

# ***Southern Louisiana Regional Portfields Initiative***

## **Financial and Technical Assistance Guide Opportunities**



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## Financial and Technical Assistance Opportunities Summary

### **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

EPA's mission is to protect human health and the environment. EPA co-coordinates implementation of Portfields. EPA grants are available for brownfields assessment, clean-up and redevelopment, environmental education, habitat restoration, smart growth implementation, water quality improvements, watershed management, and job training.

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

NOAA's mission is to conserve and manage wisely the nation's coastal and marine resources and advance science to ensure sustainable economic opportunities. NOAA co-coordinates implementation of Portfields, and provides grants to support a range of projects including habitat restoration, ballast-water treatment research and marine debris prevention and removal. Technical assistance opportunities include navigational services, GIS and aerial mapping.

### **United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)**

USACE is responsible for major construction and other engineering support to the Army, Air Force and other federal agencies. USACE can provide technical assistance and oversight in dredging, environmental restoration, engineering, facility design, and construction management. USACE also has expertise in responding to hazardous, toxic and radioactive waste.

### **State and NGO Partners**

Several non-governmental organizations and state programs also provide relevant financial and technical assistance., including the National Fish and Wildlife Federation, and the Louisiana Departments of Natural Resources (DNR) and Transportation and Development (DOTD). Please see the Financial and Technical Assistance Guide for full details.

### **Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

Part of HUD's mission is to support community development. HUD provides Community Development Block Grants, the Section 108 Loan Guarantee program for large scale economic development projects, and the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative and the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program for brownfields clean-up and redevelopment.

### **Economic Development Administration (EDA)**

EDA's mission is to generate new jobs, help retain existing jobs, and stimulate industrial commercial growth through increased private sector investment in economically distressed areas. Grant opportunities provide financial and technical assistance to stimulate economic growth, improve or expand public works infrastructure, promote long-term employment opportunities and improve or expand industrial or commercial facilities.

### **Department of Homeland Security and Maritime Administration (MARAD)**

MARAD develops and implements standards, laws, regulations and procedures to protect the environment and redevelop port properties. Funding is available through the Department of Homeland Security Port Security grants.

### **Department of Interior (DOI)**

DOI protects, oversees, and provides access to federally-owned natural and cultural areas. DOI grants support the Clean Vessel Act program, the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program which promotes recreational boating access and outreach, and the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Program which focuses on urban conservation, rails to trails projects, and river projects.

### **Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

USDA's mission includes improving economic and quality of life in rural America, as well as ensuring the health of land through sustainable management. USDA grants provide for essential community facilities, job creation in rural areas, promotion of sustainable development and development and repair of solid waste systems.



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**Department of Health & Human Services**  
**Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry**  
Public Health Assessments

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Technical support. ATSDR's mission is to prevent exposure and adverse human health effects and diminished quality of life associated with exposure to hazardous substances from waste sites, unplanned releases, and other sources of pollution present in the environment.

**Uses**

TSDR can perform site assessments, analysis and reporting of collected assessments data, education and training concerning hazardous substances, and mitigation of hazardous substance releases. A Public Health Assessment reviews information about hazardous substances at a site and evaluates whether exposure to those substances might cause any harm to people.

**Eligible Applicants**

Government agencies.

**Deadline**

None Listed

**Application Process/Contact**

Write to: Assistant Administrator, ATSDR (CHB), 1600 Clifton Road, NE (E28), Atlanta, GA 30333. In your letter, you must include the following information: your name, address, and phone number; the name of the group you represent, if any; the name, location, and description of the facility or release; information you have about people's exposure to a toxic substance; a request that ATSDR perform a Public Health Assessment. This information is also helpful, but not required: any other information you can provide about the facility or release-such as the chemical you are concerned about, the amount in the environment now or in the past, or the parties you believe may be responsible; exposure pathways; how many people might be exposed-particularly how many older persons and children; other government agencies you have contacted or which have investigated already.

**Department of Homeland Security**  
Homeland Security Preparedness Technical  
Assistance Program

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Expected Number of Awards: 15

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$10,000,000

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

**Uses**

HSTAP provides direct assistance to State, regional, local, and Tribal jurisdictions to improve their ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from major events, including threats or acts of terrorism. A primary objective of the program is to enhance the capacity of State and local jurisdictions, as well as special needs jurisdictions (e.g., port authorities and mass transit agencies) to develop, plan, and implement effective strategies for chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) event preparedness. Projects or initiatives that are eligible for funding under this announcement may or may not involve Geospatial (GIS) issues.

**Eligible Applicants**

For profit organizations other than small businesses. Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education.

**Deadline**

April 9, 2006

**Application Process/Contact**

Any questions concerning the grant program must be directed the Office of Grants & Training (OGT). OGT's Centralized Scheduling & Information Desk e-mail address is: askcsid@dhs.gov or call 800-368-6498, 8-7 Eastern Time, M-F. For further information, see joint DOJ/DHS grants website (scroll to bottom of page) <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm>.

## Department of Housing & Urban Development

### Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Congress appropriates an amount in excess of \$4 Billion for the CDBG Program. Grants are provided on an annual basis in this non-competitive program; go to <http://www.hud.gov> for more information.

#### **Uses**

HUD awards CDBG funding directly to state and local governments to revitalize neighborhoods, expand affordable housing and economic opportunities, and improve community facilities and services. Direct recipients of the grants include more than 900 metropolitan cities and urban counties, as well as 49 states for distribution to smaller communities. Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia and other US territories also receive CDBG funding. Funds from this entitlement program may be used for community and economic development projects such as parks, infrastructure improvements, environmental cleanup, and so on.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

State and local governments for communities that meet the national objectives for grant eligibility. The objectives are that the area suffers from urban blight and/or is a low-income or poverty level community, or there is an "urgent need" for redevelopment

#### **Deadline**

None Listed

#### **Application Process/Contact**

Each State and Local Government develops its own process for distribution of funding within their jurisdiction.

Go to <http://www.hud.gov> for more information regarding local Community Development Contacts within your community.

## Department of Housing & Urban Development

### Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

There is approximately \$225 Million in Section 108 Loan Guarantee Authorization for this FY 2006.

#### **Uses**

Under the Section 108 program, local governments receiving CDBG funding directly or through state programs can obtain low-interest federally guaranteed loans that can help fuel large economic development projects and other revitalization activities. Grantees must pledge their current and future CDBG allocations as security for the loan funds guaranteed by Section 108. The guaranteed loan amount can be as much as five times the community's or state's most recent CDBG allocation. When recipients pledge their CDBG future funding as the loan guarantee, they still have full access and use of those funds for their CDBG projects during the loan period. Their CDBG grant funds are not escrowed or set aside.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Local governments receiving CDBG funding directly or through state programs can obtain low-interest federally guaranteed loans for projects that meet the national objectives for CDBG eligibility.

#### **Deadline**

Section 108 Loan Guarantee Funding Applications can be submitted any time of the year.

#### **Application Process/Contact**

Potential Applicants should contact their local HUD Community Planning & Development (CPD) Office for application assistance. Go to <http://www.hud.gov> for more information regarding local CPD Contacts for your community.

## Department of Housing & Urban Development

### Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI)

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

There is \$10 Million in BEDI Funding for this FY 2006. Each applicant can apply for a maximum grant of \$1 Million per project. HUD awards competitive BEDI grants to local governments only in conjunction with Section 108 loan commitments.

#### **Uses**

The BEDI may be used to provide additional security for the loan, thereby reducing the exposure of the CDBG funds, for project costs, or to reduce the interest rate among other things. HUD created the BEDI Grant, to target the redevelopment of brownfields properties.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Local governments with Section 108 loans.

#### **Deadline**

June 14, 2006

#### **Application Process/Contact**

Applications should be submitted via [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), and must be received by [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) no later than 11:59 PM EST on June 14, 2006. No facsimile or electronic mail applications will be accepted. For technical assistance in completing your registration with Grants.gov or in using the electronic application, please contact the Grants.gov Support Desk by calling 800-518-GRANTS or by sending an email to [Support@Grants.gov](mailto:Support@Grants.gov). For assistance with program related questions, please contact David Kaminsky, BEDI Program Coordinator; Office of Economic Development; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 7140; Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-3484, extension 4445 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing or speech challenged persons may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339 (this is a tollfree number).

## Department of Housing & Urban Development

### Lead Based Paint (LBP) Hazard Control Program

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

From current and past years' funding, approximately \$84,911,331 will be available for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program, approximately \$59,615,180 will be available for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant Program, and approximately \$14,609,525 will be available for Operation Lead Elimination Action Program (LEAP).

#### **Uses**

The LBP program provides competitive grants to be used for privately owned housing and for housing units on Superfund/brownfields sites. The grants can be used for activities to reduce dangers from lead-contaminated dust, soil and paint in private homes and apartments built before 1978 that are owned or rented by low-income families.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

State and local governments.

#### **Deadline**

June 7, 2006

#### **Application Process/Contact**

Submit applications via [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) no later than 11:59 PM EST on June 7, 2006. No facsimile or electronic mail applications will be accepted. For Information and Technical Assistance: Contact Jonnette Hawkins, Director, Program Management and Assurance Division, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-3000, telephone (202) 755-1785, ext. 7593 (not a toll-free number) fax (202) 755-1000, e-mail: [Jonnette\\_G.\\_Hawkins@hud.gov](mailto:Jonnette_G._Hawkins@hud.gov). For grants administrative questions: Contact Ms. Curtissa L. Coleman, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control; telephone (202) 755-1785, ext. 7580 (not a toll-free number) or via e-mail at [Curtissa\\_L.\\_Coleman@hud.gov](mailto:Curtissa_L._Coleman@hud.gov). Hearing-or speech-impaired via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.



## Department of Interior

### Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA)

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Program provides river, trail and greenway planning; resource assessment; and conservation workshops. Much of Rivers & Trails assistance is targeted to urban areas. As such, the program can complement redevelopment efforts. There are four RTCA project areas that support conservation efforts: urban area projects, trails and greenway projects, rails-trails projects, and river projects. A redevelopment project may use any or all of these project areas at the same time. RTCA has an agreement with EPA to support the development of Groundwork USA, a network of local community corporations organized for environmental improvement. The RTCA involvement in these partnerships does not exceed two years.

#### **Uses**

- Assist in the development of conservation partnerships
- Provide resource assessment
- Assist in property acquisition

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Projects are locally-requested and led and should include significant public involvement. Projects should also include the commitment, cooperation and cost-sharing of all partners.

