



September 2019 – Upcoming Grant Opportunities

September 1: Charles Stewart Mott Foundation: Its “Addressing the Freshwater Challenge” program area seeks to strengthen the environmental community and inform the development of water quality and water quantity policies in the Great Lakes Basin. 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>

September 1: The C.D. Besadny Conservation Grant Program: Program by Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin provides grants of \$100 to \$1,000 to organizations working on natural resource projects and programs at a small-scale, local level. Must be matched 100% through cash or in-kind. Applicants must be a private or public organization or a government agency and use funds for a small-scale (i.e. total budget of \$10,000 or less) natural resource project or program which: benefits the public; or involves management and restoration of Wisconsin’s natural resources; and /or contributes to knowledge about Wisconsin’s natural resources through education. To-date, the program has awarded nearly \$450,000 to organizations in every county in the state of Wisconsin. You may not have received a Besadny grant for the same project or program in the past three years. <https://www.wisconservation.org/grants/cd-besadny-conservation-grants/>

October 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, and similar endeavors. Doesn’t fund habitat restoration. Only funds groups with budgets of less than \$250,000 with grants of \$1,000 or smaller to \$3,000. Deadlines are May 1 and October 1. <http://fundwildnature.org/proposal-dates-guidelines/>

October 17th: North American Wetlands Conservation Act U.S. Small Grants: Overseen by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects furthering the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds. From September 1996 through March 2014, some 1,440 partners in 665 projects have received more than \$37.2 million in grants. They have contributed another \$144.3 million in matching funds to affect 300,000 acres of habitat in 50 states. Grants require 1-to-1 match. Grant requests may not exceed \$100,000. We strongly recommend that early in the proposal development process you contact the coordinator of the Joint Venture region in which your project is located. <http://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act/how-to-apply-for-a-nawca-grant.php>

October 31: Dorothy Inbusch Foundation: 111 E. Kilbourn Ave. Suite 1400 Milw 53202, Ph 225-1404. \$3 million in assets. Most recent (2015) 990 shows it gave \$142,700 in grants of \$1,000 to \$8,000, mostly to Milwaukee groups, including environmental/conservation groups:

Groundwork Milwaukee, Schlitz Audubon Center, River Revitalization Fnd, Mequon Nature Reserve, Urban Ecology Center, Ice Age Trail Alliance, Oz-Wash Land Trust and in the past has given to Gathering Waters Conservancy and Boerner Botanical Gardens. Grants limited to a maximum of \$15,000 for three consecutive years. No required application format; accepts the Donors Forum of Wisconsin Common Application Form.

November 1: Wisconsin Coastal Management Grants: Approximately \$1,500,000 is available through the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program 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. 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 historic preservation projects. Grant projects totaling \$60,000 or less require a 50% match. Projects with a total budget larger than \$60,000 require a 60% match. Applicants requesting more than \$100,000 should contact the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program to discuss their proposal. Date should be announced in August. <https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/LocalGovtsGrants/CoastalGrants.aspx>

November 1: Fund for Lake Michigan: If you would like to be considered for funding at the December board meeting, submit a preproposal on or before November 1st. They estimate a grant request will take two to five months to process from pre-proposal to when they would issue a grant contract. There is still a two-step grant making process. All grant materials, including pre-proposals, submitted electronically through Foundant. Awards between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 in grants each quarter. Applicants may submit more than one pre-proposal during the year. Priority to on-the-ground projects that have near-term, direct and quantifiable impacts on water quality in the Lake Michigan watershed. These projects include protecting critical natural habitats, reducing polluted runoff and generally making water resources more swimmable, fishable and drinkable. Also supports water quality monitoring and planning that informs and leads to on-the-ground restoration and water-quality improvement projects. Priority also given to Projects in Southeastern Wisconsin. <https://fundforlakemichigan.org/online-application/>

December 4: 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 from Cities and Farms; Make the Great Lakes a Policy and Funding Priority; and Building Public Will for Environmental Protection. Federal 990 for 2015 shows it gave environmental grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$500,000 totaling in \$8.6 million (just environmental causes). <http://www.joycefdn.org/apply>

OTHERS/NO DEADLINE:

Fund for Lake Michigan: In 2019 the Fund will accept pre-proposals on a rolling basis throughout the year, with quarterly board meetings to decide which projects to choose in March, June, September, and December. Submit pre-proposals to the Fund on a time-frame that works best for you. They estimate a grant request will take two to five months to process from pre-proposal to when they would issue a grant contract. There is still a two-step grant making process. All grant materials, including pre-proposals, submitted electronically through Foundant. Awards between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 in grants each quarter. Applicants may submit more than one pre-proposal during the year. Priority to on-the-ground projects that have near-term,

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Freshwater Futures 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 2019 offers grants (with no deadline). **Special Opportunity Grants** are for grassroots projects that impact a Great Lakes Watershed. These grants can be used to fund up to \$750 USD of a project. Special Opportunity Grant (SOG) requests are processed differently than traditional grants to help ensure a quick turnaround. **Great Lakes Network Grants** are grants of up to \$1,000 to support work that is required to achieve an important Great Lakes policy goal. Examples include hiring a consultant to draft a response to a government policy proposal, supporting an awareness campaign in the lead up to an important decision, or hiring an expert to clarify technical information. Applicants must be a member of the Great Lakes Network. <https://freshwaterfuture.org/members-login-page/members/online-grant-application/>

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: The Sustainable Environments “program seeks to support communities of color and low-wealth communities to direct infrastructure and land use investment dollars, drive decision-making processes and design policy solutions because those who are disproportionately impacted by environmental and climate inequity have the most powerful solutions to resolve these inequities”. Has given grants of \$50,000 to \$1 million. No deadline for letters of intent; will be reviewed in 90 days. <https://surdna.org/prospective-grantees/>

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 \$239,635 in grants in 2018 (most recent 990), ranging from \$2,500 to \$47,000, and has given to Riveredge Nature Center, International Crane Foundation, Urban Ecology Center, Mequon Nature Preserve.

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 (most recent), grants of up to \$25,000 that year. Accept proposals on a rolling basis, June 12th, October 9th for 2019.
<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) also does not appear to be up now, but foundation does provide matching grants for rain gardens and native plants. Federal 990 from 2016 shows its annual about 46,000. Has given grants to MMSD, Pheasants Forever, Madison Audubon Society. 608.226.2553
<http://www.grahammartin.org/index.html>

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