



## Subject Specific Grant Guide

# Grants to Support Habitat Conservation & Restoration

This guide identifies potential funding opportunities to support habitat conservation and restoration efforts. The grants chosen for inclusion in this guide are opportunities that are typically reoccurring. Past funding opportunities that seemed relevant but presented no indication of being funded in the future were not included.

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## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Interior  
**Agency:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

# FY 2018 Coastal Program

### Grant Overview

The Coastal Program is one of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's most effective resources for restoring and protecting fish and wildlife habitat on public and privately owned-lands. The program's mission is to provide technical and financial assistance in collaboration with partners, for the benefit of federal trust species.

### Program History

	# of Awards	# of Partners
2015	266	455
2014	280	600
2013	290	534

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$13 million

**Award Range:** up to \$100,000

**Match:** Recommended

**Solicitation date:** October 31, 2017

**Proposal due:** September 30, 2018

- Prior to submitting applications, applicants are requested to contact the appropriate regional program office
- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until the application deadline

<https://www.fws.gov/coastal/>



### Awardee Profile

Valley Adventist Church School  
 Ventura County, CA

**AMOUNT:** \$5,624

**YEAR:** 2015

The "Schoolyard Habitat Program" connects kids with nature by helping schools to create native wildlife habitat and sustainable outdoor classrooms. The program provides technical and financial assistance to administrators, teachers, and students to create effective schoolyard habitat projects.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Interior

**Agency:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

## FY18 Coastal Program

### Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to encourage the restoration and protection of fish and wildlife habitat on public and private lands by providing technical and financial assistance to coastal communities and landowners. Projects must advance the mission of the funding agency and be based upon sound scientific biological principles. Projects are developed collaboratively with partners and with substantial involvement from the funding agency's field staff. Priority will be given to conservation activities and projects that:

- Restore and build trust with local communities
- Strike a regulatory balance by seeking to downlist, delist, and avoid species from becoming listed on the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA)
- Modernize fish passage infrastructure to allow safe travel by aquatic resources while also allowing for structural stability by designing units to reduce flooding
- Ensure the sovereignty of tribal operations
- Provide wildlife benefits that support recreational hunting and fishing use by the public
- Are on private lands near National Wildlife Refuge lands
- Expand priority habitats, reduce habitat fragmentation, establish conservation buffers, and provide wildlife movement corridors
- Help communities cope with the growing threats to coastal ecosystems from habitat degradation and changing environmental conditions
- Meet region-specific priorities

### Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include: federal, state, interstate, and intrastate agencies; local and tribal governments; public nonprofit organizations such as conservation organizations, watershed councils, land trusts, academic institutions; U.S. territories and possessions; and private landowners.

### Funding

In FY18, a total of \$13 million is available through this program to support cooperative agreements that, in general, are under \$100,000. In general project periods are one year, but may extend to a maximum of five years. Matching funds are not required for this program; however the funding agency strives to achieve a one-to-one cost share on selected projects via cash or in-kind contributions.

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Applicants should contact their local [Coastal Program office](#) for more information.

<https://www.fws.gov/coastal/>

## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Interior

**Agency:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services

# FY 2018 Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF)

### Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide support for a wide array of voluntary conservation projects benefitting species that are candidates for, are listed on, or have recently been removed from the endangered species list. All projects will take place on nonfederal lands, and applicants will work with landowners, communities, and tribes to implement project activities.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2016	\$44.8 million	41
2015	\$37 million	44

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$12 million

**Award Range:** \$75,000 - \$1 million

**Match:** 25%

**Solicitation Date:** July 12, 2018

**Proposal due:** August 10, 2018

- Four grant programs are available through CESCF; they include the “Traditional” Conservation Grants and the Nontraditional Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Land Acquisition, Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance and Recovery Land Acquisition (RLA) Grants.

<https://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/>



### Awardee Profile

Flathead County, MT

**AMOUNT:** \$2 million

**YEAR:** 2016

The “Whitefish Lake Watershed Project” in Flathead County will create a conservation easement on a Plum Creek property which will help to ensure vital habitat linkage: for bull trout, grizzly bear, and other federally listed species.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Interior

**Agency:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services

# FY18 Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF)

## Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide support for a wide array of voluntary conservation projects benefiting species that are candidates for, are listed on, or have recently been removed from the endangered species list. All projects will take place on nonfederal lands, and applicants will work with landowners, communities, and tribes to implement project activities. Funding is available through the following components:

- Part A: Nontraditional Programs: Recovery Land Acquisition Grants: The purpose of the Nontraditional Programs: Recovery Land Acquisition Grants component is to support the acquisition of habitats essential to the recovery of listed species before they are developed or other land use changes impair or destroy key habitat issues. All acquired habitats must be set aside in perpetuity for conservation. All projects must contribute to the implementation of an approved final or draft recovery plan for at least one listed species, excluding those subject to the exemptions detailed on page 9 of the NOFA file. When a recovery plan exists, all land acquisition must be consistent with the plan. Priority consideration will be given with regard to project readiness and conservation in the context of climate change.
- Part B: Nontraditional Programs: Habitat Conservation Planning (HCP) Assistance Grants: The purpose of the Nontraditional Programs: Habitat Conservation Planning (HCP) Assistance Grants component is to address the planning and development of Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) to incorporate species conservation into local land use planning. Projects will streamline the approval process and facilitate economic development. Funding may be used for document preparation, outreach, baseline surveys, and inventories. Priority consideration will be given with regard to project readiness and conservation in the context of climate change.
- Part C: Nontraditional Programs: Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Land Acquisition Grants: The purpose of the Nontraditional Programs: Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Land Acquisition Grants component is to reduce conflicts between conservation of listed species and land uses on specific land parcels. Support projects involve land acquisitions, both in fee simple and conservation easements that are associated with approved HCPs. Component objectives are to fund land acquisitions that:
  - Complement, but do not replace, federal mitigation responsibilities contained in HCPs
  - Have important benefits for listed and candidate species
  - Have important benefits for ecosystems that supported listed and candidate species

This component supports acquisition of both single-species and multiple-species HCPs. Priority consideration will be given with regard to project readiness and conservation in the context of climate change.