#### **Deadline**

None Listed

#### **Application Process/Contact**

Sam Stokes, Chief, National Park Service, Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, 1849 C Street, NW, Org. Code 2220, Washington, D.C. 20240 202-354-6933, Sam\_Stokes@nps.gov

RTCA Web site: <http://www.nps.gov/rtca/>  
Groundworks USA: <http://www.groundworkusa.net/>

## Department of Interior

### Minerals Management Service Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP)

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Under the CIAP, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to distribute to producing States and coastal political subdivisions \$250 million for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2010. This money will be shared among Alabama, Alaska, California, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas and will be allocated to each producing State and eligible coastal subdivision based upon allocation formulas prescribed by the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

#### **Uses**

A producing State or coastal political subdivision shall use all amounts received for one or more of the following purposes: projects and activities for the conservation, protection, or restoration of coastal areas, including wetland; mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources; planning assistance and the administrative costs of complying with this section; implementation of a federally-approved marine, coastal or comprehensive conservation management plan; mitigation of the impact of Outer Continental Shelf activities through funding of onshore infrastructure projects and public service needs.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas producing states (Alabama, Alaska, California, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas) and coastal political subdivisions.

#### **Deadline**

States must submit a coastal impact assistance plan for approval by the Secretary of the Interior no later than July 1, 2008.

#### **Application Process/Contact**

Louisiana: Mr. Scott Angelle  
Louisiana Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 94396  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9396  
Direct Questions to: Mr. David Fruge at (225) 342-7615

**Department of Interior**  
**Minerals Management Service**  
**Louisiana State University**  
Coastal Marine Institute at Louisiana State University

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Funds projects that collect and disseminate environmental information needed for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas and marine mineral decisions, address local and regional OCS related environmental and resource issues of mutual interest, and strengthen the MMS-State of Louisiana partnership in addressing OCS oil and gas and marine minerals information needs.

**Uses**

The projects respond to MMS, State, and local information needs concerning the environmental, social, and economic effects of OCS oil and gas and marine minerals activities.

**Eligible Applicants**

PIs must be researchers at Louisiana State University. However, PIs may cooperate with researchers at other institutions.

**Deadline**

Letters of Intent: December 2006

**Application Process/Contact**

Dr. Lawrence J. Rouse  
Coastal Marine Institute  
Louisiana State University  
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<http://cmi.lsu.edu/>  
[http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/regulate/environ/coastal\\_marine.html](http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/regulate/environ/coastal_marine.html)

**Department of Interior**  
**National Park Service**  
Federal Lands to Parks Program

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Through the Federal Lands to Parks Program, NPS helps states and local governments acquire, at no cost, surplus federal lands (including surplus lands from decommissioned military bases). NPS assists communities in gaining title to lands and facilities for public parks and recreation purposes.

**Uses**

Expand or provide park and recreational amenities. Protect open spaces, extend hiking trails and open boating and fishing access. Preserve historical and natural resources. Convert abandoned military bases into recreational assets. Land or buildings obtained through this program must be open to the public and used exclusively for parks and recreational purposes.

**Eligible Applicants**

State or local government agencies may apply. Successful applications support: a need for parks or recreation; the capacity to maintain the property; and suitability for park and recreational use.

**Deadline**

None Listed

**Application Process/Contact**

Wendy Ormont, Leader National Park Service Federal Lands to Parks Program, 1849 C Street, N.W. M.S. 2225, Washington, DC 20240 202-354-6915, email: [Wendy\\_Ormont@nps.gov](mailto:Wendy_Ormont@nps.gov)

<http://www.nps.gov/flp/>

Federal Lands to Parks staff review notices of available property for park and recreation opportunities, and notify relevant state, regional and/or local park agencies. Notices are often posted on military or General Services Administration Web sites. A state or local government agency interested in property for parks or recreational areas should notify the Federal Lands to Parks Program.



**Department of Interior**  
**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**  
**Clean Vessel Act Grant Program**

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Expected Number of Awards: 30; Estimated Total Program Funding: \$12,000,000; Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes; The Clean Vessel Act grant program requires a minimum 25% state cost share, which can include volunteer and in-kind services.

**Uses**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is accepting proposals for the Fiscal Year 2006 Clean Vessel Act grant program. This grant program provides funding for the construction, renovation, and operation and maintenance of sewage pumpout and dump stations for recreational boaters. Educational programs designed to inform recreational boaters about the importance of proper disposal of their sewage are also eligible for funding.

**Eligible Applicants**

State governments. County and local governments, as well as private marinas are eligible for this program, but must coordinate their proposal with the designated state agency. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will only accept proposals from the designated state agencies.

**Deadline**

Last deadline was January 31st, 2006. Expect 2007 funding.

**Application Process/Contact**

Grant proposals must be received no later than January 31, 2006 at one of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Offices or received electronically through Grants.gov. Late applications will not be considered. Contact Lori Bennett, Branch Chief Information Management, Phone: 703-358-2033, Fax: 703-358-1837, Email: Lori\_Bennett@fws.gov.

**Department of Interior**  
**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**  
**The Boating Infrastructure Grant Program**

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Expected Number of Awards: 65. Estimated Total Program Funding: \$12,000,000. The program requires a minimum 25% state cost share, which can include in-kind services and donations.

**Uses**

This program provides funding to construct, renovate and maintain tie-up facilities with features for transient boaters in vessels 26 feet or more in length, and to produce and distribute information and educational materials about the BIG program. This request for proposals includes both the Tier 1 (non-competitive) and Tier 2 (competitive) portions of the BIG program.

**Eligible Applicants**

State governments. County and local governments, as well as private marinas are eligible for this program, but must coordinate their proposal with the designated state agency. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will only accept proposals from the designated state agencies.

**Deadline**

October 31, 2006

**Application Process/Contact**

Applications must be received by the appropriate U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional office by the end of the normal business day on October 31, 2006 to be considered for funding. Contact Lori Bennett, Branch Chief Information Management, Phone: 703-358-2033, Fax: 703-358-1837, Email: Lori\_Bennett@fws.gov.

## Department of Transportation

Surface Transportation Program  
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement  
Program (CMAQ)

### Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions

FHWA funds transit projects that reduce congestion and improve air quality. Through CMAQ, FHWA funds transportation projects that reduce emissions in EPA's designated air quality non-attainment and maintenance areas. Funds must be spent in non-attainment or maintenance areas. Projects must reduce the pollutant for which the area is non-attainment or maintenance. Funds must be obligated within four years of award, which are mostly earmarked.

### Uses

Bridges. Transit project capital costs. Carpool projects, parking facilities and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Roads enhancing access to brownfields. Support transit and public transportation programs specifically through: service or system expansion; provision of new transit service; and financial incentives to use existing transit services. Freight and intermodal infrastructure. Traffic flow improvements. Travel demand management strategies. Pedestrian and bicycle programs.

### Eligible Applicants

State departments of transportation, metropolitan planning organizations and other elements participating in public-private partnerships.

### Deadline

None Listed

### Application Process/Contact

Constance Hill Galloway, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration Office of Natural Environment (HEPN) 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 804-775-3378, email: [connie.hill@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:connie.hill@fhwa.dot.gov)

Fred Bank, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration Office of Natural Environment (HEPN), 400 7th Street, SW Washington, DC 20590 202-366-5004, email: [fred.bank@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:fred.bank@fhwa.dot.gov)

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/cmaqpgs/>

## Department of Transportation

Transportation Enhancement (TE) Activities

### Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions

TE activities offer communities funding opportunities to expand transportation choices such as: bicycle and pedestrian facilities; scenic routes; and other investments that increase recreation opportunity. Communities may also use TE funds to contribute toward the revitalization of local and regional economies by restoring historic buildings; renovating streetscapes; or providing transportation museums and visitors centers.

### Uses

Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles. Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites. Landscaping and other scenic beautification. Historic preservation. Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals). Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails). Environmental mitigation to address highway runoff pollution or reduce vehicle caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity.

### Eligible Applicants

contact DOT for additional information

### Deadline

None Listed

### Application Process/Contact

Constance Hill Galloway, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration Office of Natural Environment (HEPN) 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 804-775-3378, email: [connie.hill@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:connie.hill@fhwa.dot.gov)

Fred Bank, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration Office of Natural Environment (HEPN), 400 7th Street, SW Washington, DC 20590 202-366-5004, email: [fred.bank@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:fred.bank@fhwa.dot.gov)

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/te/index.htm>

## Department of Transportation

### Transportation Planning Technical Assistance

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

FHWA helps MPOs develop long-range transportation plans that consider changes in future population and traffic patterns, as well as predict the economic and infrastructure changes needed to support these changes.

#### **Uses**

Transportation plan development

#### **Eligible Applicants**

contact DOT for additional information

#### **Deadline**

None Listed

#### **Application Process/Contact**

Constance Hill Galloway  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration Office of Natural Environment (HEPN)  
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Washington, DC 20590 804-775-3378  
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U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration Office of Natural Environment (HEPN)  
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fred.bank@fhwa.dot.gov

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/index.htm>

## Department of Transportation

### Urbanized Area Formula Grants

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

These grants provide federal assistance for transit and related planning, capital and operating assistance within urbanized areas with populations of 50,000 people or more. The required matching ratio is 80 percent federal share and 20 percent local share for capital and planning projects. Congress appropriates roughly \$3,600,000,000 annually for this program.

#### **Uses**

Bus and rail system replacements. Maintenance of equipment. Facility construction. System modernization and rehabilitation

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Funds are apportioned by formula. The designated recipient may apply for all grants in the urbanized area or distribute the funds to other eligible recipients.

#### **Deadline**

None Listed

#### **Application Process/Contact**

Carol Braegelmann  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Transit Administration, TPE-30  
400 7th Street, SW, Room 9413  
Washington, DC 20590 202-366-1701  
carol.braegelmann@fta.dot.gov

Ken Johnson  
Urbanized Area Formula Grants  
U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration, TPM-10  
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ken.johnson@fta.dot.gov  
<http://www.fta.dot.gov/library/legal/factspl1.htm>

# Department of Transportation Transportation Security Administration Metropolitan Planning

## Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions

Funds are apportioned to States considering each State's urbanized area population in proportion to the urbanized area population for the entire Nation, as well as other factors. States can receive no less than .5 percent of the amount apportioned. These funds, in turn, are sub-allocated by States to MPOs by a formula that considers each MPO's urbanized area population, their individual planning needs, and a minimum distribution. Match: The Federal share is 80 percent and the local share is 20 percent. Funding Availability: Year appropriated plus three years (total of four years).

## Uses

Support economic vitality of the metropolitan area, enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency; increase safety and security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users; increase accessibility and mobility options available to people and for freight; protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and improve quality of life; enhance integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight; promote efficient system management and operation; and emphasize preservation of the existing transportation system.

## Eligible Applicants

State DOTs and Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

## Deadline

None Listed

## Application Process/Contact

Application information available online at [http://www.fta.dot.gov/25\\_ENG\\_HTML.htm](http://www.fta.dot.gov/25_ENG_HTML.htm). For additional information about this program, contact the Office of Planning: (202) 366-6385. Region 4 Contact Information: Atlanta Federal Center, Suite 17T50, 61 Forsyth St., S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303, Telephone: (404) 562-3500, Fax: (404) 562-3505



Port Communities play a key role in homeland security. Ensuring the security of cargo, including more than seven million containers moving through U.S. ports each year.

