

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NOAA Restoration Center Funding Opportunities -

http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/funding_opportunities/funding.html

This page has several funding opportunities for habitat restoration with NOAA partners and related groups. Applicable opportunities are listed below:

NOAA Open Rivers Initiative

http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/projects_programs/crp/partners_funding/callforprojects3.html

The NOAA Open Rivers Initiative (ORI) provides funding and technical expertise for community-driven, small dam and river barrier removals, primarily in coastal states. Projects are expected to provide an economic boost for communities, enhance public safety, and improve populations of NOAA trust resources such as striped bass, Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon, Atlantic and Pacific salmon, American eel, American shad, blueback herring, and alewife.

NOAA Community-based Restoration Program Direct Grants

http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/projects_programs/crp/partners_funding/callforprojects.html

“The program invites the public to submit proposals for available funding to implement grass-roots habitat restoration projects that will benefit living marine resources, including anadromous fish, under the NOAA Community-based Restoration Program.” The most recent application deadline passed on October 12.

American Rivers-NOAA Community-Based Restoration Program River Grants -

http://www.americanrivers.org/site/PageServer?pagename=AMR_content_63c9

This program provides funds for “community-driven dam removals and fish passage projects that restore habitat of anadromous (migratory) fish.” Application deadlines are April 1 and November 1 of each calendar year.

Five Star Matching Grants Program -

<http://nfwf.org/programs/5star-rfp.cfm>

“The Five-Star Restoration Program provides modest financial assistance on a competitive basis to support community-based wetland, riparian, and coastal habitat restoration projects that build diverse partnerships and foster local natural resource stewardship through education, outreach and training activities.” Administered by EPA, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and NOAA. The Five Stars are the partners and organizations who must be involved to apply for the grant. Listed next to each partner category are potential partners from the Diadromous Fish Working Group to illustrate how SSER would be able to qualify for this grant.

- Schools or youth organizations (e.g., state or local youth conservation corps, county job training programs) - SCA
- Local or tribal governments (e.g., boards of county commissioners, departments of planning, environment or parks and recreation) - municipalities
- Local businesses or corporations
- Conservation organizations or local citizens groups - Trout Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, Environmental Defense
- State and federal resource management agencies - DOS, DEC, DOT, OPRHP
- Foundations or other

Grants are usually \$10,000 dollars, and applications are due early March, 2006.

FishAmerica/NOAA Community-Based Marine and Anadromous Fish Habitat Restoration Projects -

<http://www.fishamerica.org/faf/grants/index.html>

“The partnership requests proposals for local efforts to accomplish meaningful on-the-ground restoration of marine, estuarine and riparian habitats, including salt marshes, seagrass beds, mangrove forests, and freshwater habitats important to anadromous fish species (fish like salmon and striped bass that spawn in freshwater and migrate to the sea). Emphasis is on using a hands-on, grassroots approach to restore fisheries habitat across coastal America.” No longer accepting applications for 2005.

Ocean Trust and NOAA 2005 Fisheries & Habitat Restoration -

<http://oceantrust.org/working%20docs/2005OTNOAAsolicitation.pdf>

“The FHR Program provides matching financial assistance on a competitive basis to support fishing community-based wetland, riparian, habitat, and coastal living resource restoration projects that build diverse partnerships with the food producing fishing community and foster local marine resource stewardship through education, restoration or enhancement activities.” Maybe involve Seafood Council?

The Cooperative Institute for Coastal and Estuarine Environmental Technology -

<http://ciceet.unh.edu/rfp/rfp.html>

“Through this program, CICEET makes strategic investments in the development and application of technology to monitor, manage, and prevent the contamination and degradation of coastal and estuarine waters and habitats.” Deadline for preliminary proposals is November 21.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant Programs:

General Matching Grants Program

<http://nfwf.org/guidelines.cfm>

“The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation operates a conservation grants program that awards matching grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible grant recipients, including federal, tribal, state, and local governments, educational institutions, and non-profit conservation organizations. Project proposals are received on a year-round, revolving basis with two decision cycles per year. Grants typically range from \$10,000-\$150,000, based upon need.”

Bring Back the Natives: A Public-Private Partnership for Restoring Populations of Native Aquatic Species.

<http://nfwf.org/programs/bbn.cfm>

“The BBN program seeks projects that initiate partnerships with private landowners, demonstrate successful collaborative efforts, address watershed health issues that would lead to restoring habitats and are key to restoring native aquatic species and their migration corridors, promote stewardship on private lands, and that can demonstrate a 2:1 non-federal to federal match.” Pre-proposal due date is December 2, 2005.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in Partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Announces an Opportunity for Matching Grants for Conservation in 2005

<http://nfwf.org/programs/noaa.cfm>

“The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (Foundation) is working to expand and strengthen our partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to support innovative and effective conservation and stewardship of our country’s marine and coastal areas. The goal of the partnership is to support high quality projects that produce concrete solutions to advance conservation and restoration of coastal and marine resources.” Pre-proposal deadline passed on September 15.

National Wildlife Refuge Friends Group Grant Program

<http://nfwf.org/programs/nwrgp.cfm>

“We are requesting proposals for projects that assist organizations to be effective co-stewards of our Nation’s important natural resources within the National Wildlife Refuge System.”

Non-NOAA or NFWF related Funding Opportunities:

Natural Resource Conservation Service Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/>

“By targeting wildlife habitat projects on all lands and aquatic areas, WHIP provides assistance to conservation minded landowners who are unable to meet the specific eligibility requirements of other USDA conservation programs.”

Trout Unlimited Embrace-a-Stream

<http://www.tu.org/site/pp.asp?c=7dJEKTNuFmG&b=277882>

“The goal of EAS is to conserve coldwater fisheries through innovative grassroots conservation projects. Successful projects are based on sound science, benefit the resource, strengthen the local TU chapter and council, and help build the constituency for protecting trout and salmon.”

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation State Wildlife Grants

<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/swg/>

“Currently, the federal fiscal year 2005 allocation for New York is \$2.94 million. Project applications are pending until the completion of the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (CWCS), which is scheduled to be released at the end of September 2005. Recommendations from the CWCS will determine which projects will be funded with 2005 monies.”

Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership www.cwrp.org