

## FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS

### Environmental Protection Agency

#### Clean Water Act State Revolving Fund

- Purpose:** Provides grant funds to states to help them establish state revolving fund (SRF) programs. States, in turn, offer loans and other types of financial assistance from their SRF's to municipalities, individuals, and others for high-priority water quality activities.
- Projects:** While traditionally used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, loans are also used increasingly for: agricultural, rural, and urban runoff control; wetland and estuary improvement projects; wet weather flow control (including stormwater and sewer overflows); and alternative treatment technologies.
- Assistance:** States offer loan rates that are two to four percent below market rates. Some states offer even lower interest rates to small, economically disadvantaged communities.
- Eligibility:** Municipalities, individuals, communities, citizen groups, and non-profit organizations, though each state ultimately determines eligibility.
- Address:** U.S. EPA, Office of Wastewater Management (4204M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460
- Phone:** (202) 564-0752  
**Facsimile:** (202) 501-2403  
**E-mail:** [srfinfo.group@epa.gov](mailto:srfinfo.group@epa.gov)  
**Web Site:** <http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/index.htm>

#### Five-Star Restoration Program

- Purpose:** To promote community-based wetland and riparian restoration projects.
- Projects:** The projects must have strong on-the-ground habitat restoration components that provides long term ecological, educational, and/or socio-economic benefits to the people and their community.
- Assistance:** Each project would ideally involve at least five partners, who are expected to contribute funding, land, technical assistance, workforce support, or other in-kind services that match EPA's contribution which amounts to about \$10,000 on the average per project.
- Eligibility:** Partners may include citizen volunteer organizations, corporations, private landowners, local conservation organizations, youth groups, charitable foundations, and other federal, state, tribal agencies and local governments.
- Address:** U.S. EPA, Wetlands Division (4502T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460

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Wetlands  
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Web Site: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/5star/>

### **Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants (319 Program)**

**Purpose:** To help States, Territories, and Tribes develop and implement programs to prevent and control nonpoint source pollution, such as creating constructed wetlands to clean-up urban runoff and agricultural wastes.

**Projects:** State, Territories, and Tribes receive grant money (and may then provide funding and assistance to local groups) to support a wide variety of activities, such as technical assistance, financial assistance, technical programs, education, training, technology transfer, demonstration projects (e.g. best management practices), and monitoring specific to nonpoint source implementation.

**Assistance:** Grants are first awarded to state agencies. Local organizations can then apply for grants through the agencies, but they must provide 40 percent of the total project or program cost as non-federal dollars.

**Eligibility:** State, local, and tribal governments, nonprofit and local organizations, etc. (check with your state contact).

**Address:** U.S. EPA, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds (4503T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460

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E-mail: [ow-general@epa.gov](mailto:ow-general@epa.gov)  
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## **Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

### **USDA- Forest Service**

#### **Taking Wing**

**Purpose:** To create and enhance partnerships in the management of wetland ecosystems for waterfowl and wetland wildlife, while providing a variety of compatible recreational opportunities on National Forest System lands.

**Projects:** Focus towards on-the-ground wetland enhancement and restoration, although some projects include assessment and analysis components. Example: restoration of 100 acres in the Columbia River Scenic Area.

**Assistance:** Funds are allocated to Forest Service units through internal budget process.

**Eligibility:** Non-federal entities are individuals – projects must be on National Forest System lands or provide benefits to those lands.

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## **USDA – Farm Service Agency**

### **Conservation Reserve Program**

Purpose: To establish long-term resource-conserving covers on eligible cropland to conserve soil, water, and wildlife.

Projects: Voluntary program where landowners receive rental payments or enter into a cost-share restoration agreement, while maintaining private ownership, to plant cover on marginal cropland.

Assistance: Three options: 1) receive annual rental payments of up to \$50,000/year; 2) receive payment of up to 50% of cost to establish cover; 3) receive payment of up to 25% of cost for wetland hydrology restoration. Contracts are typically 10-15 years in length.