## Economic Development Administration

### Economic Adjustment Assistance Program

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Competitive Grant. Funding of up to \$44,794,000 is expected to be available for Economic Adjustment Project Grants in FY 2006. Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes. This program helps states and local governments that experience sudden and severe economic dislocation or long-term economic deterioration to design and implement adjustment and redevelopment strategies.

#### **Uses**

Assist regions impacted by coal industry downsizing, timber industry issues and Alaska fishing-dependent communities. Assist communities that experience manufacturing job losses (e.g., major layoffs, plant closures, trade impacts, defense restructuring or disasters). Economic Adjustment Assistance Investments may be used to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to alleviate long-term economic deterioration or a sudden and severe economic dislocation or to fund a Project implementing such a CEDS. Examples of implementation grant activities include infrastructure improvements; provision of business or infrastructure financing through the capitalization of Recipient-administered Revolving Loan Funds; market or industry research and analysis; technical assistance.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Cities or other political subdivisions of a State, including a special purpose unit of State or local government; a State; an institution of higher education; public or private non-profit organization acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State; Economic Development District Organization; or an Indian Tribe.

#### **Deadline**

Proposals are accepted on a continuing basis and applications are invited and processed as received.

#### **Application Process/Contact**

Preapplications are submitted to the appropriate Regional Office.

Proposals from Louisiana should be submitted to:  
EDA/Austin Regional Office  
504 Lavaca Suite 1100  
Austin, TX 78701.

Further Information Contact:  
Pamela Davidson Ehlers  
500 Poydras, Room 1025  
New Orleans, LA 70130,  
telephone 504/589-4179

Main Site: <http://www.eda.gov>

## Economic Development Administration

### Local Technical Assistance

#### Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions

Competitive Grants. Funding of up to \$1,376,182 is available for FY 2006. Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: yes.

#### Uses

EDA Local Technical Assistance Investments strengthen the capacity of local, State or national organizations and institutions to undertake and promote effective economic development programs targeted to Regions of distress; demonstrate innovative approaches to stimulate economic development in distressed Regions; are consistent with an EDA-approved CEDS for the Region in which the Project is located; and meets the criteria outlined in the applicable Notice of Federal Funding Opportunities.

#### Eligible Applicants

City or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of State or local government; State; institution of higher education; public or private non-profit organization acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State; Economic Development District Organization; or an Indian Tribe.

#### Deadline

Proposals are accepted on a continuing basis and applications are invited and processed as received.

#### Application Process/Contact

Proposals are submitted to the appropriate Regional Office. Proposals from Louisiana are submitted to the EDA/Austin Regional Office, 504 Lavaca, Suite 1100, Austin, TX 78701. The Economic Development Representative is Pamela Davidson Ehlers, 500 Poydras Street, room 1025, New Orleans, LA 70130.



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## Economic Development Administration

### Public Works and Development Facilities

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Competitive Grant. Funding of up to \$160,381,000 is expected to be available for project grants in FY 2006. Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes.

#### **Uses**

Public Works Investments may fund the following activities: (1) Acquisition or development of land and improvements for use in a public works, public service, or other type of development facility; or (2) Acquisition, design and engineering, construction, rehabilitation, alteration, expansion or improvement of such a facility, including related machinery and equipment. The Public Works Investment (1) must directly or indirectly (i) improve the opportunities for the successful establishment or expansion of industrial or commercial plants or facilities in the Region where the Investment is located; (ii) assist in the creation of additional long-term employment opportunities in the Region; or (iii) primarily benefit unemployed and members of low-income families in the Region; (2) fulfill a pressing need of the Region in which the Investment is located; and (3) The Region in which the Investment is located has a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and the Investment is consistent with the Strategy.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

City or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities; a State; an institution of higher education; a public or private non-profit organization, acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State; District Organization; or Indian Tribe. EDA encourages only those investment proposals that will significantly benefit areas experiencing or threatened with substantial economic distress.

#### **Deadline**

Proposals are accepted on a continuing basis and applications are invited and processed as received.

#### **Application Process/Contact**

Proposals are submitted to the appropriate Regional Office.

Proposals from Louisiana should be submitted to:  
EDA/Austin Regional Office  
504 Lavaca Suite 1100  
Austin, TX 78701.

#### **Further Information Contact:**

Pamela Davidson Ehlers  
500 Poydras, Room 1025  
New Orleans, LA 70130,  
telephone 504/589-4179

Main Site: <http://www.eda.gov>

## Environmental Protection Agency

### Brownfields Assessment Grants

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Cooperative Agreements. Grants are \$200,000 for site assessments and \$200,000 for petroleum. Applicants may seek a waiver of the \$200,000 limit and request up to \$350,000 for a hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants or petroleum. Such waivers must be based on the anticipated level of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants. The performance period is two years. Due to budget limitations, no entity may apply for more than \$700,000 in assessment funding.

#### **Uses**

- Inventory sites
- Characterize sites
- Assess sites
- Conduct planning and community involvement related to brownfields

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Eligible entities include: state, local and tribal governments; land clearance authorities; or other quasi-governmental entities; regional council or redevelopment agencies; or state or local governments

#### **Deadline**

Varies each fiscal year. Usually early December.

#### **Application Process/Contact**

Application Guidelines usually available in September; applications usually due in early December.

Patricia Overmeyer 202-566-2774.

See: <http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/applicat.htm#pg>

## Environmental Protection Agency

### Brownfields Cleanup Grants

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Cooperative agreements. No entity may apply for more than \$1,000,000 for funding cleanup activities at more than five sites. Cleanup grants require a 20 percent cost share, which may be in the form of a contribution of money, labor, material or services, and must be for eligible and allowable costs. A Cleanup grant applicant may request a waiver of the 20 percent cost share requirement based on hardship. An eligible entity may apply for up to \$200,000 per site. The performance period is two years.

#### **Uses**

Carry out cleanup activities at brownfields sites.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Eligible entities include: state, local and tribal governments; land clearance authorities; or other quasi-governmental entities; regional council or redevelopment agencies; or state or government entities. To receive a Cleanup grant, the applicant must own the site for which they are applying by the time the grant is awarded. A Phase I site assessment must be completed and a Phase II site investigation must be ongoing on completed prior to proposal submission.

#### **Deadline**

Varies each fiscal year. Usually early December.

#### **Application Process/Contact**

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## Environmental Protection Agency

### Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Cooperative agreements. At least 60 percent of the awarded funds must be used to implement a revolving loan fund to provide no-interest or low-interest loans for brownfields cleanup. RLF grants require a 20 percent cost share, which may be in the form of money, labor, materials, or services, and must be for eligible and allowable costs. An eligible entity may apply for up to \$1,000,000. Coalitions of eligible entities may apply together under one recipient for up to \$1,000,000 per eligible entity. The performance period is five years.

#### **Uses**

Capitalize a revolving loan fund and provide subgrants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfields. Address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum).

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Eligible entities include: state, local and tribal governments; land clearance authorities; or other quasi-governmental entities; regional council or redevelopment agencies; or state or government entities.

#### **Deadline**

Varies each fiscal year. Usually early December.

#### **Application Process/Contact**

Application Guidelines usually available in September; applications usually due in early December.

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<http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/applicat.htm#pg>

## Environmental Protection Agency

### Clean Water State Revolving Loan Funds (CWSRFs)

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Capitalized by EPA, these funds can be used by states for loans of up to 20 years to finance activities that include brownfields mitigation to correct or prevent water quality problems, and which have a revenue stream to provide for loan repayment. There is no limit on the amount of funding that a project can access. Only a few states (notably New Mexico, New York and Ohio) have used this approach for brownfields. CWSRFs have funded over \$43,500,000,000, providing over 14,200 low-interest loans to date for water quality protection projects.

#### **Uses**

Uses include excavation and disposal of underground storage tanks; capping wells; Excavation, removal and disposal of contaminated soil or sediments; well abandonment; and Phase I, II, or III assessments.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Eligible entities include: state, local and tribal governments; land clearance authorities; or other quasi-governmental entities; regional council or redevelopment agencies; or state or government entities

#### **Deadline**

Varies each fiscal year. Usually early December.

#### **Application Process/Contact**

See: <http://www.epa.gov/owmitnet/cwfinance/cwsrf/index.htm>

# Environmental Protection Agency

## Environmental Enforcement Education Grant Program

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Grantees must provide non-federal matching funds of at least 25% of total project costs. Match may be cash or in-kind contributions. Approximately 200 grants awarded annually. Grants of less than \$50K are made by regional offices, more than \$50K by EPA Headquarters.

### **Uses**

- Build state capacity for environmental education programs
- Advance state education reform goals
- Improve environmental teaching skills
- Educate the public through community-based organizations
- Educate the public about health threats from pollution
- Promote environmental careers

### **Eligible Applicants**

Colleges and universities, local and tribal education agencies; state education or environmental agencies; non-profit organizations and non-commercial education broadcasting entities.

### **Deadline**

None Listed

### **Application Process/Contact**

See [www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html](http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html) for further information.

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Brownfields redevelopment is a critical solution to the many challenges facing ports, and can be a catalyst for enhancing port capacity and infrastructure, and waterfront and community revitalization.

# Environmental Protection Agency

## Federal Brownfields Tax Incentive

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

This incentive encourages brownfields cleanup and redevelopment by allowing taxpayers to reduce their taxable income by the cost of their eligible cleanup expenses. Designed to spur investment in blighted properties and assist in revitalizing communities, the Federal Brownfields Tax Incentive serves as a critical tool in brownfields cleanup and redevelopment efforts.

### **Uses**

Activities such as construction of access roads, operations and maintenance; State Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) oversight fees are eligible expenditures used in connection with the abatement or control of a release, or threat of a release or disposal of a hazardous substance at a property; and site assessment and investigation activities incurred in connection with the abatement or control of hazardous substances at a qualified contaminated site.

### **Eligible Applicants**

1. The property must be held by the taxpayer incurring the eligible cleanup expenses for use in a trade or business or for the production of income.
  2. Hazardous substances must be present or potentially present on the property.
  3. Taxpayers must obtain a statement from a designated state agency verifying eligibility for the Tax Incentive, such as through a voluntary cleanup program.
- Properties listed or proposed for listing, on EPA's National Priorities List (NPL) are not eligible for the Tax Incentive.