- Part D: Traditional Conservation Grants: The purpose of the Traditional Conservation Grants component to support projects that have direct conservation benefits for federally listed species, candidate species, and recently delisted species. Award recipients may conduct work on federally listed resident species that are part of the state's cooperative agreement with the funding agency. Projects may involve management, research, monitoring, and outreach activities, or any combination thereof. All projects must contribute to species recovery or prevent the need to list a species. Successful applicants will be those that demonstrate a direct conservation benefit to the relevant species or habitats. Specifically eligible activities include:
  - Introduction of species into suitable habitats within their historic ranges
  - Enhancement or restoration of habitats
  - Surveys and inventories of habitats
  - Species status surveys
  - Propagation of animals and plants
  - Research such as genetic analyses to determine genetic health and population structure
  - Public education and outreach tools such as website development or coordination workshops with local landowners to address specific threats to species
  - Monitoring of candidate and recently recovered species

Project priority will be determined according to the listing status of the relevant species, whether projects will accomplish tasks identified in final or draft recovery plans or similar conservation or management strategies, and the recovery priority number of a species (if applicable). Highest priority will be given to projects designed to have a direct impact on the recovery of listed species, prevent extinction of a listed species, or prevent the need to list a candidate species. Projects that involve only research will be a lower priority for funding. Projects involving only public education and outreach must demonstrate a high probability of improving or increasing public understanding of and participation in conservation activities.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state and territorial agencies that have a current Section 6 cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Interior.

## Funding

Project periods may last up to three years. Funds will be obligated to states within 120 days of award announcements. Applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the total project costs via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. Matching requirements will be reduced to 10 percent if two or more eligible applicants propose a joint project. The insular areas of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the government of the Northern Mariana Islands are exempt from matching requirements up to \$200,000.

Part A: Nontraditional Programs: Recovery Land Acquisition Grants: A total of \$53,495,000 is expected to be available to support this program overall, with \$11,162,000 expected to be available to support awards through this component. Applicants submitted through this component will compete at a regional level for funding.

Part B: Nontraditional Programs: Habitat Conservation Planning (HCP) Assistance Grants: A total of \$53,495,000 is expected to be available to support this program overall, with \$7.39 million expected to be available to support awards of up to \$1 million through this component. Projects that propose to complete all

funded discrete activities by December 31, 2018, will receive additional consideration during the application evaluation process.

Part C: Nontraditional Programs: Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Land Acquisition Grants: A total of \$19,638,000 expected to be available to support awards of up to \$2 million through this component. Ten percent of funding through this component will be targeted to support single-species HCP acquisition projects.

Part D: Traditional Conservation Grants: An unspecified amount of funding is available to support this program overall, with \$12,508,000 available to support approximately 250 awards through this component. Funding is allocated by formula to funding agency regions based on the number of species covered in the cooperative agreements with the states within a region. Regional offices then further allocate the funding to the states within that region by formula or through competitive process.

A proposal must include a minimum 25 percent non-Federal cost share. The cost share may be cash or an in-kind contribution, such as volunteer efforts and donations of goods or services.

## Contact Information

Contact information for each regional office can be found [here](#).

<https://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/>

## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** Department of Interior

**Agency:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

# FY 2018 Ecological Services Program: Recovery Implementation Grants

### Grant Overview

The Ecological Services Program: Recovery Implementation Grants is intended to support conservation projects that will contribute to the recovery of endangered species and threatened species.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2016	\$2,090,767	15

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** Unspecified

**Award Range:** Unspecified

**Match:** None

**Solicitation date:** December 20, 2017

**Proposal due:** July 31, 2018

- Applicants must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the biology of the involved endangered or threatened species and their ecosystems
- The funding agency prefers applicants that have worked with the species in the field, and that hold a currently valid Endangered Species Act permit

<https://www.fws.gov/ecological-services/>



### Awardee Profile

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**AMOUNT:** \$79,583

**YEAR:** 2013

The “Reintroduction of the Pygmy Rabbit to the Colombia River Basin” was intended to reintroduce the pygmy rabbit to the Colombia Basin by translocation, breed and release, and observation and monitoring of rabbits in the region. The project fulfilled overall program aims.

**Department:** Department of Interior

**Agency:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

# FY18 Ecological Services Program: Recovery Implementation Grants

## Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support conservation projects that will help prevent extinction of species, improve the recovery status of a species, or lead to the de-listing of a species. The program goal is to create cooperative relationships with states, nonprofit organizations, private landowners, and other stakeholders interested in habitat restoration or undertaking endangered and threatened species research, surveys and monitoring, or educational outreach efforts.

Projects must meet the following objectives:

- Carry out actions described or recommended in a species' approved recovery plan or implementation schedule, a five-year status review, or a spotlight species action plan; or document species' responses to climate change
- Contribute to down-listing endangered species or de-listing species
- Address U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) regional recovery priorities

Project activities may include:

- Securing scientific information about endangered or threatened species and their habitat
- Implementing restoration actions that will lead to the de-listing of a species
- Helping to prevent the extinction of a species
- Aiding in the recovery of a species

Projects that involve multiple partnerships are encouraged.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include: state and local governments/agencies, including cities, counties, or townships; institutions of higher education, including public, private, and state colleges and universities; nonprofit organizations; Native American tribal organizations; federally recognized Native American tribal governments; for-profit organizations and small businesses.

If awarded funds, applicants without a valid permit for the proposed activity may need to apply for an obtain one before beginning the proposed activity.

## Funding

An unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards through this program. Awards will be announced on or before September 30, 2018. The total project period may last up to three years; however, applicants must reapply annually for financial assistance.

Matching funds are not required for this program; however, projects that involve matching funds are strongly encouraged.

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## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Interior  
**Agency:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

# FY 2018 National Fish Passage Program

### Grant Overview

The goal of the National Fish Passage Program is to restore native fishes and other aquatic species to self-sustaining levels by reconnecting habitat that been fragmented by barriers. The program embraces partners from every level of government and a wide range of private and civic conservation groups

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards	Region
2017	\$1,118,715	25	5

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** Unspecified

**Award Range:** \$500 - \$2,000,000

**Match:** One-to-one

**Solicitation date:** April 17, 2018

**Proposal due:** Rolling (September 30, 2018)

- Priority will be given to projects that longer project duration, involve greater partnership support and cost sharing, and have greater cost effectiveness.
- Prior to submitting an application, applicants must contact the appropriate local or regional Fisheries and Aquatic Conservation (FAC) office.