Eligibility: Individuals, states, local governments, tribes, or any other entity who owns private land for at least 1 year that is: either cropland planted with a crop in 2 of the last 5 crop years or marginal cropland that is enrolled in the Water Bank program or suitable to be used as a riparian buffer. Also, the land must be either highly erodible land, a cropped wetland, be devoted to highly beneficial environmental practices, subject to scour erosion, located in a CRP priority area, or be a cropland associated with or surrounding non-cropped wetlands.

Address: Contact your local or state Farm Service Agency office; otherwise: Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency, Conservation Reserve Program Specialist, Stop 0513, Washington, D.C. 20250-0513

Phone: (202) 720-6221  
Facsimile: n/a  
E-mail: [info@fsa.usda.gov](mailto:info@fsa.usda.gov)  
Web Site: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/pubfacts.htm>

## **USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service**

### **Conservation Technical Assistance**

Purpose: To assist land-users, communities, units of state and local government, and other federal agencies in planning and implementing conservation systems.

Projects: Projects that reduce erosion, improve soil and water quality, improve and conserve wetlands, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, improve air quality, improve pasture and range condition, reduce upstream flooding, and improve woodlands.

Assistance: Technical assistance available to land users who voluntarily applying conservation to those who must comply with local or state laws and regulations, such as the wetland (Swampbuster) provisions of the 1985 Food Security Act and the wetlands requirements of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Eligibility: Individual landusers, communities, conservation district, and other units of State and local government and Federal agencies.

Address: Contact your local or state National Resources Conservation office (<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/about/organization/regions.html>); otherwise: Natural Resources Conservation Service , ATTN: Conservation Technical Assistance National Program Manager Walley Turner, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, D.C. 20013

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Web Site: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cta/index.html>

### **Emergency Watershed Protection Program**

Purpose: To protect lives and property threatened by natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes, tornados, and wildfires.

Projects: Examples: Clearing debris from clogged waterways, restoring vegetation, stabilizing river banks, restoring wetland flood retainers.

Assistance: Funds cover up to 75% of costs to restore the natural function of a watershed. Another option is to offer land for a floodplain easement that would permanently restore the hydrology of the natural floodplain as an alternative to traditional attempts to restore damaged levees, lands, and structures. Funds can cover up to 100% of the agricultural value of the land, costs associated with environmental measures taken, and costs associated with establishing the easement. A sponsor must assist you in applying for assistance. Sponsors can be any legal subdivision of state, local, or tribal governments, including soil conservation districts, U.S. Forest Service, and watershed authorities.

Eligibility: Owners, managers, and users of public, private, or tribal lands if their watershed area has been damaged by a natural disaster.

Address: Contact your local or state National Resources Conservation Service office (<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/about/organization/regions.html>); otherwise: Natural Resources Conservation Service, ATTN: National EWP Program Leader Victor Cole, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, D.C.

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Web Site: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ewp/index.html>

### **Environmental Quality Incentives Program**

Purpose: To install or implement structural, vegetative, and management practices in priority areas.

**Projects:** Conservation practices, such as grassed waterways, filter strips, manure management facilities, capping abandoned wells, and other practices important to improving and maintaining water quality and the general health of natural resources in the area; and land management practices such as nutrient management, manure management, integrated pest management, irrigation water management, and wildlife habitat management.

**Assistance:** Cost sharing may pay up to 75 percent of the costs of certain conservation practices. Incentive payments may also be made to encourage a producer to perform land management practices for up to three years. Offers 5-10 year contracts. Maximum of \$10,000 per person per year and \$50,000 for the length of contract.

**Eligibility:** Eligibility is limited to persons who are engaged in livestock or agricultural production, excluding most large confined livestock operations.

**Address:** Contact your local or state National Resources Conservation Service office (<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/about/organization/regions.html>); otherwise: Natural Resources Conservation Service, ATTN: National EQIP Program Manager Anthony Esser, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, D.C.

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### **Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention**

**Purpose:** Works through local government sponsors to help participants voluntarily plan and install watershed-based projects on private lands.

**Projects:** Projects include watershed protection, flood prevention, erosion and sediment control, water supply, water quality, fish and wildlife habitat enhancement, wetlands creation and restoration, and public recreation in watersheds of 250,000 or fewer acres.

