

# Grants and potential funding sources

- 1. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) - Bring Back the Natives.** NFWF seeks projects that initiate partnerships with private landowners; demonstrate collaborative efforts; and address watershed health issues that lead to restoring native aquatic species habitats and their migration corridors. [www.nfwf.org](http://www.nfwf.org)
- 2. NFWF - Native Plant Conservation Initiative.** [www.nfwf.org](http://www.nfwf.org)
- 3. NFWF - Pulling Together Initiative.** [www.nfwf.org](http://www.nfwf.org)
- 4. United States Department of Agricultural (USDA) - Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) - A** voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat, primarily on private land. Shares cost of wildlife habitat improvement (up to 75%) on the agricultural lands of private landowners and tribes. Contact: Albert Cerna (202) 720-9358 (albert.cerna@wdc.usda.gov). [www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip)
- 5. USDA Forest Service (FS) - Cooperative Forest Health Management Program.** Funds weed management activities on state and private forested lands. Rob Mangold (703) 605-5340 (rmangold@fs.fed.us). [www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/docs/toolkit/usdagrants2007.pdf](http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/docs/toolkit/usdagrants2007.pdf)
- 6. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) - Environmental Quality Improvement Program (EQIP).** EQIP provides a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers promoting agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. This program offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants in installing or implementing structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land. EQIP may share up to 75% of the costs of certain conservation practices. EQIP Specialist, 202-720-1834. John Dondero, National EQIP Manager (202) 720-3524 (john.dondero@wdc.usda.gov). [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov)
- 7. USDA NRCS - Conservation on Private Lands Program.** This grant program funds conservation and enhancement of wildlife and natural resources on private lands. A 50% match in funds is required. Jody Olson, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (202) 857-0166 x555 (Jody.Olson@nfwf.org) [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov)
- 8. USDA NRCS - Funding for the Management and Control of Invasive Species Affecting Grazing Lands.** NRCS provides funds to manage the spread of invasive species affecting grazing land. Proposals that address invasive species on western range (grazing) lands are given a priority. Forty grants per year ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000 are awarded to private landowners. [www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/glci](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/glci)
- 9. USDA NRCS - Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA).** CTA provides technical assistance to participants in USDA cost-share and conservation incentive programs. Assistance is funded on a reimbursable basis from the Commodity Credit Corporation for planning and implementing conservation practices that address natural resource issues. Funds are available to private landowners, federal, state, and local agencies. Deb Sherman, National Program Manager (202) 690-5988 (deb.sherman@wy.usda.gov). Eligible participants should contact their local USDA NRCS office to request assistance. [www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cta](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cta)
- 10. USDA NRCS - Wetlands Reserve Program.** A voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore and enhance wetlands on their property. The goal is to achieve the greatest wetland functions and values, along with optimum wildlife habitat, on every acre enrolled in the program. Leslie Deavers (202) 720-1067 (Leslie.Deavers@wdc.usda.gov). [www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov)

**11. USDA NRCS - Conservation Innovation Grants.** CIG is a voluntary program intended to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural production. CIG enables NRCS to work with other public and private entities to accelerate technology transfer and adoption of promising technologies and approaches to address some of the nation's most pressing natural resource concerns. Tessa Chadwick, Natural Resources Specialist (202) 720-2335 (cig@usda.gov or tessa.chadwick@wdc.usda.gov)

**12. US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) - Private Stewardship Grants.** Private Stewardship Grants supplies financial assistance for on-the-ground conservation projects on private lands to benefit at-risk species. This program was not developed to address invasive species issues; however projects that benefit at-risk species through invasive species control may be eligible. 10% non-federal match is required for a median grant of \$8,000 for groups working on private lands.

