



January 2019 – Funding Opportunities

January 15: Captain Planet: Maximum grant \$2,500: Grants of \$500-\$2500. Provides grants to non-profits, schools, and community-based environmental and educational organizations. Donates to projects that serve as a catalyst to getting environment-based education in schools, and/or inspire youth and communities to participate in environmental stewardship activities (including those to monitor, restore & maintain rivers and streams). Ideal projects incorporate both environmental education and opportunities for children to help care for the environment. Preferential consideration to requests for funding of \$500 or less and more than 1-to-1 match.
<https://captainplanetfoundation.org/grants/>

January 31: 2018: NFWF Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program: The NFWF, along with the National Association of Counties and the Wildlife Habitat Council, in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, USDA Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, FedEx, Southern Company, Bank of America and PG&E, support this grant program. \$2 million in funding available. Awards range from \$20,000 to \$50,000 with an average size of \$30,000 and 40-50 grants awarded per year. The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration grant program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support. Projects include a variety of ecological improvements along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship. Ecological improvements may include one or more of the following: wetland, riparian, forest and coastal habitat restoration; wildlife conservation, community tree canopy enhancement, water quality monitoring and storm-water management. Projects should also increase access to the benefits of nature, reduce the impact of environmental hazards and engage local communities, particularly underserved communities, in project planning, outreach and implementation. This program expects that applicants will represent a mixture of urban and rural communities. NFWF may use a mix of public and private funding sources to support any grant made through this program. Projects that exceed the minimum 1:1 matching ratio will be more competitive. Geographic focus is nation-wide.
<https://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/2019rfp.aspx>

February 1: DNR Lake Protection Grants-Wetland and Shoreline Habitat Restoration:Wetland and shoreland habitat restoration grants are intended to provide financial assistance to protect or improve the water quality or natural ecosystem of a lake by restoring adjacent degraded wetlands or tributary to lakes. Shoreline habitat restoration grants are intended to provide financial assistance, including incentive payments, to owners of developed lake front lots to re-establish riparian habitat. Maximum amount of grant funding is 75% of the total project costs, not to exceed \$100,000
<https://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/SurfaceWater/LakeProtectionGrantOverview.pdf>

February 1: DNR River Protection-River Management Grants: Cost-sharing to eligible applicants in the implementation of management activities that will help protect or improve streams, rivers, and riverine ecosystems. Eligible Projects: Development of local regulations or ordinances that will protect or improve the water quality of a river or its natural ecosystem; installation of practices to control nonpoint sources of pollution; river restoration projects including dam removal, restoration of in-stream or shoreland habitat; an activity that is approved by the DNR and that is needed to implement a recommendation made as a result of a river plan to protect or improve the water quality of a river or its natural ecosystem; education, planning and design activities necessary for the implementation of a

management project. Maximum amount of grant funding is 75% of the total project costs, not to exceed \$50,000. <https://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/SurfaceWater/RiverGrantOverview.pdf>

February 12: Sustain Our Great Lakes: *Note: the deadline for the pre-proposal has changed from last year's date of February 18th to February 12th.* There will be a webinar on Wednesday, January 16th at 10:00 am CST. Projects may fall into four categories: 1) Restoring and Enhancing Stream and Riparian Habitat; 2) Restoring and Enhancing Coastal Habitat, 3) Expanding Green Stormwater Infrastructure in Great Lakes Communities, or 4) Maintaining and Enhancing Benefits of Habitat Restoration through Invasive Species Control (new in 2019!). Grants awarded during 2018 ranged from \$100,000 \$1 million. <http://www.sustainourgreatlakes.org/apply/>

February 22: North American Wetlands Conservation Act Standard Grants: This past year's deadline for Standard Grants was on Feb 23. Past grants have funded partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife, to provide long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats. <http://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act/how-to-apply-for-a-nawca-grant.php>