**Assistance:** Provides technical and financial assistance. Funds can cover 100% of flood prevention construction costs, 50% of costs associated with agricultural water management, recreation and fish and wildlife, and none of the costs for other municipal and industrial water management.

**Eligibility:** Local or state agency, county, municipality, town or township, soil and water conservation district, flood prevention or flood control district, tribe or tribal organization, or nonprofit agency with authority to carry out, maintain, and operate watershed improvement works.

**Address:** Contact your local or state National Resources Conservation Service office (<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/about/organization/regions.html>); otherwise: Natural Resources Conservation Service, ATTN: Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, D.C.

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**Web Site:** <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/watershed/>

### **Wetlands Reserve Program**

Purpose:	Protect and restore wetlands, riparian areas and buffer zones.
Projects:	Voluntary program where landowners may sell a conservation easement or enter into a cost share restoration agreement, while maintaining private ownership.
Assistance:	Three options: 1) permanent easement – USDA purchases easement (payment will be the lesser of: the agricultural value of the land, an established payment cap, or an amount offered by the landowner) and pays 100% of restoration costs; 2) 30-year easement- USDA pays 75% of what would be paid for permanent easement and 75% of restoration costs; 3) restoration cost share agreement – 10-year minimum agreement to restore degraded habitat where USDA pays 75% of restoration costs.
Eligibility:	Individuals, states, local governments, tribes, or any other entity who owns private land. The land must be owned for at least 1 year and be restorable and suitable for wildlife.
Address:	Contact your local or state National Resources Conservation Service office ( <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/about/organization/regions.html">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/about/organization/regions.html</a> ); otherwise: Natural Resources Conservation Service, ATTN: Wetlands Reserves Program Contact Leslie Deavers, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, D.C.
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Web Site:	<a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/</a>

### **Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program**

Purpose:	To develop and improve fish and wildlife habitat on private lands.
Projects:	Participants prepare a wildlife habitat development plan in consultation with the local conservation district. The plan describes the landowner's goals for improving wildlife habitat, includes a list of practices and a schedule for installing them, and details the steps necessary to maintain the habitat for the life of the agreement.
Assistance:	Technical assistance and cost-share agreements where NRCS pays up to 75% of cost of installing wildlife practices. Typically 5-10 year contracts.
Eligibility:	Must own or have control of the land and cannot have it enrolled in other programs with a wildlife focus, such as the Wetlands Reserve Program, or use the land for mitigation. Other restrictions may apply.
Address:	Contact your local or state National Resources Conservation Service office ( <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/about/organization/regions.html">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/about/organization/regions.html</a> ); otherwise: Natural Resources Conservation Service, ATTN: Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program Contact Martha Joseph, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, D.C.
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**Department of Interior (DOI)**  
**DOI – Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Coastal Program**

**Purpose:** To conserve healthy coastal ecosystems for the benefit of fish, wildlife, and people.

**Projects:** Examples of protection include use of conservation easements and fee title acquisition to protect relatively pristine coastal wetlands, salt marshes, prairies, dunes, bottomland hardwood forests, and riparian areas. Examples of coastal habitat restoration include: reintroduction of tidal flow to formerly-diked mud flat and salt marsh habitat, planting of native vegetation (including submerged aquatic grasses), control and monitoring of exotic invasive species, fencing to restore riparian salmon spawning habitat, and removal or retrofit of small dams and culverts to allow for passage of anadromous fish in coastal streams and estuaries.

**Assistance:** Technical and financial assistance is available. The program focuses exclusively on coastal watersheds. It applies an ecosystem-level approach to resolving problems, and targets efforts for a strategic (rather than opportunistic) approach. The program is a non-regulatory, pro-active program that relies on voluntary partnership building. Partners include other federal and state agencies, local and tribal governments, businesses, conservation organizations, and private landowners.

Matching grants are also awarded annually, on a competitive basis. States that border the Atlantic, the Gulf of Mexico, Pacific and Great Lakes are eligible to apply for grants. The one exception is the State of Louisiana, which has its own coastal wetlands program. Trust Territories and Commonwealths of the United States are also eligible for grants.