### **Deadline**

None Listed

### **Application Process/Contact**

- Taxpayer begins cleanup and redevelopment project planning and considers using the Federal Brownfields Tax Incentive.
- Taxpayer determines that a hazardous substance is present or potentially present on the property in question.
- Taxpayer submits appropriate documents to the designated state agency showing the hazardous substance is present or potentially present.
- Interested parties contact their designated state agency to determine what documentation is required.
- Designated state agency verifies information and releases a statement to the taxpayer verifying eligibility for the Tax Incentive.
- Once the statement is issued, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) considers it valid for the life of the Tax Incentive. To claim the deduction, taxpayers write "Section 198 Election" on their income tax return next to the line where the deduction is claimed.

Visit the U.S. EPA Brownfields Tax Incentive Web site at:

<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/bftaxinc.htm#other>

Internal Revenue Service Publication 954:

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p954.pdf>

# Environmental Protection Agency National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

## Five Star Restoration Program

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Awards are between \$5,000 and \$20,000; the average grant is \$10,000. Projects must include a strong on-the-ground wetland, riparian, or coastal habitat restoration component and should also include training, education, outreach, monitoring, and community stewardship components. Projects involving only research, monitoring, or planning are not eligible for funding. Applicants must demonstrate that measurable ecological, educational, social, and/or economic benefits are expected to result from the completion of the project.

Projects may be a discrete part of a larger restoration effort but must be ready to complete within a one-year time-frame upon receipt of funding. Preference will be given to projects that: Are part of a larger watershed or community stewardship effort; include specific provisions for long-term management, monitoring, and protection; and demonstrate the value of innovative, collaborative approaches to restoring the nation's waters.

Projects that are part of a mitigation requirement are not eligible for funding. Organizations or projects that have received funding under this program are eligible to reapply; however, preference will be given to those that have not previously received support. In 2005, 53 projects out of 220 applications received grants of an average \$10,000.

### **Uses**

The Five-Star Restoration Program provides modest financial assistance on a competitive basis to support community-based wetland, riparian, and coastal habitat restoration projects that build diverse partnerships and foster local natural resource stewardship through education, outreach and training activities. In 2005, 53 projects out of 220 applications received grants of an average \$10,000.

### **Eligible Applicants**

The stars in "Five-Star" are the partners, funders, and/or participants necessary to complete the project including: Schools or youth organizations (e.g., state or local youth conservation corps, county job training programs); Local or tribal governments (e.g., boards of county commissioners, departments of planning, environment or parks and recreation); Universities and local cooperative extension districts; Local businesses or corporations; Conservation organizations or local citizens groups; State and federal resource management agencies; and Foundations or other funders. Projects must therefore involve diverse partnerships of ideally five organizations that contribute funding, land, technical assistance, workforce support, and/or other in-kind services. State and federal partnerships are encouraged, but they are not eligible to serve as the grantee.

### **Deadline**

March 10, 2006

### **Application Process/Contact**

The Five Star Restoration Challenge Grant program is open to any public or private entity. Applicants should complete the attached application form, including project narrative and budget request. For Frequently Asked Questions about the program, please click here. Applications must be postmarked by March 10, 2006. Projects will be evaluated to the extent by which the above guidelines are met. Applicants will be notified of their awards in mid-June.

For further information, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/5star/>.



## Environmental Protection Agency

### Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The 2002 statutory authority requires that 25 percent of brownfields funding go to petroleum-impacted sites. Grant and loan funds can be used to purchase environmental insurance and monitor institutional controls. Grant funds cannot be used for administrative costs.

At least 60 percent of the awarded funds must be used to implement a revolving loan fund, in order to provide no-interest or low-interest loans for brownfields cleanup. RLF grants require a 20 percent cost share, which may be in the form of money, labor, materials, or services.

#### **Uses**

- Capitalize a revolving loan fund and provide subgrants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfields.
- Address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum)

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Eligible entities include: state, local and tribal governments; land clearance authorities; or other quasi-governmental entities; regional council or redevelopment agencies; or state or government entities.

#### **Deadline**

None Listed

#### **Application Process/Contact**

Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants  
<http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/applicat.htm#pg>

## Environmental Protection Agency

### Smart Growth Implementation Assistance

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Assistance for communities in implementing smart growth either through policy analysis (e.g., reviewing state and local codes, school siting guidelines, transportation policies, etc.) or public participatory processes (e.g., visioning, alternatives analysis, build-out analysis, etc.). Assistance is provided through an Agency contract vehicle, not a grant.

#### **Uses**

Multi-day visit from a team of experts organized by EPA and other national partners to work with local leaders. Team members will be national experts in disciplines determined by the community's unique needs. The team will work with the community to deliver a final report. Assistance is free, but priority is given to communities that demonstrate commitments of local staff time, local businesses support, and other local resources.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Tribal, local, regional, and state governments and nonprofit organizations that have a demonstrated partnership with a governmental entity.

#### **Deadline**

Varies each fiscal year. Usually early December.

#### **Application Process/Contact**

See [http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sg\\_implementation.htm#epa](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sg_implementation.htm#epa)  
Applications must include a specific project description and clearly identify community challenges and the specific activities that would be most helpful from the EPA-led team. Applicants should assume a \$40,000 limit on assistance. The actual dollar amount may be higher or lower depending on EPA's budget, project complexity, and number of projects funding. In 2006 (Spring), EPA plans to provide funding to three communities.

# Environmental Protection Agency

## State and Tribal Response Program

### Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions

Non-competitive 50 million dollar grant program to establish and enhance state and tribal response programs. Not intended to supplement current funding for state or tribal programs, but instead to increase their capacity. No more than \$200,000 per site for assessments or clean-ups.

### Uses

Develop legislation, regulations, etc to establish or enhance a response program; capitalize an RLF for brownfields clean-up; purchase insurance or develop risk management tools; establish and maintain institutional controls; or conduct limited site-specific activities.

### Eligible Applicants

State or tribe must demonstrate that they have, or are trying to obtain, a voluntary response program Memorandum of Understanding with EPA. Also must maintain and make available to public a record of sites where response actions have been completed in past year, and are planned to be addressed in the following year.

### Deadline

None listed

### Application Process/Contact

See [www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/state\\_tribal.hmt](http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/state_tribal.hmt) for further info.

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Portfields helps coordinate local, state, and federal agencies to leverage resources and support port revitalization.

# Environmental Protection Agency

## Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Program

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Grant or cooperative agreement with approximately 7 awards totalling approximately \$2 million for all awards. Potential Funding per Grant: Up to \$100,000/year with a duration of 2 or 3 years and no more than a total of \$300,000, including direct and indirect costs. Cost-sharing is not required. Proposals with budgets exceeding the total award limits will not be considered.

Certain statutory restrictions related to EPA's annual Appropriation Acts apply. EPA funds for awards under this solicitation cannot be used for projects within the scope of activities covered by other appropriation accounts within the EPA Appropriation Act. See [http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2006/2006\\_star\\_cns.html](http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2006/2006_star_cns.html) for detailed criteria.

### **Uses**

Problems or opportunities addressed should be regional in scale. A regional scale project can range in geographic extent from a metropolitan area to several states.

### **Eligible Applicants**

Public nonprofit institutions/organizations (includes public institutions of higher education and hospitals) and private nonprofit institutions/organizations (includes private institutions of higher education and hospitals) located in the U.S.; state and local governments; Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments; and U.S. territories or possessions are eligible to apply.

### **Deadline**

May 17, 2006

### **Application Process/Contact**

You may submit either a paper application or an electronic application (but not both) for this announcement. The necessary forms for submitting a STAR application will be found on the National Center for Environmental Research (NCER) web site, <http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/forms/>.

To apply electronically, you must use the application package available at [https://apply.grants.gov/forms\\_apps\\_idx.html](https://apply.grants.gov/forms_apps_idx.html) (see "Submission Instructions for Electronic Applications" in Section IV).

If your organization is not currently registered with grants.gov, you need to allow approximately one week to complete the registration process to apply electronically. This registration, and electronic submission of your application, must be performed by an appropriate representative of your organization.

### **Contact Persons:**

Eligibility Contact: Tom Barnwell: 202-343-9862; email: (barnwell.thomas@epa.gov)

Electronic Submissions: Bronda Harrison: 202-343-9777; email: (harrison.bronda@epa.gov)

Technical Contact: Diana Bauer: Phone: 202-343-9759; email: (bauer.diana@epa.gov)

## Environmental Protection Agency

### Targeted Brownfields Assessment

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Funding can only be used at sites approved for EPA Brownfields Program funding. TBAs generally will not be funded at sites where owner is responsible for the contamination unless there is a clear means of recouping EPA expenditures. TBA does not provide resources to conduct cleanup or building demolition activities.

#### **Uses**

Program designed to help states, tribes and municipalities supplement and work with other efforts under the Brownfields program. Can be used for Phase I or II assessments, establishment of clean-up options and cost estimates based on future uses and redevelopment plans.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Check with local EPA region.

#### **Deadline**

None listed

#### **Application Process/Contact**

See [www.epa.gov/Brownfields/tba.hmt](http://www.epa.gov/Brownfields/tba.hmt) for further information.

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## Environmental Protection Agency

### Targeted Watershed Initiative Grants

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Grants are designed to encourage successful community-based approaches and management techniques to protect and restore the nation's waters.

#### **Uses**

Boost water pollution control efforts focused on partnerships, innovation, and program integration. Provides resources to watershed organizations with clear goals and objectives with special consideration given to water quality monitoring, innovation, a public education component and strong community support. Projects must focus on showing measurable environmental results in 2-3 years and quantify their particular environmental parameter during the course of the project.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Anyone (group or individual) that is not a commercial enterprise. Businesses and for-profit entities are strongly encouraged to be active partners in the watershed effort. EPA is looking for innovative projects that engage on-the-ground approaches to solving water quality issues. EPA is looking for ready-to-go projects with a wide array of public support.

#### **Deadline**

None Listed

#### **Application Process/Contact**

Watershed nominations must be submitted by either a governor or a tribal leader/official. Each year there is a particular emphasis on the eligibility criteria to attract certain types of projects. Governors (or tribal leaders) may nominate only up to two watersheds that are wholly within their state (or tribe). Watershed groups wishing to be nominated (meeting the criteria) need to notify the State Governor's or Water Quality Office as soon as possible to learn how their state will be selecting watersheds to nominate.

See: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/initiative/>

## Environmental Protection Agency

### Technical Assistance: Job Training Grants

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Eligible entities may apply for up to \$200,000. Performance period is two years.

#### **Uses**

Prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental cleanup field; facilitate cleanup of brownfields contaminated with hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants or petroleum.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

State, local and tribal governments; land clearance authorities; other quasi-governmental entities, regional council or redevelopment agencies; state or government entities; colleges, universities, and job training organizations.

#### **Deadline**

None Listed

#### **Application Process/Contact**

See [www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/applicat.htm#jt](http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/applicat.htm#jt) for further information.

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## Federal Housing Finance Board

### Community Investment Cash Advance Program

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Offers long-term advances to provide financing for projects targeted to certain economic development activities. Grantees may use the proceeds of CICA funding to finance targeted economic development projects directly (loan originations and purchases) or indirectly (lending to other lenders for eligible purposes).

