

Natural Resources and Recreation Funding Opportunities-Dec 2011

DUE	FUNDER	GRANT TITLE	PURPOSE	ELGIBILITY	AWARD AMOUNT	APPLICATION GUIDELINES
12/1/2012	Walmart Foundation	Walmart State Giving Program-- Environmental Sustainability Grants	Focus on production systems that sustain people and the environment by reducing waste, and promoting energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources.	501c3 organizations and states. See guidelines for exclusions.	>\$25,000	http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8169.aspx
12/1/2012	Walmart Store and Sam's Club Giving Program	Walmart Store and Sam's Club Facility Grant Giving Program	1) Education: Programs which re-engage students who have dropped out of high school, improve retention rates of first-generation college students and support teachers; 2) Health and Wellness: programs that provide cooking and meal planning classes for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) recipients; or healthy snacks for kids in summer programs, and support for doctors planning community health programs for underserved children; 3) Hunger Relief: support for soup kitchens, food pantries, backpack programs, and school breakfast programs.	Organizations with current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), (4), (6), or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code . Recognized government entities: State, County and City agencies, including law enforcement and fire departments. Volunteer Fire Departments with current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or that operate as an entity of a recognized government agency. K-12 Public Schools/Districts, Charter Schools, Community/Junior Colleges, State Colleges and Universities. Private schools and colleges with current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Churches and other faith based organizations with propose projects that address and benefit the needs of the community at large.	\$250-\$5,000.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Education: Allowable programs include those which re-engage students who have dropped out of high school, improve retention rates of first-generation college students and support teachers. •Health and Wellness: The foundation will fund programs that pro
7/15/2012	Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources	Snowmobile Trail Improvement Program	Maintenance of snowmobile trails as part of the designated statewide trail system. Funds can be used for: 1) seasonal grooming and general maintenance of snowmobile trails; 2) special maintenance projects that improve the condition and/or access to trails; and 3) replacement of equipment used for maintaining trails.	Local units of government and nonprofit, incorporated snowmobile clubs and organizations are eligible to apply for these grants. Individuals are not eligible.	Brushing based on mileage. 100% of equipment cost.	http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-58225_37985-125048--,00.html
6/15/2012	Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources and Environment	Recreation Improvement Fund Grants	To fund the operation, maintenance and development of recreation trails and restoration of lands damaged by off-road vehicles and inland lake cleanup.	State projects and State/local government partnership projects. A Department of Natural Resources (DNR) division/bureau must always be the applicant		

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5/1/2012	Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources	Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Law Enforcement Grants	Promote safety in the use of off-road vehicles (ORV) through law enforcement and education. Expenses applied to patrol time, operating costs and purchase of equipment necessary for law enforcement work are eligible for reimbursement, dependent on availability of State funding	Government agencies and nonprofit, incorporated clubs and organizations are eligible for these grant funds. Individuals are not eligible.	100% of cost	http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-58225_37985-124975--,00.html
4/30/2012	Ambrose Monell Foundation	Ambrose Monell Foundation Grant	The improvement of the physical, mental, and moral condition of humanity.	501(c)3 nonprofit organizations	\$25,000 to \$600,000.	http://www.monellv
4/30/2012	Patagonia	Patagonia Environmental Grant	Most interested in making grants to organizations working on protecting local habitat, that identify and work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. The funding focuses on organizations that build a strong base of citizen support.	Small, grassroots activist organizations with provocative direct-action agendas. 501(c)(3) status or a comparable fiscal sponsor.	\$3,000 to \$8,000.	http://www.patagonia.com/web/us/patagonia.go?slc=en_US&sct=US&assetid=2942
3/31/2012	USDA - Forest Service	Hazardous Fuels Woody Biomass Utilization Grant	Development of wood energy projects that require engineering services. These projects will use woody biomass, such as material removed from forest restoration activities, wildfire hazardous fuel treatments, insect and disease mitigation, forest management due to catastrophic weather events, and/or thinning overstocked stands. The woody biomass shall be used in a bioenergy facility that uses commercially proven technologies to produce thermal, electrical or liquid/ gaseous bioenergy.	State, county, local, tribal govts; public or private school districts; nonprofit or for profit organizations, small businesses	\$50,000-\$250,000	http://www07.grants.gov/search/announcement.do?sessionId=ySXnTNLGRnT25ZmbQPz3FfwJfnrLkScJ4H4sQj799VqhNQcbLwLl!1265931165
3/23/2012	Laura Jane Musser Fund	Environmental Initiative Program	The Musser Fund seeks to support programs: that work to manage resources (whether of ecological, economic or aesthetic values) where a broad range of community members and stakeholders are involved in both planning and implementation of the program	Nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organizations	unspecified	http://www.musserfund.org/index.asp?page_seq=19
3/18/2012	National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council	National Urban and Community Forestry Cost Share Grants	PRE-PROPOSAL DUE 12/01/11. Establish sustainable urban and community forests, by encouraging communities of all sizes to manage and protect their natural resources, which can, if well managed, improve the public's health, well-being, and economic vitality, and create resilient ecosystems for present and future generations.	State, county, local, & tribal govts; educational institutions; public housing authorities; nonprofit 501c3 organizations.	\$100,000-\$300,000	http://michigan.grantwatch.com/downloads/fy_2012_nucfac_rfp_instructions-2011.pdf