**Eligibility:** The Coastal Program funds projects on private and public lands.

**Address:** Martha Naley, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Branch of Habitat Restoration, Room 400, 4401 N. Fairfax Blvd, Arlington, VA 22203. National, regional, and state contacts are listed at <http://www.fws.gov/cep/coastweb.html>

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**North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant Program**

**Purpose:** To promote long-term conservation of North American wetland ecosystems and the wildlife that depend on them.

**Projects:** For on-the-ground wetland and wetland-associated acquisition, creation, enhancement, and/or restoration.

**Assistance:** Regular Grant Program (over \$50k) and Small Grant Program (\$50k or less)

Eligibility: Must form public-private sector partnerships and match grant funds 1:1 with U.S. non-Federal dollars.

Address: Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Bird Habitat Conservation, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 110, Arlington, VA 22203 (Attn: specify which grant program you are interested in)

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Facsimile: (703) 358-2282  
Web Site: <http://northamerican.fws.gov/NAWCA/grants.htm>

### **Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program**

Purpose: To conserve, protect, and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitats

Projects: Examples of voluntary habitat restoration: restoring wetland hydrology, planting native trees and shrubs, planting native grasslands, installing fencing and off-stream livestock watering facilities, removal of exotic plants and animals, prescribed burning, reconstruction of instream aquatic habitat.

Assistance: Financial and technical assistance available. The landowner may perform the restoration and be reimbursed directly for some or all of his or her expenses, the Service may hire a contractor to complete the work, or the Service may complete the work itself. While not a program requirement, a dollar-for-dollar cost share is sought on a project-by-project basis. In some states where the program is very popular, however, a 50:50 cost share is required. Partners for Fish and Wildlife funds are not used to purchase or lease real property interest or to make rental or other incentive payments to landowners. Minimum 10-year contract.

Eligibility: Although the primary partners are private landowners, anyone interested in restoring and protecting wildlife habitat on private or tribal lands can get involved in the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, including other federal, state and local agencies, private organizations, corporations, and educational institutions.

Address: Contact your state office for assistance. National, regional and state contacts are listed at <http://partners.fws.gov> under "contact list"; US Fish and Wildlife Service, Branch of Habitat Restoration, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203

Phone: (703) 358-2201  
Facsimile: (703) 358-2232  
Web Site: <http://partners.fws.gov/>

## **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**

### **NOAA – National Marine Fisheries Service**

#### **NOAA Community-based Restoration Program**

Purpose: To restore marine fish habitat by fostering partnerships with local communities

Projects: Community-based restoration efforts that benefit marine fish habitat (including coastal wetlands and anadromous fish streams)

Assistance: Small grants available – should be developed in partnership with local National Marine Fisheries Service office

Eligibility: non-profits, state and local agencies, tribes

Address: National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Habitat Conservation, Restoration Division, 1315 East- West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

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Web Site: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/community/>

## **Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)**

### **ACOE – Civil Works Directorate**

#### **Planning Assistance to States Program, Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act**

Purpose: To allow the Corps of Engineers to perform technical studies for management of water and related land resources to help states and Indian tribes deal with their water resources problems. The problem is limited to a maximum of \$500,000 per state or tribe in any year.

Projects: Typical activities studied under this Program are flood damage reduction, water resources development, water supply, water conservation, water quality, erosion, wetlands evaluation, and navigation.

Assistance: This is not a grant program. The local sponsor of the study shares in the cost of the study.

Eligibility: Studies are initiated based on requests to the appropriate Corps of Engineers District office by the local sponsor. Example: In Louisiana, Section 22 funds were used to cost share in a study to plan and design a hiking/biking/recreation trail compatible with existing levee systems and other floodplain improvements. The local sponsor then implemented the trail design using non-Federal funding sources.

Address: Contact your local district office of the Army Corps of Engineers (<http://www.usace.army.mil/divdistmap.html>).