#### **Uses**

Commercial, industrial, manufacturing, social service, infrastructure and public facility projects.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

See CICA website for eligible projects.

#### **Deadline**

None Listed

#### **Application Process/Contact**

See <http://www.fhfb.gov> for further information.

Contact:Bruce Hatton  
Community Investment Office  
Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas  
8500 Freeport Parkway South, Suite 100  
Irving, TX 75063-2547  
Phone: (214)441-8586.  
Email: [Bruce.Hatton@fhfb.com](mailto:Bruce.Hatton@fhfb.com).

## National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

### Ballast Water Technology Demonstration Program (Treatment Technology Demonstration Projects)

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

NOAA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) expect to make available up to about \$2 million in FY 2006, and the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) expects to make available several vessels for use as test platforms, to support ballast water treatment technology demonstration projects. The maximum amount of award will vary with the scale of the proposed project. Approximately 8 grants with a median value of about \$200,000 are anticipated to be awarded. The maximum amount of award will vary with the scale of the proposed project. Anticipated maximum awards for laboratory-scale experiments will be \$200,000, for full-scale demonstration projects, \$400,000. Technology demonstration proposals must include a long-term development plan that outlines how the technology will be developed from its current state into an effective, commercially viable ballast water treatment system, and how the proposed project is an essential part of this development.

#### **Uses**

Supports projects to develop, test, and demonstrate technologies that treat ships' ballast water in order to reduce the threat of introduction of aquatic invasive species to U.S. waters through the discharge of ballast water. The technologies being proposed for investigation should have promise of being effective at removing, inactivating, or preventing the transfer of aquatic organisms in the ballast water, should be practicable from the standpoint of ship operations, safety, environmental protection, and the ability to meet all regulatory requirements, and should have the potential to be developed into commercially viable product.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Eligible applicants are individuals, institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations, Federal,

State, local and Indian tribal governments, foreign governments, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, and international organizations. Applications from non-Federal and eligible Federal applicants (including NOAA employees) will be evaluated in the same selection process. PLEASE NOTE: Before non NOAA Federal applicants may be funded, they must demonstrate that they have legal authority to receive funds from another Federal agency in excess of their appropriation. Because this announcement is not proposing to procure goods or services from applicants, the Economy Act (31 USC 1535) is not an appropriate legal basis. Only those who submit preliminary proposals by the preliminary proposal deadline are eligible to submit full proposals.

#### **Deadline**

We are exploring whether or not this opportunity will be available for FY06.

#### **Application Process/Contact**

All NOAA grants can be accessed at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

Only those who submit preliminary proposals meeting the preliminary proposal deadline and other requirements of the notice are eligible to submit full proposals.

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# National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

## Coastal Sciences Center Landscape Characterization and Restoration Program

### Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions

Expected to fund one award with a ceiling of \$350,000 and no cost sharing or matching requirement. Proposals focusing on any part of the coastal United States will be accepted.

### Uses

Seeking proposals for a two-year cooperative agreement under which the cooperator and the Center will jointly develop an environmental characterization of a coastal region for use by coastal resource managers within two or more states to address a single management issue related to coastal development, this issue to be selected by the cooperator.

### Eligible Applicants

Institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profits, commercial organizations, foreign governments, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments. Federal agencies or institutions may be project partners (note: they must demonstrate that they have legal authority to receive funds from outside sources in excess of their appropriations).

### Deadline

We are exploring whether or not this opportunity will be available for FY06.

### Application Process/Contact

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Nearly one-half of the U.S. population lives near the coast. These communities benefit from access to waterfront areas for recreation and leisure activities. Redeveloping urban waterfronts improves the quality of life for citizens.

# National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

## Community-based Restoration Program (CRP)

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Proposals selected for funding through this solicitation will be implemented through a cooperative agreement. Funding of up to \$3,000,000 is expected to be available for Community-based Habitat Restoration Project Grants in FY 2006. The NOAA Restoration Center (RC) anticipates that typical awards will range from \$50,000 to \$200,000. Expected Number of Awards: 25 Estimated Total Program Funding: \$3,000,000 Award Ceiling: \$250,000 Award Floor: \$30,000 Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

### **Uses**

The NOAA Community-based Restoration Program (CRP) provides funding to catalyze the implementation of locally-driven, grass-roots habitat restoration projects that will benefit living marine resources, including anadromous fish. Projects funded through the CRP have strong on-the-ground habitat restoration components that provide educational and social benefits for people and their communities in addition to long-term ecological habitat improvements for NOAA trust resources. The role of NOAA in the CRP is to help identify potential restoration projects, strengthen the development and implementation of sound restoration projects and science-based monitoring of such projects within communities, and develop long-term, ongoing national and regional partnerships to support community-based restoration of living marine resource habitats across a wide geographic area.

### **Eligible Applicants**

Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profits, commercial (for profit) organizations, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments whose projects have the potential to benefit NOAA

trust resources. Applications from federal agencies or employees of Federal agencies will not be considered. Federal agencies are strongly encouraged to work with states, non-governmental organizations, national service clubs or youth corps organizations and others that are eligible to apply. The Department of Commerce/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (DOC/NOAA) is strongly committed to broadening the participation of historically black colleges and universities, Hispanic serving institutions, tribal colleges and universities, and institutions that work in under served areas. The CRP encourages proposals involving any of the above institutions.

### **Deadline**

To be announced for FY06.

### **Application Process/Contact**

All NOAA grants can be accessed at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

Applications should be submitted via [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), and must be received by grants.gov no later than 11:59 PM EST on the day of the deadline. No facsimile or electronic mail applications will be accepted.

[http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/projects\\_programs/crp/partners\\_funding/callforprojects.html](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/projects_programs/crp/partners_funding/callforprojects.html)

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## National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

### Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Integration and Development (I & D) Program

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Expected Number of Awards: 3 Estimated Total Program Funding: \$250,000 Award Ceiling: \$125,000 Award Floor: \$50,000 Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

#### **Uses**

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Integration and Development (I&D) program, seeks proposals for a one to two-year cooperative agreements under which cooperators and the Center will jointly develop technical projects related to the goal of the GIS I&D program, which is to provide relevant, easily accessible spatial data, tools, and support services to the coastal resource management community. The GIS I&D program is especially interested in state and local level coastal resource management organizations proposing geospatial solutions to issues related to coastal hazards, smarth growth, marine protected areas, permitting systems, data access and distribution, or Internet mapping.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

State governments, county governments, city or township governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education, for profit organizations other than small businesses, foreign governments, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations. Federal agencies or institutions are not eligible to receive Federal assistance under this announcement, but may be project partners. Note: Federal agencies or institutions who are project partners must demonstrate that they have legal authority to receive funds from outside sources in excess of their appropriations.

#### **Deadline**

We are exploring whether or not this opportunity will be available for FY06.

#### **Application Process/Contact**

All NOAA grants can be accessed at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

Proposals must be received by the CSC no later than 5 p.m., local time on the date it is due. Letters of Intent (LOI) are due no later than 5 p.m., local time.

#### **Contact:**

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## National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

### NOAA Marine Debris Program (MDP)

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Cooperative Agreement Grant. Funding of up to \$2,000,000 is expected to be available for Community-based Marine Debris Prevention and Removal Project Grants in FY 2006. The NOAA MDP anticipates that typical awards will range from \$15,000 to \$100,000. Expected Number of Awards: 25; Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes.

#### **Uses**

The NOAA Marine Debris Program (MDP) provides funding to catalyze the implementation of locally driven, community-based marine debris prevention and removal projects that will benefit coastal habitat, waterways, and NOAA trust resources including anadromous fish. Projects funded through the MDP have strong on-the-ground habitat components involving the removal of marine debris and derelict fishing gear that will provide educational and social benefits for people and their communities in addition to long-term ecological habitat improvements for NOAA trust resources. The role of NOAA in the MDP is to help identify potential marine debris prevention and removal projects, strengthen the development and implementation of habitat restoration through the removal of marine debris within communities, and foster awareness of the effects of marine debris through the funding of outreach and education proposals to further the conservation of living marine resource habitats across a wide geographic area. Proposals selected for funding through this solicitation will be implemented through a cooperative agreement. Funding of up to \$2,000,000 is expected to be available for Community-based Marine Debris Prevention and Removal Project Grants in FY 2006. The NOAA MDP anticipates that typical awards will range from \$15,000 to \$100,000.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Institutions of higher education, other non-profits, commercial

(for profit) organizations, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments whose projects have the potential to benefit NOAA trust resources. Applications from federal agencies or employees of Federal agencies will not be considered. Federal agencies are strongly encouraged to work with states, non-governmental organizations, national service clubs or youth corps organizations and others that are eligible to apply. The Department of Commerce/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (DOC/NOAA) is strongly committed to broadening the participation of historically black colleges and universities, Hispanic serving institutions, tribal colleges and universities, and institutions that work in under served areas. The MDP encourages proposals involving any of the above institutions.

#### **Deadline**

Pre-proposals are June 1, 2006

#### **Application Process/Contact**

All NOAA grants can be accessed at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

Original Closing Date for Applications: Applications should be submitted via [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), and must be received by [grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) no later than 11:59 PM EST on the due date. No facsimile or electronic mail applications will be accepted. Applications can also be submitted via the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation at [http://www.nfwf.org/programs/marine\\_debris.cfm](http://www.nfwf.org/programs/marine_debris.cfm). Contact Michelle Pico at [pico@nfwf.org](mailto:pico@nfwf.org) or by phone at 262-567-0601.

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## National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

NOAA's Coastal Services Center (CSC)

### Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions

Technical Assistance. CSC helps develop the expertise of coastal resource professionals by giving them the tools to engage communities in land and water issues, including the redevelopment of brownfields. Through CSC-led workshops, planners and managers build valuable skills to help local governments collaborate with the public and manage conflict.

### Uses

Smart Growth initiatives; Brownfields information outreach

### Eligible Applicants

Assistance is provided to state and local coastal resource managers and federal, non-governmental and nonprofit organizations.

### Deadline

October

### Application Process/Contact

The Center's funding announcement for the upcoming fiscal year will be published sometime in June. Proposals are generally due 60 to 90 days after the announcement is made. Proposals, including the appropriate paperwork, must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the due date. Grant applications should be submitted electronically using grants.gov. Applicants without Internet access may submit hard copy application packages. For applicants without Internet access, send applications to the federal program officer listed in the funding announcement.

<http://www.csc.noaa.gov>

## National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

Regional Research, Information Planning and Coordination

### Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions

Expected Number of Awards: 11 Estimated Total Program Funding: \$1,000,000 Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

### Uses

The NOAA National Sea Grant College Program (Sea Grant) is soliciting proposals for the development of regional research and information plans for U.S. coastal, ocean, and Great Lakes areas. The objective is to use Sea Grant's university capabilities to facilitate discussions among the broad range of regional ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes stakeholders to help identify and prioritize critical resource management problems and associated research and information needs necessary for practical solutions.