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1/17/2012	National Forest Foundation	National Forest Foundation Matching Awards Program	Direct on-the-ground and citizen-based monitoring projects benefiting America's National Forests and Grasslands. MAP funds can be used to support conservation and restoration projects benefiting wildlife habitat , recreation, watershed health, and community-based forestry.	Non-governmental, nonprofit 501©(3) organizations and Native American tribes working on or adjacent to National Forests and Grasslands throughout the United States.	\$500. to \$100,000.	http://nationalforest.s.org/conserves/grantprograms/ontheground/map
12/31/2011	Michigan Department of Natural Resources	Marine Safety Grants to Counties	The objective of the Marine Safety program is to promote safety in the use of recreational watercraft through enforcement and education	All county sheriff departments		http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-
12/30/2011	Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation	RBFF National Youth Fishing & Boating Initiative	Aquatic education programs that introduce children and their families to boating and fishing. A key requirement is for programs to introduce boating and fishing to minorities and underserved communities. Special consideration is given to programs that foster multi-generational participation, e.g., engaging seniors as mentors for youth.	Youth-focused boating, fishing, and conservation non profit organizations	<\$100,000.	http://www.rbff.org/page.cfm?pageID=376
12/15/2011	American Hiking Society	National Trails Fund	Help give local organizations the resources they need to secure access, volunteers, tools, and materials to protect America's cherished hiking trails.	501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All applicants are REQUIRED to be a member of American Hiking's Alliance of Hiking Organizations	\$500-\$5,000	http://www.americanhiking.org/uploadedFiles/Our_Work/N
12/15/2011	Temper of the Times Foundation	Advertising for the Environment	Provides funds to underwrite advertising designed to promote wildland ecosystem conservation and restoration in the U.S.	Nonprofit organizations classified as 501©(3) public charities	\$5,000 - \$15,000.	http://www.temperfund.org/guidelines.h
12/15/2011	Temper of the Times, Inc.	Wilderness & Conservation Marketing	Projects related to increasing awareness about wildland ecosystem conservation and restoration in the United States.	501(c)(3) public charities	\$5,000 to \$15,000	http://www.temperfund.org/guidelines.h
12/12/2011	U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act	Encourage cooperative conservation, restoration and management of the fish and wildlife resources and their habitats in the Great Lakes Basin.	States, Tribal govts, (local govts, non-profit organizations, universities, and conseravation organizations if sponsored by state or tribe)	\$2,300 to \$2,000,000 (avg. \$102,908)	http://www.fws.gov/midwest/Fisheries/gl_fwra-grants.html
	Americana Foundation	Americana Foundation	We focus on two program areas of protection, preservation and education: •American heritage expressed through its material culture •Natural resources and agriculture through land use and growth management	Non profit organizations 501c3. (Michigan organizations have priority)	\$500-15,000.	http://www.americanafoundation.org/guidelines.asp