<https://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/fisheries/nfpp.php>



### Awardee Profile

Hancock County, ME

**AMOUNT:** \$50,000

**YEAR:** 2017

The “Branch Lake Stream Dam Removal” project at Union River aims to return Branch lake Stream to its natural flow and provide passage upstream to species like Atlantic Salmon and alewife. The project spans four miles of river and has partnered with the Downeast Salmon Federation.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Interior

**Agency:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

## FY18 National Fish Passage Program (NFPP)

### Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide fish, and other aquatic organisms, passage and to restore aquatic connectivity for the benefit of federal trust resources. This program is delivered through more than 65 Fisheries and Aquatic Conservation (FAC) offices across all states and territories. Projects must be implemented in coordination with FAC staff, who will work with project partners, stakeholders, and other programs to identify and implement programs within regional priority areas. In addition to advancing the funding agency's mission, projects must promote biological diversity and be based upon scientific biological principals. Conservation activities and projects are selected on a regional basis based upon regional focus areas that stem from the following priority selection criteria:

- Federal trust or other priority species: Proposed conservation activities and projects must improve the passage for interjurisdictional fish; endangered, threatened, or candidate species or species proposed for listing; or other species of special concern and/or other declining species.
- FAC and regional strategic plans and priorities: Fish passage projects that meet region-specific priorities will receive higher priority; however FAC staff is not prohibited from implementing high-value habitat improvement projects outside geographic focus areas.
- Self-sustaining projects: Priority will be given to habitat improvement projects that establish a self-sustaining system and are not dependent on artificial structures.

### Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include: states and federal agencies, private lands, tribes, local municipalities, and non-governmental organizations.

### Funding

There is an unspecified amount of funding available through this program in FY 2018. The program supports cooperative agreements ranging from \$500 to \$2 million. The project period is typically two years, starting on the date the award is signed by the funding agency. Applicants must provide a one-to-one match if the award amount on a regional basis. Cost sharing on a single-project basis is encouraged, but not required.

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<https://www.fws.gov/fisheries/fish-passage.html>

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**Department:** Department of Interior  
**Agency:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services

## FY 2019 North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA): Small Grants Program

### Grant Overview

The Small Grants Program is a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the [North American Wetlands Conservation Act](#). These 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.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2018	\$3.4 million	37
2017	\$3.5 million	37

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** Unspecified

**Award Range:** Up to \$100,000

**Match:** 50%

**Proposal due:** October 18, 2018

- All eligible costs must be directly linked to eligible acquired, restored, or established acres that are completed DURING the project period

<https://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act/small-grants.php>



### Awardee Profile

Bergstrom Waterfowl Complex  
Outagamie County, WI

**AMOUNT:** \$100,000

**YEAR:** 2018

This project will enhance 183 acres of wetlands within the Bergstrom Waterfowl Complex, resulting in improved waterfowl brood-rearing and migration habitat and related increase in waterfowl use-days; improved habitat conditions for other wetland dependent wildlife, including trumpeter swans; and improved water quality and water storage capacity within the watershed.

**Department:** Department of Interior

**Agency:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services

# FY19 North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA): Small Grants Program

## Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds. Funding will support smaller-scale, long-term, on-the-ground conservation projects that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA). Projects supported through this program that include enhancement and restoration activities must guarantee the results of the project for a period of at least 25 years, unless a shorter period is justified. Funds may be used for:

- Acquisition: including fee-title acquisition and donation, conservation easement, and lease acquisition and donation; appraisal fees; acquisition negotiations; acquisition legal costs; boundary surveys; travel and transportation; and annual payments for ten-year conservation agreements
- Wetland restoration: the manipulation of the physical, chemical, and/or biological characteristics of a site with the goal of returning natural/historical functions to a former or degraded wetland
- Wetland enhancement: the manipulation of the physical, chemical, and/or biological characteristics of a wetland site to improve specific functions of the wetland
- Wetland establishment: the manipulation of the physical, chemical, and/or biological characteristics present to develop a wetland that did not previously exist

Funds may also be used for other direct costs, indirect costs, and salaries. All eligible costs, except for indirect costs, must be directly linked to eligible acquired, restored, or established acres that are completed during the project period.

## Applicant Eligibility

There are no stated eligibility requirements for this program.

## Funding

In FY2019, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards of up to \$100,000 through this program. Funding will be provided for one-year or two-year projects. Applicants must provide at least a one-to-one match of the requested award amount via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. In general, all items listed as eligible project costs are eligible as match costs.

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**Department:** Department of Interior  
**Agency:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services

## FY 2019 North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA): Standard Grants

### Grant Overview

The Standard Grants Program is a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in Canada, the United States, and Mexico. These projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats. In Mexico, projects may also include technical training, environmental education and outreach, organizational infrastructure development, and sustainable-use studies.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2018	\$23.8 million	24
2017	\$21.9 million	22

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** Unspecified

**Award Range:** \$100,000 - \$1 million

**Match:** 50%

**Proposal due:** February 23, 2018

July 13, 2018

- Projects must include partners that are involved in wetlands conservation

<https://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act/standard-grants.php>



### Awardee Profile

Klamath Basin Wetlands III

**AMOUNT:** \$1 million

**YEAR:** 2018

\$1 million to restore and enhance 12,038 acres of wetlands on a working cattle ranch and elsewhere in the Klamath Basin of Oregon and California, including wet meadows on a cattle ranch. Work will benefit northern pintail, sandhill crane and many other species.

**Department:** Department of Interior

**Agency:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services

# FY19 North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA): Standard Grants

## Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to increase bird populations and wetland habitat, while supporting local economies and American traditions such as hunting, fishing, birdwatching, family farming, and cattle ranching. This program funds projects that involve long-term protection, acquisition, restoration, enhancement, and/or establishment of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds, fish, and other wildlife. Projects should demonstrate the following qualities:

- Meet the national and regional objectives of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP), the Partners in Flight (PIF) plan, the U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan (USSCP), and the North American Waterbird Conservation Plan (NAWCP)
- Contribute to the conservation of waterfowl habitat that will impact the species listed
- Contribute to the conservation of other wetland-associated migratory birds, including priority bird species listed
- Include partners involved in wetlands conservation
- Contain adequate wetlands-associated uplands to buffer, protect wetlands, and meet the needs of wetland-associated wildlife
- Have a specifically defined boundary that includes tracts in a geographic area affected by awarded funds and partner funds, sites that are part of a wetlands conservation plan, sites in the same wetlands system, sites that are managed to meet the same wetlands objectives, sites that are in close proximity, and/or sites that provide direct benefits to each other
- Includes public access on acquired lands to the extent that it is compatible with long-term conservation of fish and wildlife dependent on the area

Applicants for projects that involve multiple sites that are not specifically identified must provide an explanation of the method that will be used for selecting these sites.

