



November 2016 – Upcoming Grant Opportunities

November 4: Wisconsin Coastal Management Grants: Approximately \$1,300,000 is available to enhance and restore coastal resources within the state's coastal zone--all counties adjacent to Lakes Superior and Michigan, with their 1,000 miles of shoreline. 2017-2018 WCMP Grants are available for: Coastal Wetland Protection and Habitat Restoration; Nonpoint Source Pollution Control; Coastal Resource and Community Planning; Great Lakes Education; Public Access and Community Planning <http://www.doa.state.wi.us/Divisions/Intergovernmental-Relations/Wisconsin-Coastal-Management/grant-program/>

December: Greater Milwaukee Foundation: Exact date for application for first quarter of 2016 not yet announced but will probably be in early December. Does *occasionally* fund proposals for the environment, specifically to “protect significant environmental assets and ensure they are available for public use and enjoyment,” but main emphasis is on grants for education, strengthening neighborhoods, increasing economic opportunities and promoting equity and inclusion. Apply quarterly with LOI (those accepted then do a full grant application). Eligible nonprofits must have board membership that’s at least 10 percent people of color. http://www.greatermilwaukeefoundation.org/grant_seekers/

December 10: DNR River Planning Grants: Qualified river management organizations and qualified nonprofit conservation organizations are eligible to apply. Grants are intended to provide assistance in the formation of river management organizations and provide support and guidance to local organizations that are interested in helping to manage and protect rivers, particularly where resources and organization capabilities may be limited. Among many eligible projects are organizational development projects which provide programs and materials to assist persons in forming a qualified river management organization or strengthen the capacity of an existing organization to protect or improve rivers and natural river ecosystems. Also education projects that increase the public awareness relating to protecting or improving the ways in which rivers are used, the quality of water in rivers, etc. Also assessment and plan development including review, evaluation or development of ordinances and other local regulations related to control of pollution sources, recreational use, or other human activities that may impact fish and wildlife habitat, natural beauty or other components of the riverine ecosystem. Maximum amount of grant funding is 75% of the total project costs, not to exceed \$10,000. <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/SurfaceWater/RiverGrantOverview.pdf>

Early February 2017: Joyce Foundation: will seek and support funding opportunities to protect and restore the Great Lakes by considering proposals at the local, state, regional, and national levels that address the following areas: Prevent the Introduction and Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species into and around the Great Lakes Basin; Reduce Polluted Runoff; Make the Great Lakes a Policy and Funding Priority; Building Public Will for Environmental Protection. Letters of inquiry should be submitted at least six to eight weeks prior to the proposal deadline for a given grant cycle, and the next deadline in April 12, 2017 <http://www.joycefdn.org/apply/guidelines/>

April 30: Lawrence Foundation: a private family foundation focused on making grants primarily for environmental, human services and other causes. Assets are currently about \$4 million. We currently receive over 1000 grant requests per year. As of our June 2016 cycle, we have received over 10,000 grant applications since the inception of our foundation and approved 525 of those applications for a total of \$4,578,593. Grants are awarded in June (April 30 application deadline) and December (November 1 application deadline). No geographic restriction, annual 990 federal tax shows grants went to more than 20 environmental groups. <http://www.thelawrencefoundation.org/grants/grant-guidelines/>

May 1: Fund for Wild Nature: Provides small grants for North American campaigns to save native species and wild ecosystems, with emphasis on actions designed to defend threatened wilderness and biological diversity. Funds advocacy, litigation, public policy work, development of citizen science, but not habitat restoration. Only funds groups with budgets of less than \$250,000 with grants of \$1,000 or smaller to \$3,000. Deadlines: May 1 and October 1. <http://www.fundwildnature.org/proposal-dates-a-guidelines/dates-a-guidelines.html>

OTHERS/NO DEADLINE:

Great Lakes Protection Fund: Created in 1989 by the governors of the Great Lakes states to help them protect and restore their shared natural resource. The Fund is the first private, permanent endowment created to benefit a specific ecosystem. Since inception, the fund has awarded more than \$75 million to support 265 projects to improve the health of the Great Lakes ecosystem. More than 1000 institutions and thousands of innovative individuals have participated in projects that test new ideas, take risks, and share what is learned. We do not have specific funding programs or formal deadlines. We are always open to discussing ideas and we can be nimble (e.g., funding vehicles, timeframes) when an opportunity presents itself. Think of us as an investor more than a charity. Many of the investments we make are called grants, but more closely resemble seed capital or angel investments. We will work with you to align your innovation with the funding instrument that will help your idea make a big difference. We will dedicate considerable time up front with you, prior to and during proposal development, to help hone your strategy and expand your collaborative team. <http://glpf.org/get-funding/>

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation: Its “Conservation of Freshwater Ecosystems” program area seeks to advance the conservation and restoration of freshwater ecosystems in North America, with “special emphasis on the country’s Great Lakes region.” Looks to support “a strong, effective and sustainable community of non-governmental organizations dedicated to the long-term conservation of freshwater ecosystems. We award grants to: Key organizations active in freshwater issues, particularly state-level groups, to build their organizational capacity and coordinate efforts; Intermediary organizations that help to build the capacity of and/or provide small grants to nonprofits and leaders working to conserve freshwater ecosystems; Regional and national organizations that seek to build the field of freshwater conservation by sharing lessons learned in the Great Lakes and other regions of interest to Mott. Grants average \$100,000 and range from \$15,000 to \$250,000. Applications are accepted year-round, but those received after September 1 and through December 31 will be considered only for the following calendar year. <http://www.mott.org/grantsandguidelines.aspx>

Brico Fund: “The importance of protecting the environment, with a focus on water quality and conservation, is a cornerstone of Brico Fund’s grant making. Our environment funding focuses on conservation of the natural environment of Wisconsin, and the safety and welfare for all citizens.” Organizations working on these issues will be considered for support: Improvement and protection of water quality and quantity; Reduction of disproportional impacts of pollution in disadvantaged communities; and climate change mitigation and adaptation. The application process is all online and there are no submission deadlines. Typically, an organization can request funding once in a 12-month period. <http://www.bricofund.org/index.php/overview/>

Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation Grants: Founded in 1992, the mission of the Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas is to promote environmental causes throughout the Americas in the broadest sense, which encompasses both the physical and social environments in which we live. Supports a wide range of projects in the following four categories: Biodiversity Conservation; Sustainable Development; Environmental Justice; Environmental Education. Has committed \$275,000 in support of bird habitat conservation since 1998. Proposals are accepted year-round; ideal timing for proposals is during the first quarter of the calendar year. <http://www.mitsubishicorp.com/us/en/csr/foundation.html>

Brico Fund: Funds environmental projects in two specific program areas: improving the water quality and quantity of Lake Michigan and surrounding waterways; and building a healthy, locally sourced food system in Southeastern Wisconsin. No submission deadline. Considers grants for the following: general operating; policy and advocacy, including community organizing; program expansion or improvement; project start up; technical assistance needs including planning, fundraising and management assistance; and strategies to strengthen organizational leadership. Typically, an organization can request funding once in a 12-month period. <http://www.bricofund.org/index.php/grantmaking/>

Cornell Douglas Foundation Grants: Provides grants to organizations that advocate for environmental health and justice, encourage stewardship of the environment, and further respect for sustainability of resources. The average grant amount is \$10,000. Areas of Interest: Environmental Health & Justice; Land Conservation; Sustainability of Resources; Mountaintop Mining Removal; Visionary Design; Watershed Protection. Its environmental focus includes Animals/Wildlife, Biodiversity, Conservation, Environmental Health, Environmental Justice, Habitats/Ecosystems, Plants, Pollution, Stormwater, Sustainability, Trees/Forests, Water, Watershed. <http://www.cornelldouglas.org/apply/>

