

# Possible Funding Sources

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Grant applications for conservation planning and policy will usually be more competitive if local conservation groups and natural resource management agencies support the project. Communities are encouraged to engage local conservation partnerships or environmental non-profit organizations, such as your local land trust, to support your grant application.

**\*\*Grant details may change, please check with the grantor for any updates.\*\***

## **COLLEGE/UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

Environmental Protection Agency

<http://www.epa.gov/communityhealth/collegeunderserved-community-partnership-program>

The College/Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP) builds collaboration between small-underserved communities and local colleges and universities to address environmental justice concerns. Funded projects include planning projects to address stormwater run-off, flooding, and other topics related to environmental justice.

## **COMMUNITY FOREST AND OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION PROGRAM**

US Forest Service

[www.fs.fed.us/cooperativeforestry/programs/loa/cfp.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/cooperativeforestry/programs/loa/cfp.shtml)

The Community Forest and Open Space Program for local governments, qualified nonprofit organizations, and Indian Tribes are eligible to apply for grants to establish community forests through fee simple acquisition of private forestland from a willing seller. The purpose of the program is to establish community forests by protecting forest land from conversion to non-forest uses and provide community benefits such as sustainable forest management, environmental benefits including clean air, water, and wildlife habitat; benefits from forest-based educational programs; benefits from serving as models of effective forest stewardship; and recreational benefits secured with public access. Individual grant applications may not exceed \$400,000.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM**

Environmental Protection Agency

[www3.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html](http://www3.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html)

The Environmental Justice Small Grants Program supports and empowers communities working on solutions to local environmental and public health issues. The program assists recipients in building collaborative partnerships to help them understand and address environmental and public health concerns in their communities. Successful collaborative partnerships involve not only well-designed strategic plans to build, maintain, and sustain the partnerships, but also working towards addressing the local environmental and public health issues.

## **FIVE STAR GRANT PROGRAM**

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation

[www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/home.aspx](http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/home.aspx)

The Five Star Grant Program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support. Projects include a variety of ecological improvements including: wetland, riparian, forest and coastal habitat restoration; wildlife conservation; community tree canopy enhancement; and/or water quality monitoring and stormwater management; along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship.

## LAND CONSERVATION LOANS

The Conservation Trust Fund

<http://www.conservationfund.org/what-we-do/land-conservation-loans>

The Land Conservation Loan program offers flexible financing as well as sustained and expert technical assistance to land trusts and other organizations aiming to protect key properties in their communities. As of 2015 loans have ranged from \$12,000 to \$10 million with an average size of \$545,000.

## NC 205(J) WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANNING GRANT

NC Division of Water Quality

[deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-grants/205j-wq-management-planning-grant](http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-grants/205j-wq-management-planning-grant)

The 205(j) Grant Program is a federally funded program administered in North Carolina by the state Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Resources. Limited competitive funding is available to regional Councils of Government (COGs) for water quality management planning efforts. Water quality management and planning, includes developing an implementation plan to obtain state and local financial and regulatory commitments to implement measures to meet and maintain water quality standards.

## NC CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND

NC Division of Land and Water Stewardship

[www.cwmtf.net/-planning.html](http://www.cwmtf.net/-planning.html)

The Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) provides funding for conservation planning projects that focus on surface water pollution reduction and/or land protection. Planning grants are intended to assist communities and organizations in identifying and prioritizing specific projects that will be good candidates for other CWMTF grants.

## PARTNERS FOR GREEN GROWTH

NC Wildlife Resources Commission

<http://www.ncwildlife.org/Conserving/Programs/GreenGrowthToolbox/TechnicalAssistance.aspx>

Partners for Green Growth will reimburse cost-share funds of up to \$20,000 (typically awards are for \$10,000) to local governments that work on land use planning projects that address conservation of priority wildlife habitats. Free technical assistance from the NCWRC is also provided. Planning projects should support the principles of wildlife conservation-based planning detailed in the Green Growth Toolbox.

## URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM

NC Forest Service

[http://ncforestservice.gov/Urban/urban\\_grant\\_overview.htm](http://ncforestservice.gov/Urban/urban_grant_overview.htm)

The Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program provides grant support to communities and non-profit organizations that develop projects to 1) reduce the impacts of land-use change and urbanization on forested landscapes in and around urban areas, 2) facilitate strategic planting and maintenance of community trees for public benefits, 3) assist communities with establishing and managing their urban forests, and/or 4) encourage policies and guidelines that sustain urban and community forests for the public's benefit.

## URBAN WATERS SMALL GRANTS

Environmental Protection Agency

<http://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters>

The mission of EPA's Urban Waters Program is to help local residents and their organizations, particularly those in underserved communities, restore their urban waters in ways that also benefit community and economic revitalization.



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