Eligible costs include direct and indirect costs for necessary and reasonable goods, services, salaries, and labor associated with long-term migratory bird and wetlands conservation work. All direct costs must be linked to an acre acquired, restored, enhanced, and/or established during the project period.

## Applicant Eligibility

There are no stated eligibility requirements for this program.

Projects must include partners that are involved in wetlands conservation. Partner categories include state agencies, non-governmental conservation organizations, local governments, private landowners, profit-making organizations, Native American governments or associations, federal agencies, and/or other partner groups.

## Funding

In FY2019, an unspecified amount of funding is available through this program to support awards ranging from \$100,001 to \$1 million through this program. Funding requests that exceed \$1 million may be considered if the applicant provides a justification of need. Projects must involve work that has been completed within the past two years or can be completed in two years.

Applicants must provide at least a one-to-one match via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. Applicants that provide a match greater than the minimum required amount will receive additional points during the proposal evaluation process.

In addition, projects that include partners providing at least 10 percent of the funding request will receive additional points during the proposal evaluation process. The contributions of multiple private landowners cannot be lumped to achieve the 10 percent match.

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<https://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act/standard-grants.php>

## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Interior  
**Agency:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

# FY 2019 National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant (NSWCG) Program

### Grant Overview

The NSWCG Program was created to acquire, restore, and enhance wetlands in coastal states through competitive matching grants to state agencies. The primary goal of the program is the long-term conservation of coastal wetland ecosystems. The NCWCG Program provides states with financial assistance to protect and restore these valuable resources.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2017	\$17.4 million	20
2016	\$20.2 million	28
2015	\$21 million	25

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$17 million

**Award Range:** up to \$1 million

**Match:** 25-50 percent

**Solicitation date:** April 16, 2018

**Proposal due:** June 28, 2018

- Eligible states are encouraged to partner with tribes, federal agencies, other state agencies, non-governmental organizations, local governments, and others.
- Awards are expected to be announced January 2019.

<https://www.cclr.org/us-fws-national-coastal-wetlands-conservation-grant-program>



### Awardee Profile

Wisconsin Department of  
Natural Resources

**AMOUNT:** \$152,496

**YEAR:** 2017

The WI Dept. of Natural Resources project is intended to help acquire and protect 140 acres on the Red Banks Alvar State Natural Area located adjacent to the bay of Green Bay in Brown County, WI. The property is important habitat for the threatened dwarf lake iris as well as migratory and breeding birds and other wildlife.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Interior

**Agency:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

# FY18 National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant (NSWCG) Program

## Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the long-term conservation of coastal wetland ecosystems by helping eligible state agencies acquire, restore, and enhance wetlands in coastal areas. Projects must provide at least 20 years of conservation benefits. Projects can include:

- Acquisition of a real property interest, such as conservation easement or fee title, in coastal lands or waters from willing sellers or partners for long-term conservation
- Restoration, enhancement, or management of coastal wetland ecosystems
- A combination of acquisition, restoration, and management

When necessary for meeting program purposes, the following types of activities may be eligible for support:

- Recreation and outreach/education activities
- Monitoring activities, such as evaluating results of project activities and measuring impacts on targeted resources

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state agencies or entities designated as eligible by the governor of a coastal state. Such entities are typically state natural resource or fish and wildlife agencies. Eligible coastal states are:

- Great Lakes: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin
- Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific coasts: Alabama, Alaska, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Washington
- American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands

## Funding

In FY18, approximately \$17 million is expected to be available through this program to support awards typically ranging from \$125,000 to a maximum of \$1 million. Recreation and outreach/education activities necessary for meeting program purposes are limited to 10 percent of the total project costs. Planning, engineering, design, and monitoring costs necessary for completion of site-specific project objectives are limited to 30 percent of the total project costs.

States that have a fund established and used for acquiring coastal wetlands, other natural areas, or open spaces must provide at least 25 percent of the total project costs via nonfederal cash or in-kind contributions. States that do not have such a fund must provide at least 50 percent of the total project costs. The first

\$200,000 of match required in any award to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, or the U.S. Virgin Islands will be waived.

In-kind contributions may compose all or part of the match; however, at least some of the match must be provided in cash in order to receive points in the application evaluation process for reducing the federal share.

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## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Interior  
**Agency:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

# FY 2019 Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program

### Grant Overview

The PFW Program, through voluntary agreements, provides technical assistance and cost-share incentives directly to private landowners to restore fish and wildlife habitat. Any privately owned land is potentially eligible for restoration. Restoration may improve populations of many fish and wildlife species, and may even result in the recovery of endangered species.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2016	\$2,090,767	15

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** Unspecified

**Award Range:** up to \$25,000

**Match:** Varies

**Solicitation date:** October 19, 2018

**Proposal due:** September 30, 2019

- Applicants should consult with their Regional PFW Program office before developing or submitting an application.
- Past and present recipients of this award are eligible.

<https://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/refuges/partners.php>



### Awardee Profile

Jose L. Roig, Puerto Rico

**YEAR:** 2017

The PFW Program helped Mr Roig, a private landowner, to recover his plantation following Hurricane Irma. Mr. Roig runs a shade-grown coffee plantation which serves as a transition habitat between the property's agricultural lands and a critical wildlife area that is home to seven endangered species. The PFW Program provided approximately 2,000 native shade trees to be planted on the plantation.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Interior

**Agency:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

# FY19 Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program

## Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to encourage the restoration and conservation of fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit of federal trust resources by providing direct technical and financial assistance to private landowners. Projects must advance the mission of the funding agency, promote biological diversity, and be based upon scientific biological principles. In general, projects are developed collaboratively with the landowner, local program staff, and other conservation partners. Priority will be given to conservation activities and projects that:

- Enhance trust and allow sustainable relationship building with local communities
- Modernize fish passage infrastructure to allow safe travel by aquatic resources while also allowing for structural stability by designing units to avoid flood damage
- Ensure the sovereignty of tribal operations
- Support robust populations of wildlife for recreational hunting and fishing use by the public
- Are on private lands near National Wildlife Refuge lands
- Expand priority habitats, reduce habitat fragmentation, establish conservation buffers, and provide wildlife movement corridors that result in self-sustaining systems

## Applicant Eligibility

Applicant eligibility is unrestricted. Projects must be implemented on private lands, with an exception for efforts that support projects on private lands. In general, the term private lands refers to any property that is not state- or federally owned. Private lands may include tribal, Hawaiian homeland, city, municipality, non-governmental, and private fee-title properties.

