

NATURAL RESOURCES RECREATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES-MARCH 2011

DUE	FUNDER	GRANT TITLE	PURPOSE	ELGIBILITY	AWARD AMOUNT	APPLICATION GUIDELINES
9/30/2011	U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service	National Fish Passage Program	Financial and technical assistance to remove or bypass artificial barriers that impede the movement of fish and contribute to their decline.		<\$900,000.	http://www.fws.gov/midwest/Fisheries/
8/25/2011	Great Lakes Fishery Trust	Access to the Great Lakes Fishery	Improve or create opportunities for shore-based access to fishing for Great Lakes species for use by tribal and/or recreational users.	nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation	unstated	http://www.glft.org/grants/reference_d
7/1/2011	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		
6/1/2011	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Acres for America	To provide funding for projects that conserve important habitat for fish, wildlife, and plants through acquisition of interest in real property. The goal of the Acres for America program is to offset the footprint of Walmart's domestic facilities on at least an acre by acre basis through these acquisitions.	Nonprofit organizations or government agencies	unstated.	http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Charter_Programs_List&Template=/TaggedPageDisplay/TaggedPageDispl
5/15/2011	MDNRE	Coastal Zone Management	1. Create and enhance coastal public access, 2. Protect, manage and/or restore coastal resources, habitats, and watersheds, 3. preserve and restore historic and cultural coastal structures, 4. redevelop urban waterfronts, brownfields, and ports, 5. protect coastal water quality and reduce nonpoint source pollution in coastal watersheds, 6. reduce the adverse impacts of coastal growth and development, and 7. implement the recommendations of the MI-Great Lakes Plan	Coastal units of govt, regional planning agencies, state agencies, univ. and school districts, tribal govts, non-profits	<\$50,000	http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ess-clm-FY10-RFP_264758_7.pdf
5/15/2011	Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources	Boating Infrastructure	To provide construction of recreational boating facilities.	local units of government, public universities		
5/2/2011	National Audubon Society	TogetherGreen	Provides support for creative and ambitious projects that engage diverse communities in finding innovative solutions to environmental challenges. Innovation Grants fund projects that conserve or restore habitat and protect species, improve water quality or quantity, and reduce the threat of global warming; engage new and diverse audiences in conservation actions; and inspire and use innovative approaches and technologies to engage people and achieve conservation results.	must constitute a branch, office, or other operational unit of the National Audubon Society (including national or state offices and field units such as Audubon centers and sanctuaries), or be an Audubon certified chapter or Audubon certified chapter-run center or sanctuary. Applicants must be 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charities and have a commitment from at least one non-Audubon partner organization to serve as a collaborator.	\$5,000 to \$80,000.	http://www.togethergreen.org/Projects/Grants.aspx

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4/15/2011	Great Lakes Commission	Great Lakes Basin Soil Erosion-Small Scale Program	To support unique and innovative demonstration projects to control erosion and reduce sedimentation	Conservation districts, county and municipal govts, regional planning commissions, colleges and universities, nonprofits, state agencies	\$10,000-\$30,000	http://www.glc.org/basin/funding.html
4/11/2011	The Joyce Foundation	The Joyce Foundation-Great Lakes Protection and Restoration	Reduce polluted, non-point source runoff from agricultural lands and urban/suburban/exurban lands; Protect and restore critical habitats such as wetlands through improved hydrology and other means. Critical habitats exist in developed, rural, and undeveloped landscapes, and projects will be evaluated based on their value for demonstrating successful restoration methods, protecting critical areas for wildlife and water quality, public attraction and accessibility, and political significance; Improve coastal health particularly through the increased use of green infrastructure and through new means of financing conventional infrastructure; Implement the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact.	Nonprofit organizations and government agencies.		http://www.joycefdn.org/content.cfm/programs-environment
4/11/2011	U. S. Environmental Protection Agency	Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	Planning, research, monitoring, outreach, and implementation in furtherance of the GLRI topics: toxic substances and areas of concern; invasive species; nearshore health and nonpoint source pollution; habitat and wildlife protection and restoration; accountability, education, monitoring, evaluation communication and partnerships.	State pollution control agencies, interstate agencies, tribes, colleges, universities, and other public or non-profit private agencies, institutions, and organizations.	\$200,000-\$2 million	http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/fund/2011fa01/2011fa01.pdf
4/9/2011	U. S. Dept. of Commerce-NOAA	National Ocean Service (NOS) Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program	Coastal and estuarine land conservation projectS. Land acquisition permissable.	Only coastal states and territories with Coastal Zone Management Programs or National Estuarine Research Reserves approved under the CZMA, and that have submitted a draft CELCP plan to NOAA on or before February 19, 2010, are eligible to participate in the FY 2011 CELCP competition.	\$105,000 to \$3,000,000	http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/land/media/CELCPfinal02Guidelines.pdf