February 23: GLFT Habitat Protection and Restoration: Targeted Land and Capital Efforts: This is one of two RFPs by the Great Lakes Fishery Trust that will be used for the disbursement of up to \$400,000. This one emphasizes on-the-ground, tangible projects to protect or restore habitat. Supported efforts may include: Protection, enhancement, and/or restoration of valuable Great Lakes fisheries habitat that supports the rehabilitation of lake trout, lake sturgeon, or other important Great Lakes fish populations; Restoration of Great Lakes wetlands; Removal of dams or barriers to restore fish passage; Targeted evaluations of the effectiveness of new or experimental approaches in habitat restoration and fish passage; Targeted acquisition of land or easements to protect essential habitat. Priority will be given to projects focusing on Lake Michigan. The other the two grant programs, with same deadline, is the Habitat Protection and Restoration: Habitat Information Initiative, which funds projects that help to build toward a common classification framework for Great Lakes fisheries habitats, supported by appropriate geographic information system tools, and to encourage use of this system throughout the basin. <https://www.glft.org/grants/apply-now>

April 30: Lawrence Foundation: Private family foundation focused on making grants primarily for environmental, human services and other causes. Assets are currently about \$4 million. 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. <https://thelawrencefoundation.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

OTHERS/NO DEADLINE:

Freshwater Futures “Healing Our Waters” grants:

Freshwater Future implements the Great Lakes-Healing Our Water Coalition (HOW) grant making program to provide support to groups working toward aquatic restoration efforts in the Great Lakes region. The goal of the program is to provide capacity to groups for their efforts to secure larger-scale federal funding for their overall restoration projects such as the clean-up of sewage and toxic sediments, restoration of damaged habitat, protection of high quality habitat, and control and prevention of invasive species. You must become a member, must have less than \$200,000 budget or be working on smaller advocacy projects. In 2018 offers grants (with no deadline, but grants given on first come, first served basis) for restoring health of Great Lakes ecosystem: **Federal Project Support Grants Program** provides financial support that will aid in the development and implementation of the

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and other federal proposals or projects with awards up to \$15,000. The period for awards granted is typically, 6 months. <http://freshwaterfuture.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/2017-RFP-HealingOurWaters-1-1.pdf>

RBC Blue Water Project Grants: Launched in 2007, the Royal Bank of Canada's Blue Water Project is a 10-year global charitable commitment of \$50 million to help provide access to drinkable, swimmable, fishable water. Community action grants range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and are awarded to local or community-based organizations. The project focuses on supporting initiatives that help protect and preserve water in towns, cities and urbanized areas with populations of more than 10,000 people that focus on: (1) Improved control and management of urban storm or rain water; (2) Efficient and innovative use (or capture and reuse) of water; (3) Protection and restoration of urban waterways; (4) Improved urban water quality. The application period for 2018 Community Action Grants is now open and no deadline is specified. <http://www.rbc.com/community-sustainability/environment/rbc-blue-water/index.html>

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/>

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>

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, Storm-water, 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 storm-water 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 \$231,475 in grants in 2015 (most recent 990), ranging from \$1,000 to \$47,000, and has given to Riveredge Nature Center, International Crane Foundation, Urban Ecology Center, Mequon Nature Preserve, Friends of Schlitz Audubon.

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 \$116,000 in 2015, grants of up to \$25,000 that year.
<http://www.jameseduttonfoundation.org/grants/>

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program: A voluntary, incentive-based program that provides technical and financial assistance to coastal communities and landowners to restore and protect fish and wildlife habitat on public and private lands. Not a conventional grants program, does not solicit projects through a request for proposals. Instead, projects are developed strategically, in coordination with partners, and with substantial involvement from Service field biologists. A “cooperator” (private or public landowner) works one-on-one with a local service biologist to develop a plan, and cooperative agreement for minimum of ten years is signed.
<http://www.fws.gov/coastal/faq.html>

Graham-Martin Foundation: Based in Evansville, WI. Website offers little info including deadline), but foundation does provide matching grants for rain gardens and native plants. Federal 990 shows its annual budget about 27, 000. Has given grants to MMSD, Pheasants Forever, Madison Audubon Society. 608.226.2553 <http://www.grahammartin.org/index.html>