## Funding

An unspecified amount of funding is available to support cooperative agreements through this program. In general, cooperative agreements are limited to \$25,000; however higher amounts may be requested. In general, project periods are one to three years, but may extend to a maximum of five years. Matching funds are not required for this program; however the funding agency strives to achieve a one-to-one cost share on selected projects via cash or in-kind contributions.

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## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Interior

**Agency:** Bureau of Reclamation

# FY 2018 WaterSMART Drought Response Program Drought Resiliency Project Grants

### Grant Overview

The Conservation Partners Program, a partnership between the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides vital grant funding to support organizations that provide staff and technical assistance to private landowners in order to maximize the benefits of Farm Bill programs on working lands.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2018	\$8.3 million	15
2017	\$5.3 million	11

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** Unspecified

**Award Range:** Up to \$750,000

**Match:** 50 percent

**Solicitation Date:** October 16, 2017

**Proposal due:** February 13, 2018

- Eligibility is limited to applicants located in the western United States
- Projects supported by existing drought plan will be prioritized

<https://www.usbr.gov/drought/projects.html>



### Awardee Profile

Coachella Valley Water District,  
CA

**AMOUNT:** \$300,000

**YEAR:** 2016

Coachella Valley Water District's (CVWD) "Bermuda Dunes In-Lieu Groundwater Recharge Project" aims to improve regional drought resiliency by reducing groundwater overdraft. The project will do this by substituting non-potable water for groundwater that would otherwise be pumped and used for irrigation.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Interior

**Agency:** Bureau of Reclamation

# FY18 WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Grants

## Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support projects that build long-term resilience to drought and reduce the need for emergency response actions. Resiliency projects are intended to increase the reliability of water supplies; improve water management; and provide benefits for fish, wildlife, and then environment to mitigate impacts caused by drought.

Efforts to build resiliency that are eligible for support include the following tasks:

- Increasing the reliability of water supplies through infrastructure improvements, including:
  - System modifications or improvements
  - Strong water and/or recharging groundwater supplies
  - Developing alternate sources of water supply
- Improving water management through decision support tools, modeling, and measurement including:
  - Developing water management and modeling tools to help communities evaluate options and implement strategies to address drought
  - Installing water measurement equipment and monitoring instrumentation devices to accurately track water supply conditions
  - Developing a water marketing tool or program that would provide a mechanism for willing participants to buy, sell, lease, or exchange water to avoid or reduce water conflicts
- Providing benefits for fish and wildlife and the environment, including:
  - Installing and/or modifying fish screens, ladders, bypasses, and modifications to water intakes
  - Improving fish hatcheries
  - Improving habitat, including restoring habitat to pre-drought conditions

Proposed projects must include activities beyond routine water management required by state law for conservation and efficiency, and must have ongoing benefits to build long-term resilience to drought, even if they also address an immediate drought concern. In addition, projects should decrease vulnerabilities and costs of drought by giving water managers flexibility in times of low water supply, and help avoid the need for emergency response actions, such as water hauling programs and temporary infrastructure.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other organizations with water or power delivery authority. Applicants must be located in the western U.S., which includes the states and territories of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North

Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

## Funding

In FY 18, approximately \$8.3 million was available to support 15 cooperative agreements through this program. Awards are provided through two separate funding groups:

- Group I: Up to \$300,000 will be available for projects generally completed within two years
- Group II: Up to \$750,000 will be available for projects completed within three years and funded on an annual basis, contingent upon future appropriations

Applications may receive multiple awards through this program; however, no more than \$750,000 will be awarded to any one applicant.

Applicants must provide nonfederal cost share of 50 percent or more of project costs using cash or in-kind contributions. Cost share from sources outside of the applicant's organization should be secured and available to the applicant prior to the award. Generally, the nonfederal share of project costs must be expended at the same or greater rate as the federal share of project costs.

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## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Interior

**Agency:** Bureau of Reclamation

# FY 2018 WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program

## Grant Overview

The Bureau of Reclamation has opened a funding opportunity for watershed groups to seek funding to implement on-the-ground watershed management project for their communities. The funding provided through the Cooperative Watershed Management Program helps local stakeholders develop local solutions that will improve water reliability while reducing conflict, addressing complex water issues and stretching limited water supplies.

## Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2018	\$2.6 million	27

## Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$2.1 million

**Award Range:** Up to \$300,000

**Match:** 50 percent

**Solicitation Date:** October 10, 2018

**Proposal due:** January 30, 2019

- Projects must receive and demonstrate approval from the applicant's state governor.

<https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/cwmp/>



## Awardee Profile

Save Our Bosque Task Force in Socorro, NM

**AMOUNT:** \$100,000

**YEAR:** 2018

It will receive \$100,000 to update their 2004 conceptual restoration plan on the Rio Grande flood plain through Socorro County where flooding can devastate farms, infrastructure, and small communities. Recent drought conditions have limited available surface water supplies in the watershed increasing wildfire risk and reliance on groundwater, which also strains aquifers.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Interior

**Agency:** Bureau of Reclamation

# FY18 WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program

## Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support established watershed groups in implementing on-the-ground watershed management projects. Projects should be collaboratively developed by members of the watershed group that will address critical water supply needs, water quality concerns, restoration needs, helping water users meet competing demands, and avoid conflicts over water. The program is designed to encourage diverse stakeholders to form local solutions to address their water management needs.