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	Ben and Jerry's Foundation	Ben and Jerry's Foundation	Supports non-profit organizations across the country and in Vermont aligned with the Foundation's broad interests in social justice, environmental protection and sustainable food systems.	Non profit organizations (501(c)3). Organizations with budgets of \$500,000 or less	\$500-\$15,000/one year	http://benandjerrysfoundation.org/the-national-grassroots-grant-program.html
	Carls Foundation	Carls Foundation	Children's Welfare (primarily in Michigan) including: Health care facilities and programs, with special emphasis on the prevention and treatment of hearing impairment; Recreational, educational and welfare programs especially for children who are disadvantaged for economic and/or health reasons; and Preservation of natural areas, open space and historic buildings and areas having special natural beauty or significance in maintaining America's heritage and historic ideals, through assistance to land trusts and land conservancies and directly related environmental educational programs.	Non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.	>\$5,000	http://www.carlsfdn.org/
	Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	The Environment Program	Promotes models of development that protect the diversity of selected ecosystems in North America and around the world		inquire	http://www.mott.org/about/programs/e
	Consumers Energy Foundation	Consumers Energy Foundation	Innovative projects and activities creating measurable impact in five areas: Social Welfare, Michigan Growth and Environmental Enhancement, Education, Community and Civic, and Culture and the Arts.	Nonprofit organizations	<\$50,000	http://www.consumersenergy.com/content/foundation.aspx?id=171
	Google Foundation	Google Grants	Advertisement and publicity of non-profits. Selected applicants will be allowed to open a free advertising account and utilize the company's technology to gain more publicity. Support will be awarded to organizations that provide services in areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy, and the arts.	Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS	<\$10,000 per month	http://www.google.com/support/grants/bin/request.py?contact_type=contact_policy
	Great Lakes Fishery Trust	Fish Passage and Other Dam Management Project Grants	Not accepting 2011 applications	501(c)(3) designation from the IRS , as well as educational and governmental (including tribal organizations).		http://www.glift.org/grants/reference_do

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	Great Lakes Fishery Trust	Great Lakes Fishery Trust-Dam Management	Not accepting 2011 applications	Organizations that are eligible to apply for GLFT grants include nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS (or nongovernmental organizations that hold charitable status in their country), as well as educational and governmental (including tribal) organizations.		
	Herbert H. & Grace A. Dow Foundation	Hert H. & Grace A. Dow Foundation	Both in Midland and in Michigan, the trustees look for opportunities where a grant of seed money or a matching grant will stimulate broad public participation in an artistic, recreational, educational or cultural project so that the project can become self-sustaining. Projects that benefit youngsters or senior citizens are of special interest. If a program needs launching or requires changes, the Foundation may help. Requests for general support money for ongoing programs are more properly directed to other organizations of broad public benefit.	Non-profit organizations.	\$1,000-\$500,000	http://www.hhdowfoundation.org/guidelines.html
	Kresge Foundation	Kresge Foundation Grant	Facilities capital challenge grants are awarded to organizations that cater specifically to the needs of poor, disadvantaged and disenfranchised in six fields of interest: health, the environment, arts and culture, education, human services, and community development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •501(c)(3) organizations that are not classified as private foundations •Government entities •Religious organizations that are operated by or within religious institutions and serve secular needs, have space formally dedicated to their programs, and have financial and governing autonomy from the parent religious organization •Colleges and universities that are fully accredited associate, baccalaureate and/or graduate degree-granting institutions •Elementary and secondary schools that serve predominately students with physical and/or developmental disabilities •Hospitals that are accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations 		http://www.kresge.org/index.php/our_funding_methods/challenge_grant_application_process/
	Leelanau Township Community Foundation	Leelanau Township Community Foundation	Dedicated to improving the quality of life (arts and culture, education, environment,community development, economic development, social services,health and wellness and recreation for the residents of Leelanau Township, MI.	Nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and educational institutions	\$100 - \$10,000	http://www.leelanaufoundation.org/grantseeking.html

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Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation	Lowes Community Grants	Supports parks and playgrounds, environmental beautification, environmental education, community development	501(c) (3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations and public agencies in communities where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers.	\$5,000 to \$25,000	
M.E. Davenport Foundation	M.E. Davenport Foundation	Support quality of life programs in economics, education, and the environment	Non-profit organizations	Not stated.	http://www.medave
Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality	Brownfield Redevelopment Loans (BRL) and Revitalization Revolving Loans (RRL)	Designed to support the redevelopment of brownfield properties by providing low-interest loans to local units of government and other public bodies to investigate and remediate sites of known or suspected environmental contamination.	Any county, city, township, village, BRA, or other authority or public body created pursuant to state law may apply for a loan. Eligible activities include environmental investigations and assessments, interim response activities, and in some cases demolition. Response activities are eligible under the BRL funding but are not eligible for RRL funds. Only one project may be awarded to an applicant during any fiscal year.	<\$1,000,000	http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-essd-grantsloans-catalog_210643_7.pdf
Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality	State Revolving Fund / Strategic Water Quality Initiatives Fund (S2) Grants	To provide grants to communities for up to 90 percent of planning, design, and revenue system development costs for prospective State Revolving Fund (SRF) and Strategic Water Quality Initiatives Fund (SWQIF) applicants. The goal is to assist communities in completing an application for the SRF or SWQIF	Any city, village, township, county, or related authority as defined in Section 5301(h) of Part 53, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994.	<\$1,000,000	http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-essd-grantsloans-catalog_210643_7.pdf
Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality	Small Business Pollution Prevention Revolving Loans	Remove financing barriers for small businesses in Michigan by offering low-interest loans for projects that reduce waste, or conserve water or energy. The program provides an incentive for small businesses to initiate or expand on P2 activities in order to reduce waste, energy, and water usage and save money.	Any business that is independently owned and operated, is not dominant in its field, and employs 500 or fewer individuals. the applicant's lending institution must be willing to finance the project and participate with the DEQ in the loan.	<\$200,000	http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-essd-grantsloans-catalog_210643_7.pdf