### Eligible Applicants

Proposals may be submitted only by the designated managing Sea Grant College or Institutional Program.

### Deadline

We are exploring whether or not this opportunity will be available for FY07 since the deadline has passed for 2006.

### Application Process/Contact

All NOAA grants can be accessed at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

Applications for FY06 must be received by 5 p.m. e.s.t. on February 9, 2006.

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# National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

## Technical Assistance for Coastal Program Managers

### Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions

Expected Number of Awards: 5 Estimated Total Program Funding: \$1,750,000 Award Ceiling: \$500,000 Award Floor: \$125,000 Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

### Uses

Improve the use of monitoring data and geospatial information and technology in coastal management through collaborative work with members of the coastal management community that have expertise in community planning and resource management. Engage coastal managers from multiple organizations and levels of government and improve the management of coastal resources by applying geospatial knowledge, practices, and principles to new approaches for managing coastal resources.

### Eligible Applicants

County governments, state governments, city or township governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education, for profit organizations other than small businesses.

### Deadline

We are exploring whether or not this opportunity will be available for FY06.

### Application Process/Contact

Proposals must be received by the CSC no later than 5 p.m., local time, on the due date. Contact Steve Drescher, Policy Advisor. Phone: 301-713-0926 x122, Fax 301-713-0947, Email: [steve.j.drescher@noaa.gov](mailto:steve.j.drescher@noaa.gov).



The benefits of smart growth planning and brownfields revitalization include air quality improvements, as well as protection of coastal habitat, watersheds, and greenspace.



# National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Matching Funds for Conservation

## **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

For detailed criteria, see <http://www.nfwf.org/programs/noaa.cfm>. The Foundation awards matching grants - each dollar awarded by the Foundation must be matched with one non-federal dollar or goods and services of equal value. However, the Foundation strives to increase resources directed to conservation and encourages applicants to achieve at least a 2:1 ratio - two dollars raised in non-federal funds, goods, or services for every one dollar awarded by the Foundation.

The Foundation refers to funds raised by the grantee as matching funds. Matching funds must be:  
Non-federal in origin - federally appropriated or managed funds cannot be used to match a Foundation grant;  
Voluntary in nature - permit or court-ordered settlements are generally ineligible;  
Raised and dedicated specifically for the project in question; and  
Applied only to the Foundation grant and not to any other federal matching programs.

## **Uses**

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (Foundation) is working to expand and strengthen our partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to support innovative and effective conservation and stewardship of our country's marine and coastal areas. The goal of the partnership is to support high quality projects that produce concrete solutions to advance conservation and restoration of coastal and marine resources.

Matching grants will be awarded through a competitive process to eligible grant recipients including state and local governments, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations. Grants that work in partnership with NOAA and are community-based in nature will be given special consideration. Grants typically range from \$10,000-\$100,000, based upon need.

## **Eligible Applicants**

state and local governments, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations

## **Deadline**

FY06 pre-proposals were due on April 1, 2006. FY07 deadline is TBA.

## **Application Process/Contact**

Submit a pre-proposal via the Foundation's website at <https://collective.nfwf.org/pre-proposal/Preproposal.php> to the appropriate regional contact (see map in on-line application). Upon receipt and evaluation of the pre-proposal, the Foundation will invite successful applicants to submit a full proposal. Access to the Foundation's general matching grant application form will be provided to successful applicants at that time. Conservation needs and benefits of proposed action(s); Conservation need and benefit of proposed action(s); Opportunities for substantive multi-sector involvement and coordination; Staff qualifications and organization's track record; Integration of program monitoring and evaluation; and Ability to use Foundation grant to leverage additional non-federal resources.

Please note that pre-proposals must be received electronically. Full proposals will only be accepted by invitation based upon initial review of the applicant's pre-proposal.

Regional Contact: Southern Regional Office  
1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200  
Atlanta, GA 30345  
Phone: 404-679-7099  
Regional Director: Peter Stangel

# National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Fish & Wildlife Foundation

## Coastal Counties Restoration Initiative

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

This program targets marine habitat restoration in coastal counties by providing financial assistance on a competitive basis to innovative, high quality county-led or supported initiatives that foster community-based wetland, riparian, and coastal habitat restoration projects through project planning and hands-on conservation. These projects will improve habitat for NOAA trust resources, including marine, estuarine, and anadromous fish habitat.

The Coastal Counties Restoration Initiative seeks to: Encourage innovative, county programs or projects that restore important marine and coastal habitats and living resources; develop the capacity of local county governments, citizens groups and other organizations to promote community based stewardship and enhance local watershed-based resource management; and strengthen the relationship between coastal counties and the NOAA Community-Based Restoration Program.

### **Uses**

Grants will be awarded through a competitive process to eligible grant recipients. Grants that are community-based in nature and willing to work in partnership with NOAA will be given special consideration, as NOAA's Community-based Restoration Program is providing major financial support for this partnership. Grants will range from \$25,000-\$100,000, based upon need. Grant funds cannot be used for political advocacy, lobbying, litigation or mitigation projects, general administrative overhead or indirect expenses, clothing, food, and fundraising.

### **Eligible Applicants**

NACo member counties (visit [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org) to determine membership), or public or nonprofit private agencies, institutions, and organizations, educational institutions, and any form of local government (i.e., departments, townships, cities, villages, boroughs, conservation districts, planning districts, utility districts, or other units of local government) working in partnership with a

NACo member county are eligible for funding. All applicants must include a letter of support from their chief elected county official. Non-county applicants should ensure that the letter demonstrates a substantial county partnership in the project.

### **Deadline**

Full Proposal Due: February, 2007;

Award announcements anticipated by: June, 2007

Please do not contact the Partnership regarding the status of your proposal until after the award announcement date.

### **Application Process/Contact**

Step 1: Organizations interested should e-mail Michelle Pico at [pico@nfwf.org](mailto:pico@nfwf.org), the following information in order to receive an application: (1) Project Name, (2) Organization, (3) Organization Type, (4) Primary Contact, (5) Address, including Street, City, State, Zip, (6) County, (7) Phone, Fax, Email, and (8) Organization's Internet Address

Step 2: Once the Foundation has received this information, applicants will receive e-mail instructions for full application submission online. Note: Allow 3 days to receive the instructions.

### **County Assistance**

Erik Johnston, National Association of Counties  
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### **Application Assistance**

Michelle Pico, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation  
(262) 567-0601; [pico@nfwf.org](mailto:pico@nfwf.org)

### **Technical Project Assistance**

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**National Oceanic & Atmospheric  
Administration**  
**The Nature Conservancy**  
Community-Based Habitat Restoration Program

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Habitat restoration projects in designated TNC priority sites. Typical grants range from \$25,000 to \$85,000. See details at [http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/projects\\_programs/crp/partners/tnc.html](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/projects_programs/crp/partners/tnc.html).

**Uses**

Shellfish restoration projects that emphasize ecosystem services, or any innovative restoration project nationwide that support NOAA trust resources, and particularly projects that have a multi-species benefit or emphasize ecosystem-based management.

**Eligible Applicants**

The project applicant should be a local TNC Chapter, or working in close coordination with a local TNC chapter. Projects should also be linked to a TNC priority conservation area as identified in TNC's marine ecoregional planning process or identified as a high priority by the state or territorial TNC chapter. Projects are need to include significant community involvement and engage project partners. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact NOAA's Community-based Restoration Program staff to discuss project ideas prior to submitting an application.

**Deadline**

March 24, 2006

**Application Process/Contact**

See details at [http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/projects\\_programs/crp/partners/tnc.html](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/projects_programs/crp/partners/tnc.html). Contact Robert Brumbaugh, Restoration Program Director for further information regarding application process. Phone: (401)874-6870. Email: [rbrumbaugh@tnc.org](mailto:rbrumbaugh@tnc.org).

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**National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration**  
**University of New Hampshire**

CICEET Environmental Technology Development (ETD)  
Program

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Up to \$4 million is available to fund new projects under this solicitation. Proposed projects may span one or two years. During CICEET's last competitive funding cycle, annual project awards averaged \$124,000. In previous years, annual awards ranged from \$22,000 to \$185,000. You may use these approximations to help guide budget development for your proposal to this solicitation.

**Uses**

Proposal must address one of current fiscal year's research focus areas. FY 2006 focus areas included: 1) land use and habitat change; 2) nutrient enrichment and eutrophication; 3) microbial contaminants; 4) toxic contaminants.

**Eligible Applicants**

This RFP is open to investigators from United States academic institutions, state and local government agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and the private sector.

**Deadline**

Preliminary proposal submission: November 21, 2006

**Application Process/Contact**

See <http://ciceet.unh.edu/rfp/rfp.html> for additional information.

**National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**  
Estuary Habitat Restoration Program Projects

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The Estuary Habitat Restoration Program currently seeks projects that achieve cost-effective restoration of ecosystems while promoting increased partnerships among agencies and between public and private sectors.

**Uses**

Habitat restoration. Program funding will be implemented in accordance with a cost-sharing agreement with the Corps, as this is not a grants program.

**Eligible Applicants**

Non-federal.

**Deadline**

FY06 deadline to be announced.

**Application Process/Contact**

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Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC  
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(202) 761-4750, e-mail:  
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Ms. Cynthia Garman-Squier Office of the Assistant Secretary of  
the Army (Civil Works), Washington, DC (703)  
695-6791, e-mail: Cynthia.Garman-Squier@hqda.army.mil.  
See [http://www.usace.army.mil/civilworks/cecwp/estuary\\_act/  
approved\\_form.doc](http://www.usace.army.mil/civilworks/cecwp/estuary_act/approved_form.doc) for application  
or [http://era.noaa.gov/htmls/era/era\\_projfund.html](http://era.noaa.gov/htmls/era/era_projfund.html) for further  
information.



Coastal areas and associated waterways represent some of the nation's most valuable environmental resources, providing habitat for almost one-half of the nation's protected, threatened, and endangered species. The location of ports within these rich and sensitive environments generates a variety of environmental and human health challenges.

## National Science Foundation

### Information Technology and Infrastructure Systems

#### Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions

This program creates scientific and engineering knowledge for the intelligent renewal of civil infrastructure systems, such as transportation, water supply, sanitation, power generation, and the built environment, by promoting broad application of advanced information technologies to condition assessment, deterioration, and asset management sciences. It also creates scientific and engineering knowledge for the intelligent design, construction, maintenance, operation and decommissioning of the built environment.