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4/1/2011	BoatUS Foundation	Grassroots Grants Program	This program provides funding for local projects that educate boaters on boating safety and clean boating topics.	The Grassroots Grants Program is intended for small, local, volunteer-based groups and organizations. Applicants can include boating groups, clubs and associations, student groups as well as local nonprofit organizations, including local chapters of national organizations. Grants will not be awarded to government agencies, international organizations, for-profit businesses, or individuals.	<\$4,000.	http://www.boatus.com/foundation/Grants/faq.asp
4/1/2011	Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment MDNRE	Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund	It provides financial assistance to local governments and the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) to purchase land or rights in land for public recreation or protection of land because of its environmental importance or its scenic beauty. It also assists in the appropriate development of land for public outdoor recreation.	The state and counties, cities, townships, villages, school districts, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, or any authority composed of counties, cities, townships, villages or school districts, or any combination thereof, which authority is legally constituted to provide public recreation. Local units of government must have a DNRE-approved 5-year recreation plan on file with the Department prior to application.	\$15,000-\$500,000 for development. No cap on acquisition.	
4/1/2011	Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources and Environment MDNRE	Land and Water Conservation Fund	The objective is to provide grants to local units of government and to the state to develop land for outdoor recreation.	Any unit of government, including Native American tribes, school districts, or any combination of units in which authority is legally constituted to provide recreation. Local units of government, tribes, school districts, and local authorities must have a DNRE-approved community five-year recreation plan to be eligible.	\$30,000-\$100,000	
4/1/2011	Michigan Natural Re	Waterways Grant P	Recreation Development Projects			
4/1/2011	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Nature of Learning Grant Program	Community-based environmental education initiative that seeks to use National Wildlife Refuges as outdoor classrooms to promote a greater understanding of local conservation issues; encourage an interdisciplinary approach to learning that enhances student academic achievement; utilize field experiences and student-led stewardship projects to connect classroom lessons to real world issues; and create partnerships among local schools, community groups, natural resource professionals, and local businesses.	Academic institutions or nonprofit organizations, including "Friends" organizations, cooperative and interpretive associations, Audubon Chapters, youth organizations, community groups, etc., are eligible to apply for funding. The program must involve a partnership with a national wildlife refuge.	<\$10,000	http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=326400023

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4/1/2011	The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and NOAA	Community-based Restoration Matching Grants Program	Bring together interested groups, public, private, tribal and non-profit organizations to implement habitat restoration projects to benefit NOAA trust resources (anadromous, estuarine, and marine species and their habitats).	Preference will be given to projects at priority sites identified through Marine Ecoregional Assessments, and other TNC priority setting approaches at the state and territory level	\$25,000-\$85,000	http://www.habitat.noaa.gov/pdf/RFP%20TNC-NOAA%20CRP%20
3/31/2011	Freshwater Futures	Freshwater Futures Project Grants	Advocacy activities that strengthen the role of individuals and community groups working locally to protect and restore shorelines, inland lakes, rivers, wetlands and other aquatic habitats in the Great Lakes Basin	Nonprofits, must be a member of Freshwater Futures (focus on grassroots advocacy, orgs with very small budgets.	\$500-\$5,000	http://www.freshwaterfuture.org/userfiles/file/ProjectGrantRequestForPropo
3/31/2011	Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation	Suttons Bay Bingham Endowment Fund	Supports the community projects and programs benefiting nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and governmental entities, serving Suttons Bay Township, Bingham Township, and the Village of Suttons Bay.		avg \$500-\$1,000/	
3/25/2011	Michigan American Water -American Water Works Company, Inc.	2011 Environmental Grant Program	Offers funds for innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect the watersheds, surface water and/or groundwater supplies through partnerships.	Municipalities, local environmental groups, conservation districts and schools.	<\$10,000	http://pr.amwater.com/PressReleases/releasedetail.cfm?Re
3/23/2011	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
3/22/2011	Environmental Protection Agency	Community Action for a Renewed Environment Program	The CARE grant program works with applicants and recipients to help their communities form collaborative partnerships, develop an understanding of the many local sources of toxic pollutants and environmental risks, set priorities, and identify and carry out projects to reduce risks through collaborative action at the local level.	Nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, government agencies, tribal governments	\$75,000 to \$100,000	http://www.epa.gov/air/grants/rfp-epa-oar-io-11-o8.pdf
3/18/2011	Environmental Protection Agency	Environmental Protection Agency: Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants	Support for job training projects that develop wider skill sets that will improve the ability of graduates to secure full-time, sustainable employment in various aspects of hazardous and solid waste management and within the larger environmental cleanup and remediation field.	Applicants that received a Brownfields Job Government agencies, tribal governments, nonprofit organizations. Training Grant from EPA in Fiscal Year 2010 are not eligible to apply in Fiscal Year 2011.	<\$300,000.	http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-11-01.pdf
3/4/2011	USDA-Michigan State Office	2011 Michigan Conservation Innovation Grant	Stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies.	Local govts, gov agencies, tribal governments and tribal organizations, for profit organizations, and small businesses	<\$75,000	

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	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
	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-
	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©(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/
	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.		\$1,000-\$10,000	http://www.consumersenergy.com/content/foundation.aspx?id=171
	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.		
	Great Lakes Fishery Trust	Fish Passage and Other Dam Management	Not accepting 2011 applications	501(c)(3) designation from the IRS , as well as educational and governmental (including tribal organizations).		http://www.glft.org/grants/reference_d

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Hert 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.	Trustees tend to support organizations that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •have clearly stated objectives, strong and purposeful management and are publicly accountable •have needs which are in areas not normally funded by governmental or public financing •are not hesitant to explore, initiate, volunteer, or execute original ideas or concepts •are willing to collaborate with other persons or organizations to give synergy to achieve a common objective or goal •have purposes which tend to advance private enterprise and the preservation of a free, open and self-resourceful society 		http://www.bhdowfoundation.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/c_hallenge_grant_application_process/
Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation	Lowe's 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
Milbank Foundation for Rehabilitation	Milbank Foundation for Rehabilitation	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/grantmake

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	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 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	
	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		