Projects should address the following Department of Interior priorities:

- Creating a conservation stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt
- Utilizing our natural resources
- Restoring trust with local communities
- Striking a regulatory balance
- Modernizing our infrastructure

Funding will support the following types of primary projects:

- Improving stream channel structure and complexity
- Improving channel/floodplain connectivity
- Protecting or stabilizing stream and river banks
- Reducing erosion
- Improving water delivery systems to increase efficiency or other projects to address water supply needs
- Providing fish passages
- Removing invasive species and restoring vegetation
- Influencing water temperature or improving the timing or volume of available flows at particular locations to improve aquatic conditions
- Other watershed management projects that will address program priorities

Projects may also include some monitoring, mapping, and modeling activities to supplement on-the-ground project components.

Funds may be used for salaries and wages, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies and materials, contractual/construction costs, other direct costs, and limited indirect costs.

All projects must comply with federal environmental and cultural resources laws and other regulations.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are established watershed groups as defined in the Section 6001(5) of the Cooperative Watershed Management Act. Applicants must be grassroots, non-regulatory entities that represent diverse groups of stakeholders and address water availability and quality issues within the relevant watersheds, and must be capable of promoting water supply reliability in watersheds. Applicants must also have approved articles of incorporation, bylaws, and mission statements; hold regular meetings; and have developed a restoration plan and projects concept for the relevant watersheds.

Eligibility is limited to applicants located in the western states and territories, which are identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, as amended and supplemented, which include Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

## Funding

In FY 18, an estimated \$2.1 million is expected to be available to support six to ten grants and/or cooperative agreements of up to \$300,000 through this program. Awards will be provided on a reimbursement basis. In general, project periods may span up to two years.

Applicants must provide at least 50 percent of the total project costs via nonfederal cash or in-kind contributions. Third-party in-kind contributions may include equipment, supplies, and other expendable property, as well as the value of services directly benefiting and specifically identifiable to projects.

Matching funds may include cash, costs contributed by applicants, or third-party in-kind contributions. Third-party contributions must be secured and available prior to awards.

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## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Commerce

**Agency:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

# FY 2018 Coastal Resilience Grants Program

### Grant Overview

The principal objective of the NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program is to implement projects that build resilience of U.S. coastal communities and ecosystems. In the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, this solicitation is seeking coastal habitat restoration projects that build resilience by conserving and restoring sustainable ecosystem processes and functions and reducing the vulnerability of coastal communities and infrastructure from the impacts of extreme weather events, climate hazards, and changing ocean conditions.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2017	\$13.8 million	19
2016	\$9 million	12

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$9 million

**Award Range:** \$75,000 - \$1 million

**Match:** Two-to-one match required

**Proposal due:** January 24, 2018

- Projects that reduce the vulnerability of coastal communities and infrastructure are given priority.

<https://coast.noaa.gov/resilience-grant/>



### Awardee Profile

Butano Channel Restoration  
and Resiliency Project

**AMOUNT:** \$1,464,716

**YEAR:** 2017

The San Mateo County Resource Conservation District will work with NOAA and other partners to re-establish 8,000 feet of the historic Butano Creek. They will remove 45,000 cubic yards of sediment and reuse it to restore 28 acres of degraded marsh. Sediment accumulation has filled the historic channel of Butano Creek, causing local flooding and blocking salmon from accessing key habitat in the watershed.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Commerce

**Agency:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

## FY18 Coastal Resilience Grants Program

### Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support projects that build resilience in U.S. coastal communities and ecosystems. The program seeks to fund coastal habitat-restoration projects that build resilience by conserving and restoring sustainable ecosystem processes and functions, and reducing the vulnerability of coastal communities and infrastructure from the impacts of extreme weather events, climate hazards, and changing ocean conditions. Projects should restore or create natural infrastructure and natural landscape features to provide valuable ecosystem functions and services, such as habitat for fish, improved water quality and quantity, flood reduction, and erosion protection. Projects should also support sustainable fisheries managed by the funding agency under the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act (managed species); contribute to the recovery of protected resources managed by the funding agency under the Endangered Species Act (Listed Species), including the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) “Species in the Spotlight;” and/or benefit native fish species in the Great Lakes. Funding will be provided for planning, feasibility, and design projects; implementation projects; or projects that combine the two.

Activities that will be supported by this program include:

- Reestablishing hydrologic connectivity and sediment processes that provide wetland habitat and reduce flooding in human communities
- Removing dams that block migration for migratory fish and pose a risk to surrounding communities
- Rebuilding coral reefs to recover listed and/or managed species and reduce the energy and effects of storm waves, including erosion
- Removing or replacing old levee infrastructure to restore functional flood plain habitat for fish, enhance flood-storage capacity, and improve agricultural production through resulting flood protection
- Improving stream flow levels to provide habitat for fish during migratory periods and reliable access to water for communities and agriculture

The projects that are likely to achieve the following goals will receive priority consideration:

- Projects that demonstrate sustainability and result in resilience to extreme weather events, climate hazards, and changing ocean conditions, through site location or natural landscape design features
- Projects that benefit all three components of resilience (ecosystems, economics, and human communities), as demonstrated by quantifiable ecological and socioeconomic metrics that assess habitat improvement, increase or maintain economic activity, improve or protect infrastructure and public safety, or enhance recreation
- Projects that reduce the vulnerability of coastal communities and infrastructure, resulting in benefits to multiple stakeholders and sectors of the population
- Projects that demonstrate collaboration and alignment among multiple entities, including state and federal agencies, by proposing activities described in comprehensive planning efforts, such as coastal

vulnerability or resilience studies, watershed management plans, species recovery plans, and/or fishery management plans.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include: institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, U.S. territories and states, Native American tribes, and local governments.

Projects must be located in coastal areas in one or more of the following states or territories: Alabama, Alaska, American Samoa, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Northern Mariana Islands, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, U.S. Virgin Islands, Washington, and Wisconsin. The funding agency defines coastal areas as those within coastal shoreline counties or coastal watershed counties.

In order to be eligible, projects must receive and demonstrate approval from the state's governor.

## Funding

In FY 18, an estimated \$9 million is expected to be available to support cooperative agreements ranging from \$75,000 to \$2 million through this program. Typical awards are expected to be as follows:

- Planning, feasibility, and design-only projects: from \$75,000 to \$300,000
- Implementation or design and implementation projects: \$250,000 to \$1 million

Project periods may last between 12 and 36 months. The funding agency anticipates most awards will be made for a period of 36 months; however, an award period may be extended up to 48 months at the discretion of the agency.