#### **Beneficial Uses of Dredged Material, Section 204 of the Water Resources Development Act**

Purpose: To allow the Secretary of the Army to carry out projects for the protection, restoration, and creation of aquatic and ecologically related habitats, including wetlands, in connection with dredging for construction, operation, or maintenance by the Secretary of an authorized navigation project.

Projects: Work must be for the protection, restoration and creation of aquatic and ecologically related habitat, including wetlands. Examples include: placement in subsiding wetlands to re-establish necessary elevations for vegetation, additions to offshore islands to re-establish submerged areas and nesting habitat, filling deep holes to re-establish wetlands.

Assistance: This is not a grant program. A local sponsor, a governmental entity, must partner with the Corps. The non-federal share is 25% of the costs in excess of the costs necessary to carry out the dredging for the authorized navigation project.

Eligibility: Battery Island Bird Habitat Preservation, Cape Fear River, North Carolina. Battery Island is owned by the State of North Carolina and administered by the North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation. The Ecosystem Restoration Project will protect 10 acres of upland nesting habitat for colonial water birds from further erosion. The project will also restore 5.5 acres of valuable colonial water bird nesting habitat by placement of dredged material obtained from periodic dredging of the adjacent Wilmington Harbor navigation project.

Address: Contact your local district office of the Army Corps of Engineers (<http://www.usace.army.mil/divdistmap.html>)

### **Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration, Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act**

Purpose: To allow the Corps to carry out aquatic ecosystem restoration projects that will improve the quality of the environment, are in the public interest and are cost-effective.

Projects: Work has to be related to aquatic restoration. Examples include reforestation of bottomland hardwoods, modification of stream channels to stabilize channels, while introducing complexity and fish habitat, riparian re-vegetation, improvement of fish passage, which may include dam removal, re-establishing submerged vegetation, restoration of reclaimed land, restoration of wetlands.

Assistance: A non-federal sponsor, a public entity, must partner with the Corps. The non-Federal share is 35% of the total project cost, including study phase cost. The non-Federal sponsor is also responsible for 100% of the operation, maintenance, repair and rehabilitation cost.

Eligibility: Studies are initiated based on request to the appropriate Corps of Engineers District office by the local sponsor.

Example: At the Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area, 6 miles southeast of LaGrande, Oregon, the State of Oregon teamed with the Corps to restore the meandering pattern and riparian vegetation of an approximately 4,000-foot section of Ladd Creek and a 2,000-foot section of Barney Creek. This project enhances habitat for resident rainbow trout as well as the steelhead trout, which is listed under the Endangered Species Act for protection in the entire Snake River Basin.

Address: Contact your local district office of the Army Corps of Engineers (<http://www.usace.army.mil/divdistmap.html>).

### **Project Modifications for Improvement of the Environment**

Purpose: Section 1135 of the Water resources Development Act of 1986, as amended, authorizes a program of modifications to water resources projects constructed by the Corps for the improvement of the environment.

Projects: Work has to be related to an Corps water resources development project.

- Assistance: A non-federal sponsor, a public entity or non-governmental organization, must partner with the Corps. The non-Federal share is 25% of the total project cost. The non-Federal sponsor is also responsible for 100% of the operation, maintenance, repair and rehabilitation cost.
- Eligibility: Studies are initiated based on request to the appropriate Corps of Engineers District office by the local sponsor.
- Address: Contact your local district office of the Army Corps of Engineers (<http://www.usace.army.mil/divdistmap.html>).

### **Flood Mitigation and Riverine Restoration (Challenge 21)**

- Purpose: Section 2121 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 authorizes a program to implement projects that reduce flood hazards and restore the natural functions and values of rivers.
- Projects: Projects must significantly reduce potential flood damage as well as improve the quality of the environment. Nonstructural approaches are emphasized.
- Assistance: A non-federal sponsor, a public entity, must partner with the Corps. The non-Federal share is 35% of the total project cost, and 50% of the study phase cost.
- Eligibility: Studies are initiated based on request to the appropriate Corps of Engineers District Office by the local sponsor.
- Address: Contact your local district office of the Army Corps of Engineers (<http://www.usace.army.mil/divdistmap.html>).