov/endangered/grants/index.html

Coastal Program

Current Grants.gov close date: September 30, 2021

The Coastal Program is a voluntary, community-based program that provides technical and financial assistance through cooperative agreements to coastal communities, conservation partners, and landowners to restore and protect fish and wildlife habitat on public and private lands. The Coastal Program staff coordinates with partners, stakeholders and other Service programs to identify geographic focus areas and develop habitat conservation goals and priorities within these focus areas. Geographic focus areas are where the Coastal Program directs resources to conserve habitat for Federal trust species. Projects are developed in collaboration with partners, and with substantial involvement from Service field staff.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **F21AS00197** or [fws.gov/endangered/grants/index.html](https://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/index.html)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Every year, the EPA awards more than \$4 billion in funding to state and local governments, tribes, universities, nonprofit recipients, and other entities for grants and other assistance agreements to achieve their environmental goals. The EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment is accomplished, in large part, by the awarding of funds to other organizations to conduct environmental program or projects. When the EPA transfers funds for a public purpose, it uses a legal instrument called an assistance agreement, which may be in the form of a grant or cooperative agreement.

For more information about EPA grants, please visit the EPA page on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or [epa.gov/grants](https://www.epa.gov/grants)

Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) National Grants

Current Grants.gov close date: March 16, 2021

EPA anticipates awarding approximately \$46 million in competitive grant funding under the DERA National Grants Program. The program is soliciting applications nationwide for projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions and exposure, particularly from fleets operating in areas designated by the Administrator as poor air quality areas.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **EPA-OAR-OTAQ-21-02** and also see the "**Related Documents**" tab or [epa.gov/dera/national](https://www.epa.gov/dera/national)

Innovative Water Infrastructure Workforce Development Grant Program

Current Grants.gov close date: March 26, 2021

The EPA is soliciting applications from eligible applicants to (1) assist in the development and use of innovative activities relating to water workforce development and career opportunities in the drinking water and wastewater utility sector, and (2) expand public awareness about drinking water and wastewater utilities and to connect individuals to careers in the drinking water and wastewater utility sector.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **EPA-OW-OWM-20-01** or [epa.gov/sustainable-water-infrastructure/innovative-water-infrastructure-workforce-development-program](https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-water-infrastructure/innovative-water-infrastructure-workforce-development-program)

Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program for Tribes

Current Grants.gov close date: March 26, 2021

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from federally recognized tribes or intertribal consortia for the development and implementation of

hazardous waste programs and for building capacity to address hazardous waste management in Indian country.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **EPA-OLEM-ORCR-21-01** or [epa.gov/grants/fy-2021-hazardous-waste-management-grant-program-tribes](https://www.epa.gov/grants/fy-2021-hazardous-waste-management-grant-program-tribes)

National Environmental Information Exchange Network (EN) Grant Program

Current Grants.gov close date: March 31, 2021

The EPA is soliciting project applications using the Environmental Information EN to: Facilitate sharing of environmental data, especially through shared and reusable services; Reduce burden and avoid costs for co-regulators and the regulated community; Streamline data collection and exchanges to improve its timeliness for decision making; Increase the quality and access to environmental data through discovery, publishing, outbound and analytical services so it is more useful to environmental managers; Increase data and IT management capabilities needed to fully participate in the EN

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **EPA-OMS-21-01** or [epa.gov/exchangenetwork/exchange-network-grant-program](https://www.epa.gov/exchangenetwork/exchange-network-grant-program)

Environmental Justice Small Grants Program

Current Grants.gov close date: May 7, 2021

EPA continues to make effective responses to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the climate crisis top priorities. To address these multiple crises, this announcement places emphasis on projects focusing on COVID-19 impacts, as well as climate and disaster resiliency. Additionally, EPA is emphasizing projects addressing diesel pollution in underserved communities living near ports and railyards as part of EPA's Ports Initiative (see details further described in this solicitation). Finally, to promote equitable accessibility to EPA grant funding and to assist small entities, approximately half of the total available funding under this announcement is intended to be reserved for small non-profit organizations with 10 or fewer full-time employees subject to the quality of applications received and other relevant considerations. Under this solicitation, therefore, there will be two separate ranking lists developed- one for small non-profit organizations of 10 or fewer full-time employees and one for all other eligible applicants as further described in this solicitation.

For more information about this grant, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **EPA-OP-OEJ-21-01** and also see the **"Related Documents"** tab

Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement Program

Current Grants.gov close date: May 7, 2021

This program provides funding to support community-based organizations in their efforts to collaborate and partner with local stakeholder groups as they develop community-driven solutions that address environmental and/or public health issues for underserved communities.

For more information about this grant, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **EPA-OP-OEJ-21-02** and also see the “**Related Documents**” tab

Additional Resources

Grants.gov Questions?

Contact the Grants.gov Support Center at 1-800-518-4726 (TTY: 301-240-6310), via [email](mailto:grants.gov), or visit the [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) website.

Beta.SAM

beta.SAM has replaced the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA). It lists all federal grant opportunities and breaks them down by agency and identifier numbers. Like Grants.gov, you can view both ongoing and past grants. You cannot apply for federal grants via beta.SAM; the only place to apply for federal grants is Grants.gov

For more information, please visit: beta.sam.gov/

Congressional Research Service (CRS)

CRS contains guides to help grant applicants understand and complete their applications. These guides include:

- How to Develop and Write a Grant Proposal
- Resources for Grantseekers
- Federal Grants-in-Aid Administration: A Primer
- Community Development Block Grants and Related Programs: A Primer

For more information, please visit: [crs.gov/](https://www.crs.gov/)

A-Z Index of U.S. Departments and Agencies

To better develop a grant proposal, search a department or agency’s Home Page to learn more about its programs and objectives.

For more information, please visit: [usa.gov/federal-agencies/a](https://www.usa.gov/federal-agencies/a)

Government Benefits, Grants, and Loans

Includes contracting with the U.S. government, international trade and exporting, and small business. See also financial assistance links at the Small Business Administration website: [sba.gov/funding-programs/grants](https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/grants)

For more information, please visit: [usa.gov/benefits-grants-loans](https://www.usa.gov/benefits-grants-loans)

Student Aid (via Dept. of Education)

Information on funding education beyond high school, including grants, loans, and work-study assistance to qualified students.

For more information, please visit: studentaid.ed.gov/sa/

Benefits.gov (via Dept. of Labor)

Includes information on over 1,000 government assistance programs, and how to apply. Covers direct payment, loan, insurance, training, or other services.

For more information, please visit: benefits.gov/

FTC Consumer Alert (via Federal Trade Commission)

The FTC Consumer Alert warns consumers to beware of paying "processing fees" for information that is available free to the public. Ads claiming federal grants are available for home repairs, home business, unpaid bills, or other personal expenses are often a scam.

For more information, please visit: ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt134.shtm

OMB Grants Management Web Site (via Office of Management and Budget)

OMB establishes government-wide grants management policies and guidelines through circulars and common rules. OMB Circulars are cited in *Catalog* program descriptions and may be printed out full text.

For more information, please visit: whitehouse.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/circulars/

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If your organization needs our office's assistance or would like to request a letter of support for your grant proposal, please contact our Grants Coordinator, Shawn Meredith, at shawn.meredith@mail.house.gov.