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	Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources	Clean Vessel Act - Boat Pumpout Gran	To provide new or upgraded marine sewage disposal facilities, pumpouts and dump stations.	Grants are provided to both private and public boating facilities. Eligible projects primarily include dump stations, additional pumpouts at large boating facilities or those covered by a pumpout agreement, pumpouts for mooring facilities with a minimum of 15 slips, municipal sewage treatment system hookups and tap-in fees, and upgrading of older pumpout systems.	limited to the cost of a pumpout and holding tank/hookup	http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-58225_37985-125001--,00.html
	Milbank Foundation for Rehabilitation	Milbank Foundation for Rehabilitation Grant	Integrate people with disabilities into all aspects of American Life. Improving and expanding quality health services.	An organization must be located in the United States and tax-exempt under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.	\$5,000-\$30,000	http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker
	NOAA	Great Lakes Habitat Restoration	Uses NOAA expertise to address lakewide ecosystems problems such as persistent contaminants in sediment and the loss of high-quality fish and wildlife habitat.	501(C)3 Nonprofit organizations	\$1-1.5 million	
	Surdna Foundation	Green Economy	Creating good, green jobs by scaling up efforts to retrofit our nation's residential and commercial buildings; Growing green industry and revitalizing our manufacturing sector through policies and investments that drive the production of wind turbines, solar panels, and transit systems; and Fostering green jobs policies and training to create pathways out of poverty.	Non profit 501c3. Do not fund individuals, capital campaigns or building construction, or projects that are internationally based or focused.	unstated.	http://www.surdna.org/grants/how-to-apply.html
	Traverse City Light and Power	Community Investment Grant	The Community Investment Fund will not be awarding grants for the October 2011 or February 2012 granting periods. Please check back at a later date for updated information.	Non profit organizations	<\$60,000.	http://www.tclp.org/cif.pdf
	Traverse City Light and Power	Community Investment Fund	Community Development--Public infrastructure programs and other projects that provide a direct benefit to customers and people of the TC area. Programs and projects aimed at maintaining and improving the quality of natural resources, and supporting a sustainable environment in the TC AREA.	Non-profits	\$60,000	

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	U. S. Department of Commerce - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	Great Lakes Bay Watershed Education and Training Program	Supports existing environmental education programs, fosters the growth of new programs, and encourages the development of partnerships among environmental education programs throughout the Great Lakes watershed. Projects support organizations that provide students "meaningful" watershed educational experiences and teachers professional development opportunities in the area of environmental education, while helping to support regional education and environmental priorities in the Great Lakes.	K-12 public and independent schools and school systems, institutions of higher education, community-based and nonprofit organizations, state or local government agencies, interstate agencies, and Indian tribal governments.	\$25,000 - \$150,000	http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/opportunities/instructions/ppNOAA-NOS-NMS-2012-2003052-cfda11.429-cid2238110-instructions.pdf
	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program	Assistance to private landowners for restoring, enhancing, and managing fish and wildlife habitats on their own lands	private land owners		
	USDA-Forest Service	Forest Stewardship - Certified Plan Writing Grants	Provide an incentive for certified plan writers to reach out to non-industrial private forest landowners in writing Management Plans. These plans will provide silvicultural, hydrological, recreational and ecological information that will assist eligible landowners make informed choices for the long-term protection and management of the forest ecosystem on their property.	FSP certified plan writers. See guidelines for steps on becoming certified.	<\$2,000.	http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-58225_37985-125029--,00.html