**13. National Park Service (NPS) - Challenge Cost Share.** Works to increase the participation of neighboring communities and qualified partners in preserving and improving the cultural, natural and recreational resources for which the Service is responsible. In 2003, \$5.0 million in each bureau challenge cost-share program was targeted specifically at resource restoration and habitat enhancement. A typical award is \$7,000 to \$21,000, and a 1:1 non-federal match is required for public, private, and tribal interests.  
[www.nps.gov/nrcr/programs/ccsp](http://www.nps.gov/nrcr/programs/ccsp)

**14. United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) - Partners for Fish and Wildlife.** A voluntary habitat restoration program that provides financial assistance and restoration expertise to private landowners, tribes and other conservation partners who desire to improve the condition of fish and wildlife habitat on their land. Projects must be on refuge land, or in an area that directly benefits FWS lands. A 1:1 cost match is required.  
[ecos.fws.gov/partners/viewContent.do?viewPage=home](http://ecos.fws.gov/partners/viewContent.do?viewPage=home)

**15. American Forests.** The Global ReLeaf Forests ecosystem restoration program funds quality tree-planting projects. Prefers to partner with private and public sector organizations and agencies to plant trees and improve the environment in projects that would otherwise not be feasible. Must be greater than 20 acres. This grant works on government lands and private lands that are accessible to the public and could be an appropriate re-vegetation funding source. Funding cycles are in January and July. [www.americanforests.org](http://www.americanforests.org)

**16. Wildlife Habitat Policy Research Program.** The Wildlife Habitat Policy Research Program's mission is to develop and disseminate new information and tools to accelerate the conservation of wildlife habitat in the US. This grant works towards developing the knowledge and tools relevant to conserving terrestrial and aquatic wildlife habitat, including both public and privately owned property. Typically awards between \$50,000 and \$190,000. [www.whprp.org](http://www.whprp.org)

**17. Lindbergh Foundation.** Over the last 29 years, the Lindbergh Foundation has endeavored to honor the Lindberghs' legacy by funding innovative projects that foster the environment and keep the planet in balance. These projects should demonstrate balance between technological advancements and environmental preservation. Each year, the Lindbergh Foundation awards grants in amounts up to \$10,580 each (the cost of building the Spirit of St. Louis in 1927). Over the years, Lindbergh Grants have become increasingly well known, supporting innovative ideas often at an early stage in their development and establishing pilot projects that subsequently receive significant additional funding from other sources. You are invited to visit our web site at [www.lindberghfoundation.org](http://www.lindberghfoundation.org) to learn more about our mission and programs.  
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**18. Patagonia Grant.** Patagonia funds only environmental work. We are most interested in making grants to organizations that identify and work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a

commitment to long-term change. Because we believe that true change will occur only through a strong grassroots movement, our funding focuses on organizations that build a strong base of citizen support. We support small, grassroots activist organizations with provocative direct-action agendas, working on multi-pronged campaigns to preserve and protect our environment. We help local groups working to protect local habitat, and think the individual battles to protect a specific stand of forest, stretch of river or indigenous wild species are the most effective in raising more complicated issues - particularly those of biodiversity and ecosystem protection - in the public mind. We look for innovative groups that produce measurable results, and we like to support efforts that force the government to abide by its own - our own - laws. Your efforts should be quantifiable, with specific goals, objectives and action plans, and should include measures for evaluating success. Because we're a privately held company, we have the freedom to fund groups off the beaten track, and that's where we believe our small grants are most effective. Most grants are in the range of \$3,000 to \$8,000.

[www.patagonia.com/usa/patagonia](http://www.patagonia.com/usa/patagonia)

**19. Healthy Forests Reserve Program.** The Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP) is a voluntary program established for the purpose of restoring and enhancing forest ecosystems to: 1) promote the recovery of threatened and endangered species, 2) improve biodiversity; and 3) enhance carbon sequestration. The HFRP was signed into law as part of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003. The program is authorized to be carried out from 2004 through 2008. For more information about HFRP, contact your local USDA Service Center, listed in the telephone book under U.S. Department of Agriculture, or your local conservation district.

[www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs)

**20. United States Department of Agricultural (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).** Brook Smart, Soil Conservationist, 629 Calef Highway, Knightly Plaza Suite 203; Epping, NH 03042. (603) 679-1587 ext. 110. (603) 679-4658 (fax)