#### Uses

Important areas of inquiry are: intra-and inter-dependencies in infrastructure systems, health monitoring of infrastructure elements and systems, hydrogen fuel vehicles and transportation systems, infrastructure for hydrogen fuel storage and distribution, civil infrastructure protection, intelligent transportation systems, crash causation and crash avoidance measures in ground transportation, mobility in ground transportation through reduction or crash-caused delays and increases in the amount of vehicle throughput, fully automated and integrated project management processes across all life-cycle phases of the built environment, lean construction, engineering and management of job-site field operations through advanced information technologies.

#### Eligible Applicants

See contact for details.

#### Deadline

Full Proposal Window: February 1, 2006 - March 1, 2006

Full Proposal Window: September 1, 2006 - October 1, 2006

#### Application Process/Contact

Apply to PD 05-1631 in FastLane. See <http://www.nsf.gov/funding/> for more information. Contact Jesus M. de la Garza, Email: [jgarza@nsf.gov](mailto:jgarza@nsf.gov), Phone: (703) 292-7791.

## National Science Foundation

### Infrastructure Management and Hazard Response

#### Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions

This program focuses upon multidisciplinary issues concerning the impact of natural, technological, and human-generated hazards upon critical infrastructure systems and society. The program seeks to integrate research from engineering, social, behavioral, political and economic approaches.

#### Uses

Research related to preparedness for, response to, recovery from, and mitigation of disasters resulting from natural, technological and human-generated hazards is supported. The goal of the program is to undertake basic research into the wide variety of factors related to the level of risk and vulnerability faced by the nation in order that risks may be reduced and costs of hazardous events maybe lessened. Specific areas of research focus upon such critical infrastructure elements as transportation, communication, water and sanitation, power distribution, and emergency preparedness and response under disaster conditions.

#### Eligible Applicants

Unrestricted

#### Deadline

Full Proposal Window: February 1, 2006 - March 1, 2006

Full Proposal Window: September 1, 2006 - October 1, 2006

#### Application Process/Contact

Apply to PD 05-1638 in FastLane (see <http://www.nsf.gov/funding/> for more information). Contact Thomas Birkland, Email: [tbirklan@nsf.gov](mailto:tbirklan@nsf.gov), Phone: (703) 292-7014.

## Small Business Administration Gulf Opportunity Pilot Loan (GO Loan) Program

### Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions

Loan guaranty up to 85%. Maximum loan amount \$150,000.

### Uses

The U.S. Small Business Administration has designed this program to help meet the extraordinary financing needs of small businesses in national disaster areas and to augment other SBA loan programs. It provides up to an 85% guaranty to a commercial lender who makes and administers the loan. The GO Loan is only available to the lender, and the borrower remains obligated to the guarantor for the full amount of the loan balance due should the borrower default.

### Eligible Applicants

Businesses located in, locating to, or relocating to hurricane affected counties/parishes. See [http://www.sba.gov/financing/goloans/GO\\_Loans\\_Counties-Parishes.pdf](http://www.sba.gov/financing/goloans/GO_Loans_Counties-Parishes.pdf) for complete list of eligible parishes in Louisiana. Most lenders participate with SBA, but individual lenders may be confirmed with the local office: New Orleans District Office, 365 Canal St., Suite 2820 New Orleans, LA 70130. Phone: (504) 589-6685.

### Deadline

September 30, 2006

### Application Process/Contact

Forms are available online at <http://www.sba.gov/banking/>.

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Technical Assistance, Reimbursable Support

### Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions

USACE may perform technical oversight and management of engineering, environmental and construction contracts, including technical assistance for brownfields-related activities, for non-Department of Defense (DOD) federal agencies, and states. The work is fully funded by the customer (e.g. local government).

### Uses

- Technical and project management capabilities are available for most water and land related natural resources activities
- Engineering, facility design, construction management and other technical services
- Environmental restoration

### Eligible Applicants

See contact for details.

### Deadline

None Listed

### Application Process/Contact

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## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

### Technical Support, Centers of Corps Expertise

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

There are several USACE Centers of Expertise whose specialized capabilities could be helpful in solving specific challenges. These include the Curation and Management of Archaeological Collections Center of Expertise; the Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste Center of Expertise; the Photogrammetric Mapping Center; the expert center on Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures; and the Rapid Response Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste Center. Assistance from these Centers is generally available on a reimbursable basis.

#### **Uses**

- Preservation of historic buildings and structures
- Rapid response to hazardous, toxic and radioactive waste incidents

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Limitations: Reimbursable support from USACE is not available to private entities.

Availability: Priority is given to requests for support that have national significance.

#### **Deadline**

None Listed

#### **Application Process/Contact**

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Curation and Management of Archaeological Collections Center of Expertise:

<http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/engr/curation/home.htm>

Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste Center of Expertise:

<http://www.environmental.usace.army.mil/info/technical/hp/hpwelcome/hprad/hpexpert/hpexpert.html>

Photogrammetric Mapping Center:

<http://mvs-wc.mvs.usace.army.mil/tcx.html>

Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures:

<http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=historic&pagename=mainpage>

Rapid Response HTRW Center:

<http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/html/cd-rr/default.htm>

## U.S. Department of Agriculture

### Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program

#### Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions

The B&I program provides financial backing for rural businesses. The program guarantees up to 80 percent of a loan made by commercial lenders to businesses located in rural areas. The program is administered at the state level by USDA Rural Development state offices. The maximum loan size is \$40,000,000

#### Uses

- Buildings and real estate development.
- Machinery and equipment
- Debt Refinancing

#### Eligible Applicants

Eligible entities include: cooperatives, corporations, partnerships, trusts or other profit or nonprofit entities; Indian tribes; and municipalities, counties or other local governments.

#### Deadline

None Listed

#### Application Process/Contact

[http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/b&i\\_gar.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/b&i_gar.htm)

Georg Shultz  
Special Assistant Deputy Administrator Business Programs  
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## U.S. Department of Agriculture

### Community Facilities Program: Guaranteed Loans, Direct Loans and Grants

#### Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions

The guarantee portion of this program provides an incentive for commercial lending that will develop essential community facilities. The direct loan program does the same thing, except that USDA functions as the lender. In either case, the loans can run for up to 40 years or for the useful life of the facility (if less than that). In the case of distressed rural communities that cannot qualify for a private or USDA loan for essential community facilities, USDA Rural Development can make grants.

#### Uses

Provides loans and grants for community facility development.

#### Eligible Applicants

See contact for more information.

#### Deadline

None Listed

#### Application Process/Contact

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/farbill/index.html>

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## U.S. Department of Agriculture Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

This program capitalizes locally run revolving loan funds for small businesses not able to secure adequate bank financing on their own. Like the B&I program, resources from the IRP can be used for real estate and equipment purposes.

### **Uses**

- Establish a new businesses or expand existing businesses
- Create employment opportunities or save existing jobs
- Community development projects

### **Eligible Applicants**

Intermediaries may be private nonprofit corporations, public agencies, Indian tribes or cooperatives.

Loans to intermediaries are scheduled for repayment over a period of 30 years. The interest rate on loans to intermediaries is one percent per annum.

### **Deadline**

None Listed

### **Application Process/Contact**

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/irp.htm>

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## U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Technical Assistance Program

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The program provides technical assistance supported by science-based technology and tools to help people conserve, maintain, and improve their natural resources. NRCS, through the CTA Program, provides conservation technical assistance that addresses natural resource conservation issues at the local level that are of State and national concern.

### **Uses**

The CTA Program provides the technical capability, including direct conservation planning, design, and implementation assistance, that helps people plan and apply conservation on the land.

### **Eligible Applicants**

Assistance is provided to individuals, groups, and communities who make natural resource management decisions on private, tribal, and A local NRCS staff person discussing conservation planning activities with a landowner.other non-federal lands.

### **Deadline**

None Listed

### **Application Process/Contact**

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phone: 202-690-5988

If you need more information about CTA, please contact your local USDA Service Center, listed in the telephone book under U.S. Department of Agriculture, or your local conservation district. Information also is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs>.

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
**Natural Resources Conservation Service**  
Resource Conservation & Development Program

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The Purpose of the Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Program is to accelerate the conservation, development and utilization of natural resources, improve the general level of economic activity, and enhance the environment and standard of living in designated RC&D areas.

**Uses**

The RC&D Program improves the capability of State, tribal and local units of government and local nonprofit organizations in urban and rural areas to plan, develop and carry out programs for resource conservation and development.

**Eligible Applicants**

State, tribal and local units of government and local nonprofit organizations in urban and rural areas.

**Deadline**

N/A

**Application Process/Contact**

The RC&D Program provides organizational, technical and financial assistance, but only if requested. To start the process, contact your local RC&D Program office and submit your need, problem, or idea. Proposals may be submitted by agency representatives, local units of governments, local community groups/organizations, etc.

Alton James, Jr, Coordinator, Bayou Land RC&D Council, 2420 Athania Pkwy, Suite 204, Metairie, LA 70001, Telephone: (504) 828-1866.

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
**Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program**  
(REEEP)

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

This program has up to \$22,800,000 in competitive grant funds available for fiscal year 2005 to purchase renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements for agricultural producers and rural small businesses in order to reduce energy costs and consumption.

**Uses**

Purchase renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements for agricultural producers and rural small businesses in order to reduce energy costs and consumption.

**Eligible Applicants**

See contact for details.

**Deadline**

None Listed

**Application Process/Contact**

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/farbill/index.html>

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## U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Program

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The RBEG program provides grants to public bodies and private nonprofit corporations for projects designed to finance and facilitate the development of small and emerging private for-profit or nonprofit small businesses.

### **Uses**

RBEG grants may include funding for infrastructure items such as access to streets and roads, utility extensions, water supply and waste disposal facilities and so forth. In addition, RBEG grants may be utilized for the acquisition of land, buildings, plants, equipment, parking areas and technical assistance regarding transportation services.

### **Eligible Applicants**

Nonprofits, local governments, states and tribes. The small and emerging businesses to be assisted must have fewer than 50 new employees and less than \$1,000,000 in revenue.

### **Deadline**

None Listed

### **Application Process/Contact**

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## U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) Program

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The RBOG program promotes sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs. This program may be particularly helpful as grants may be made for the identification and analysis of business opportunities; the establishment of support centers to assist with the creation of new rural businesses; to conduct regional, community and local economic development planning; and other related training, planning and coordination efforts. Priority points for funding are awarded to projects that have sustainability and quality of the economic activity expected; leveraging of other funds; economic conditions in the service area; and usefulness as a new best practice.

### **Uses**

Provide economic planning for rural communities. Provide technical assistance for rural businesses. Provide training for rural entrepreneurs or economic development officials

### **Eligible Applicants**

A public body, nonprofit corporation, Indian tribe or cooperative that has expertise in the activities proposed. The project must demonstrate that the funding will result in economic development. The project must have performance measures.