Federal funds awarded under this program must be matched with non-federal funds at a 2:1 ratio of federal to non-federal contributions. For example, an applicant requesting \$500,000 in federal funding must provide at least \$250,000 in non-federal matching contributions, for a total budget of \$750,000.

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## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Commerce

**Agency:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

# FY 2018 Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF)

### Grant Overview

The Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funds (PCSRF) is available to select Pacific state applicants, and is intended to support projects that benefit salmon restoration, and reverse the declines of Pacific salmon and steelhead. Projects should address at least one priority area of the program.

### Program History

	Total Funding
2017	\$65 million
2016	\$65 million
2015	\$65 million

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$65 million

**Award Range:** up to \$25 million

**Match:** 33 percent

**Solicitation date:** December 22, 2017

**Proposal due:** March 19, 2018

- Eligibility for the program is limited to applicants in Alaska, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington
- The FY 2019 solicitation period is expected to be released January 5, 2019.
- Website information [here](#).



### Awardee Profile

California

**AMOUNT:** \$134,631

**YEAR:** FY 2016

The “Ryan Creek Off Channel Habitat Improvement Project” aimed to increase channel complexity and floodplain connectivity. The project completed 100 percent design to enhance connectivity to an existing off-channel pond in Ryan Creek.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Commerce

**Agency:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

## FY18 Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund

### Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support projects necessary for the conservation and recovery of Pacific anadromous salmonid populations that are listed as threatened, endangered, or identified by a state as at-risk. Supported projects will assist in maintaining populations necessary for exercise of tribal treaty fishing rights or native subsistence fishing, or for the conservation of Pacific coastal salmon and steelhead habitat. The program's priorities are for FY 2018 funding cycle as follows, listed in declining order of priority:

- Priority one: projects that address factors limiting the productivity of Pacific anadromous salmonids listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), or those populations necessary for the exercise of tribal treaty fishing rights or native subsistence fishing; projects will typically involve habitat improvements.
- Priority two: effectiveness monitoring of habitat restoration actions at the watershed or larger scales for ESA-listed salmonids, status-monitoring projects that directly contribute to population viability assessments for ESA-listed anadromous salmonids, or monitoring necessary for the exercise of tribal-treaty fishing rights or native subsistence fishing on anadromous salmonids.
- Priority three: other projects consistent with the Congressional authorization for this program, including necessary precursors to the above priorities, such as outreach, planning and coordination, assessment, research, monitoring, and other engineering and design projects.

Applications may propose activities in one or more of these priority areas.

### Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are: the states of Alaska, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington; federally recognized Native American tribes of the Columbia River and the Pacific coast including Alaska; representative tribal commissions; and Alaska Native tribal consortia.

Applicants may submit only one application; however applicants may propose activities in more than one of the program priority areas. States must apply through the one designated state entity identified in a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the funding agency

### Funding

In FY18, approximately \$65 million is available to support awards of up to \$25 million through this grant program. More funds are expected to be assigned to projects in higher priority categories. State applicants must provide at least 33 percent of the award amount via in-kind contributions that are applied directly to a program project. Matching funds may consist of eligible projects funded totally or partially by state-appropriated funds or sub-recipient or contractor funds, or eligible projects partially funded by other pre-approved sources for federal funding.

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## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Agriculture

**Agency:** Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)

# FY 2018 Conservation Partners Program

## Grant Overview

The Conservation Partners Program, is a partnership between USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), to provide vital grant funding to support organizations that provide staff and technical assistance to private landowners in order to maximize the benefits of Farm Bill programs on working lands.

## Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2016	\$2 million	15

## Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$5.1 million

**Award Range:** Up to \$300,000

**Match:** 50 percent

**Solicitation Date:** July 16, 2018

**Proposal due:** August 22, 2018

- Grant funds may be used to support projects that enhance or improve upon existing baseline compliance efforts
- Ensure the project is in alignment with the goals/priorities of the respective state in which your project is located.

<https://www.nfwf.org/conservationpartners/Pages/home.aspx>



## Awardee Profile

Sonoma Resource  
Conservation District

**AMOUNT:** \$195,000

**YEAR:** 2016

Sonoma Resource Conservation District will provide engineering and technical assistance to private landowners along salmonoid-bearing coastal streams to improve instream flows through water conservation, winter water storage, and groundwater recharge. Project will result in the development of at least 8 comprehensive water conservation plans and/or engineered designs for flow enhancement projects in priority watersheds.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Agriculture

**Agency:** National Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)

## FY18 Conservation Partners Program (CPP)

### Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to increase technical assistance capacity to advance the implementation of the following three complementary priorities: the Natural Resources Conservation Services' Landscape Conservation Initiatives, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF's) Conservation Priorities, and the NRCS- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service partnership's Working Lands for Wildlife. In order to maximize benefits to these three priorities, this program also seeks to target investments in certain identified program priority areas (PPAs). Funding will support:

- Technical assistance to producers to help accelerate implementation of NRCS/NFWF initiatives and Farm Bill conservation programs within the PPAs and Working Lands for Wildlife local areas
- Incorporation of best available science in applying conservation systems and strategically focusing resources where the greatest conservation opportunities exist
- Increased landowner/manager awareness and participation in NRCS/NFWF initiatives and Farm Bill programs
- Identifying and promoting positive economic outcomes as result of conservation system implementation

Competitive proposals will be focused on one of the following five program priorities:

- Pacific Salmon: objectives of this priority include improving instream flows and water quality in freshwater systems through implementation of conservation practices; restoring stream flows while maintaining or balancing crop yields through conservation planning on agricultural lands.
- Grassland Bird Habitat: objectives of this priority include technical assistance to engage ranchers, farmers, and the agricultural sector in developing and implementing best practices, innovation, and stewardship practices that benefit grassland bird habitat; and promoting grass-based grazing systems with positive impacts on grassland bird habitat.
- Great Lakes Basin: objectives of this priority include conducting outreach and implementation of conservation systems on agricultural land in priority watersheds, such as the Western and Eastern Lake Erie, Green Bay, and Saginaw Bay; and engaging farmer-led groups in conservation planning.
- Mississippi River Basin: objectives of this priority include engaging farmers, farm-related and farmer-led organizations, and the agricultural sectors in best practices, innovation, and stewardship practices that benefit water quality, fish and wildlife; and promoting innovative agricultural practices that have positive economic and environmental outcomes.
- Working Lands for Wildlife: funding will support hiring field conservation professionals who will, in direct coordination with state NRCS offices, increase participation in federal Farm Bill programs and help private landowners to implement conservation practices; accelerated implementation of NRCS/NFWF initiatives and Farm Bill conservation programs within the PPAs; and identifying and promoting positive economic outcomes as a result of conservation system implementation.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include: non-profit 501(c) organizations, farmers and commodity-led organizations, educational institutions, tribal governments and state or local units of governments (e.g. state agricultural and/or conservation agencies, counties, townships, cities, conservation districts, utility districts, drainage districts, etc.).