Wells Fargo Clean Technology and Innovation Grants Program: Five categories eligible for funding include Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, Greener Buildings, Alternative Transportation, Sustainable Agriculture and also, Water Quality and Resources, which includes support for “environmental improvements taking place in urban areas such as waterway restoration, storm water management...cleaning up waterways and beach fronts, educational programs that help us understand where our water comes from...Engaging the public and communities about the health of their environment.” Now funds through an invitation-only process where Wells Fargo engages specific institutions whose work aligns with their giving criteria. To submit a topic for consideration, email a brief description (150 words or less) to: environmental.affairs@wellsfargo.com Funding is typically \$50k to \$200k per project. Only one-time grants to non-profits. <https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/csr/ea/environmental-giving>

Surdna Foundation: Focuses on urban areas and “sustainable environments” is one focus area. “Supports innovative stormwater run-off practices that capture and slowly release water into existing drains, pipes and sewers, or reuse rain water where it falls... instead of building expensive pipes and sewer tunnels.” Has given grants of \$50,000 to \$1 million. No deadline for letters of intent; will be reviewed in 90 days. <http://www.surdna.org/grants/grants-overview.html>

Antonia Foundation: Wisconsin Foundation, c/o Arnow & Associates, 7402 N. Seneca Road Fox Point, WI 53217, 964-4000. The Antonia Foundation was founded in 1991 by Annette Marra in Fox Point, Wisconsin, and is dedicated to wildlife conservation and the restoration of natural habitats. Board members include Annette Marra, John M. Marra, Frederic G. Friedman, F. Michael Arnow. Preference is given to innovative projects that offer solutions to problems or special opportunities. Gave \$184,000 in grants in 2013 (most recent 990), ranging from \$1,000 to \$30,000, and has given to Riveredge Nature Center, International Crane Foundation, Urban Ecology Center, Mequon Nature Preserve, Ice Age Trail Alliance.

Coles Family Foundation c/o Peter Coles. 39 North Central Ave., Campbell, CA, 95008. Coles is a former Milwaukeean whose late mother Marcia had “a passion for preserving natural spaces” and was very involved in Lake Park. Foundation has assets of \$1.1 million and gave \$59,000 in grants in 2011 and 2012 (last years reported), mostly to WI groups, typically grants of about \$2,000 (except for Lake Park Friends, \$20,000 in 2012). Past grants have gone to Riveredge Nature Ctr, Northwoods Land Trust in Eagle River, Intl Crane Fnd, The Nature Conservancy in Madison, Trout Unlimited, Three Eagle Trail Foundation in Three Lakes. All grants were for “operations” of organizations. Peter and his brother David are trustees. Story about Marcia Coles here: <http://archive.jsonline.com/news/obituaries/29561609.html>

James E Dutton Foundation: Based in Merrill, WI. Since its inception in 2005, has awarded dozens of grants to conservation organizations, including support for wetland restoration, rain gardens, invasive

species removal, various environmental education projects, etc. Federal 990 form shows it gave out \$184,000 in 2013, grants of up to \$20,000 that year. <http://www.jameseduttonfoundation.org/grants/>

Freshwater Future: "The only watershed-wide organization dedicated solely to supporting the needs of community-based groups... working to protect and restore Great Lakes land and water resources." Grants with no deadline include the Special Opportunity Grants (Emergency Grant of \$500 or less for aquatic habitat protection efforts) and the Insight Services Grant Program (\$500 to \$3000 to build capacity of grassroots organizations). <http://freshwaterfuture.org/grants/>

GRANT PROGRAM CANCELLED:

Wisconsin Environmental Education Board: "The 2015-2017 Wisconsin Biennial Budget eliminates the WEEB effective June 30, 2017. Another WEEB grant cycle is not anticipated." <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/weeb/Grant-Program/schoolForest/Pages/default.aspx>