## Funding

In FY18, approximately \$5.1 million is available to support awards typically ranging from \$50,000 to \$300,000 through this program. Funding availability will vary according to program priority, as follows:

- Pacific Salmon: Approximately \$800,000 is expected to be available in this category.
- Grassland Bird Habitat: Approximately \$1.2 million is expected to be available in this category.
- Great Lakes Basin: Approximately \$800,000 is expected to be available in this category.
- Mississippi River Basin: Approximately \$1.3 million is expected to be available in this category.
- Working Lands for Wildlife: Approximately \$1 million is expected to be available in this category.

In general, funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis. Projects should begin within six months of the award announcement date, and should be completed within 36 months of the project start date.

Applicants must provide at least one-to-one match of the award amount via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. Larger match ratios and matching contributions from a diversity of partners are encouraged and will be more competitive during the proposal review process.

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## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

# FY 2018 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program

### Grant Overview

This grant program invites government, tribal, educational, and non-profit institutions to create programs which develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources. The program provides support for partnerships that focus on water and habitat protection. All projects must be implemented by five or more partners.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
FY 2018	\$2.2 million	59
FY 2017	\$2.5 million	65
FY 2016	\$2.2 million	58

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$2,000,000

**Award Range:** \$20,000 - \$50,000

**Match:** 50 percent

**Solicitation date:** November 1, 2017

**Proposal due:** January 31, 2018

- Preference will be given to organizations directly connected to the local community, which can monitor and sustain their project for five years or more.

<https://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/home.aspx>



### Awardee Profile

Alaska Geographic Association

**YEAR:** 2018

The Connecting Anchorage Residents to their Watersheds project removed 20 acres of Invasive European bird cherry from the Campbell Creek watershed to provide improved habitat and opportunities for urban youth and families to become better stewards of local natural resources through watershed education and hand-on restoration.

**Department:** U.S. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

# FY 2018 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program

## Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing support for diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds, and the species and habitats they support. Eligible activities may include a variety of ecological improvements along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship. 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. Projects must serve urban areas with a population of approximately 50,000 or more. Project sites may be located on public or private lands.

Project must address at least one activity under each of the following five priorities:

On-the-ground-restoration: restoring and/or creating wetlands and coastal or riparian areas; activities include:

- Addressing key species and habitats and linking directly to established watershed and conservation plans
- Managing stormwater, addressing water scarcity, and protecting drinking water by designing and/or implementing green infrastructure best management practices
- Collecting and analyzing local waterway samples that could be used to determine the effectiveness of current stream/wetland restoration and green infrastructure efforts and inform future planning and decision making
- Developing/implementing trash and litter prevention programs designed to keep urban waterways and riverfronts clean

Environmental outreach, education and training: integrating meaningful outreach, education and/or training into the proposed on-the-ground activities that advance local watershed and conservation goals; activities include:

- Engaging the public, particularly youth, in hands-on, outdoor conservation experiences
- Engaging communities in restoration at public areas for public health and recreation
- Establishing or advancing a citizen science or water quality monitoring program
- Improving citizen understanding of damaging trash and litter impacts

Community partnerships: involving five or more partners, including the applicant; activities include:

- Directly engaging a diverse group of community partners to achieve ecological and specific educational outcomes
- Demonstrating that the project will advance existing local watershed or conservation plans

Measurable results: resulting in specific, measurable ecological, educational and community benefits; activities include:

- Identifying measurable activities and metrics that clearly link to watershed and community outcomes
- Documenting a high level of community engagement

Sustainability: including a plan for maintenance and care of the project beyond the project period; activities include:

- Reflecting a commitment to community strength and long-term capacity to remain engaged as partners
- Addressing any priority and/or at-risk species, habitats, or conservation actions identified in State Wildlife Action Plans or other recovery or conservation plans
- Directly connecting outcomes to community benefits of watershed restoration
- Fulfilling or advancing priorities identified through local planning efforts

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) organizations, local governments, municipal governments, Indian tribes and educational institutions.

Projects must be implemented by five or more partners, including the applicant. Partners may include any local community, nonprofit organization, for-profit organization, tribe and/or local, state, or federal government agency that contributes to the project and is closely involved in the completion of the project.

Geographic priorities are determined by the funding partners from which the total funding available through this program is derived, as follows:

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Funding is available nationwide for any size community.
- U.S. Forest Service and EPA, through the Urban Waters Federal Partnership: Funding is available nationwide for urban areas; special consideration will be made for projects that directly advance the priorities of the 19 Urban Waters Federal Partnership designated locations
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS): Funding is available for projects within approximately 25 miles of FWS lands or offices.
- Southern Company and its affiliates: Funding is available for projects in the key areas listed on page 7 of the NOFA file.
- FedEx: Funding is available for projects in the metropolitan areas listed on page 8 of the NOFA file.
- Additional private foundations: Funding is available for projects in the seven states listed on page 8 of the NOFA file.

## Funding

Approximately \$2 million is available through this program to support 40-50 awards ranging from \$20,000 to \$50,000. The total funding available through this program is comprised of contributions from this program's funding partners. In general, funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis.

The ratio of matching contributions offered is considered during the review process, and projects are required to meet or exceed a 1:1 match ratio to be competitive. Matching contributions must be non-federal in nature and may include in-kind contributions of staff and volunteer time, work performed, materials and services donated, cash or other tangible contributions to the project objectives and outcomes. The cost of recent land acquisition or easement may also qualify as match for a project involving work at the acquired site.

Additionally, partner contributions can serve as matching contributions and grantees for this grant program commonly use a large amount of in-kind matching contributions to reach this threshold by utilizing their community partnerships to generate match. **Applicants are highly encouraged to contact NFWF for assistance in determining what qualifies as in-kind or any other matching contributions.**

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