### **Deadline**

None Listed

### **Application Process/Contact**

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/rbog.htm>

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**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
**Rural Development**  
**Housing & Community Facilities Programs**  
Community Facilities Direct Loan Program and Guaranteed Loan Program

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Community Programs can make and guarantee loans to develop essential community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Community Programs can guarantee loans made and serviced by lenders such as banks, savings and loans, mortgage companies which are part of bank holding companies, banks of the Farm Credit System, or insurance companies regulated by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Community Programs may guarantee up to 90% of any loss of interest or principal on the loan. Community Programs can also make direct loans to applicants who are unable to obtain commercial credit.

**Uses**

Loan funds may be used to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and public services. This can include costs to acquire land needed for a facility, pay necessary professional fees, and purchase equipment required for its operation.

Refinancing existing debts may be considered an eligible direct or guaranteed loan purpose if the debt being refinanced is a secondary part of the loan, is associated with the project facility, and if the applicant's creditors are unwilling to extend or modify terms in order for the new loan to be feasible.

**Eligible Applicants**

Loans and guarantees are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as to non-profit corporations and tribal governments. Applicants must have the legal authority to borrow and repay loans, to pledge security for loans, and to construct, operate, and maintain the facilities. They must also be financially sound and able to organize and manage the facility effectively.

Repayment of the loan must be based on tax assessments, revenues, fees, or other sources of money sufficient for operation and maintenance, reserves, and debt retirement. Feasibility

studies are normally required when loans are for start-up facilities or existing facilities when the project will significantly change the borrower's financial operations. The feasibility study should be prepared by an independent consultant with recognized expertise in the type of facility being financed.

**Deadline**

None Listed

**Application Process/Contact**

For additional information and rates and terms please see:  
[http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/brief\\_cp\\_direct.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/brief_cp_direct.htm)

Applications are handled by USDA Rural Development field offices. Rural Development staff will be glad to discuss a community's needs and the services available from HCFP and other agencies within USDA. Field staff can provide application materials and current program information, and assist in the preparation of an application.

The CF application process is a two-stage procedure (preapplication and application). Approximately 45 days is required to determine applicant eligibility, project priority status, and funding availability. After an application is submitted, time to process the application depends upon the scope of the project, environmental review, and legal issues.



**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
**Rural Development**  
**Housing & Community Facilities Programs**  
**Community Facilities Grant Program**

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Community Programs provides grants to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Grants are authorized on a graduated scale. Applicants located in small communities with low populations and low incomes will receive a higher percentage of grants.

**Uses**

Grant funds may be used to assist in the development of essential community facilities. Grant funds can be used to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and community and public services. This can include the purchase of equipment required for a facility's operation. A grant may be made in combination with other CF financial assistance such as a direct or guaranteed loan, applicant contributions, or loans and grants from other sources. The Community Facilities Grant Program is typically used to fund projects under special initiatives, such as Native American community development efforts; child care centers linked with the Federal government's Welfare-to-Work initiative; Federally-designated Enterprise and Champion Communities, and the Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative area.

**Eligible Applicants**

Grants are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as non-profit corporations and tribal governments. In addition, applicants must have the legal authority necessary for construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed facility and also be unable to obtain needed funds from commercial sources at reasonable rates and terms. The amount of grant assistance for project costs depends upon the median household income and the population in the community where the project is located and the availability of grant funds.

Grant funds cannot be used to: 1) Pay any annual recurring costs, including purchases or rentals that are generally considered to be operating and maintenance expenses; 2) Construct or repair electric generating plants, electric transmission lines, or gas distribution lines to provide services for commercial sale; 3) Pay costs to construct facilities to be used for commercial rental where the applicant has no control over tenants and services offered; 4) Construct facilities primarily for the purpose of housing State, Federal or quasi-Federal agencies; and/or 5) Finance recreational facilities or community antenna television services or facilities.

**Deadline**

None Listed

**Application Process/Contact**

For additional information please see:

[http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/brief\\_cp\\_grant.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/brief_cp_grant.htm)

Applications are filed with the USDA Rural Development field offices. Rural Development staff will be glad to discuss a community's needs and the services available from Rural Development and sister agencies within USDA. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through Rural Development State Offices.

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
**Rural Development Housing &  
Community Facilities Programs**  
Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The purpose of this initiative is to provide a program of technical assistance to recipients to develop or increase their capacity to undertake projects in the areas of housing, community facilities, and community and economic development in rural areas. The RCDI grant, which has a dollar-for-dollar matching funds requirement, is made to an intermediary. The intermediary provides a program of technical assistance to recipients to build their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, and community and economic development in rural areas. Matching funds must be in the form of cash or confirmed funding commitments and be at least equal to the grant amount. In-kind contributions cannot be used as matching funds.

**Uses**

Provide technical assistance financial assistance, training, and purchase of eligible equipment to meet program objectives.

**Eligible Applicants**

Public bodies, non-profit corporations, and federally recognized tribal communities in Un-incorporated rural areas and incorporated rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less. The intermediary can be a private or public organization, including tribal, that has been legally organized a minimum of 3 years and has experience working with the recipients eligible for this program. The recipients can be nonprofit organizations, low-income communities, or federally recognized tribes, based on the definitions in the Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA). Recipients must be located in eligible rural areas, as defined in the NOFA.

**Deadline**

None listed

**Application Process/Contact**

Additional Information on this program can be found at:  
<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/rcdi/index.htm>

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
**Rural Development Housing &  
Community Facilities Programs**  
Rural Development Hurricane Disaster Assistance

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The Rural Development Mission Area agencies (Rural Housing Service, Rural Utilities Service, and Rural Business- Cooperative Service of the United States Department of Agriculture) are providing a wide variety of grant, loan, and loan guarantee assistance to rural residents, rural communities, and rural utility systems in hurricane disaster areas.

**Uses**

Provides monetary resources for USDA Rural Development's housing programs to respond to hurricane damage in designated disaster areas.

**Eligible Applicants**

The eligibility criteria for each of the programs differ widely. Refer to the Program website [<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/E6-3546.htm>] for eligibility requirements.

**Deadline**

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

**Application Process/Contact**

For application assistance, please contact your USDA Rural Development State Office. The contact information for your State Office can be found at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>. You can also reach your State Office by calling (202) 720-4323 and pressing "1". For questions about USDA Rural Development's programs and for application assistance, please contact your USDA Rural Development State Office. The contact information for your State Office can be found at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>. You can also reach your State Office by calling (202) 720-4323 and pressing "1". Summaries of funding programs are provided by RAC for your convenience. Please contact the funder directly for the most complete and current information.

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
Rural Economic Development Grant Program

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

This program provides grant funds to intermediaries to establish revolving loan funds for use in making loans to rural small businesses for the creation and retention of viable jobs in rural areas.

**Uses**

Establish revolving loan funds for use in making loans to rural small businesses for the creation and retention of viable jobs in rural areas.

**Eligible Applicants**

See contact for details.

**Deadline**

None Listed

**Application Process/Contact**

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/redg.htm>

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**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
Rural Economic Development Loan Program

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

This program provides funds to intermediaries that have or have had a borrowing relationship with the Rural Utility Service (RUS). Intermediaries may receive zero-interest loans which are passed through to rural small businesses for the purpose of assisting business and creating new jobs or retaining existing jobs.

**Uses**

Assist business and create new jobs or retain existing jobs.

**Eligible Applicants**

Must have a relationship with the Rural Utility Service (RUS). See contact for details

**Deadline**

None Listed

**Application Process/Contact**

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/redl.htm>

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**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Program

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The UCF program provides financial and technical assistance to maintain, restore and improve the health of urban trees, forests, greenspace and sustainable forest ecosystems.

**Uses**

Promotes the conservation of open greenspace in order to guide growth and revitalize city centers and older suburbs through a training program and informational resources.

**Eligible Applicants**

States are required to have an urban and community forestry program coordinator, volunteer/partnership coordination, an urban and community forestry council and a state program strategic plan (five-year plan).

**Deadline**

None Listed

**Application Process/Contact**

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**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
North American Wetlands Conservation Act  
Standard Grants Program

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife. Competitive grants programs require that grant requests be matched by partner contributions at a minimum 1-to-1 ratio. Federal sources may contribute towards a project, but are not eligible as match.

**Uses**

Supports projects in Canada, the United States, and Mexico that involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats.

**Eligible Applicants**

Contact the Division of Bird Habitat Conservation, (703) 358-1784, dbhc@fws.gov

**Deadline**

None Listed

**Application Process/Contact**

The process for receiving and preliminarily reviewing project proposals is handled slightly differently for each country and enjoys the active participation of each federal government. Once a slate of eligible proposals has been determined per each country-program's process, the proposals are further reviewed and ranked by the North American Wetlands Conservation Council, a nine-member council established by the Act. The Council then recommends projects to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission to give final funding approval to projects. The Division administers the grants for all approved Standard Grants Program projects.

U.S. Standard Grants proposals: David Buie (david\_buie@fws.gov), (301) 497-5870, or Rodecia McKnight (rodecia\_mcknight@fws.gov), (703) 358-2266.

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
**U.S. Fish and Wildlife**  
North American Wetlands Conservation Act  
Small Grants Program

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife. Competitive grants programs require that grant requests be matched by partner contributions at a minimum 1-to-1 ratio. Federal sources may contribute towards a project, but are not eligible as match.

**Uses**

The Small Grants Program operates only in the United States; it supports the same type of projects and adheres to the same selection criteria and administrative guidelines as the U.S. Standard Grants Program. However, project activities are usually smaller in scope and involve fewer project dollars. Grant requests may not exceed \$75,000, and funding priority is given to grantees or partners new to the Act's Grants Program.

**Eligible Applicants**

Contact the Division of Bird Habitat Conservation, (703) 358-1784, dbhc@fws.gov

**Deadline**

None Listed

**Application Process/Contact**

The process follows that of the U.S. Standard Grants Program, except for the timing of the final funding approval. Each year, the Commission pre-approves the total amount of funding to be distributed to projects in the next fiscal year. Final project-selection authority is delegated to the Council, which then reports its selections back to the Commission. The Division administers the grants for all approved Small Grants Program projects.

For general information about the Act's Grants Program, contact: Division of Bird Habitat Conservation, (703) 358-1784, dbhc@fws.gov.

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
Water and Waste Disposal Loans, Loan Guarantees,  
and Grants

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

USDA Rural Development offers several programs aimed at developing and repairing water, sewer, storm drainage and solid waste systems in rural areas with populations of 10,000 or less. These programs can be used to support industrial development activities.

**Uses**

Develop and repair water, sewer, storm drainage and solid waste systems in rural areas with populations of 10,000 or less and support industrial development activities.

**Eligible Applicants**

See contact for details.

**Deadline**

None Listed

**Application Process/Contact**

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/farbill/index.html>

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## U.S. Department of Labor Job Training and Technical Assistance



Economic growth and job creation must go hand-in-hand with sustaining marine ecosystems, increasing air and water quality, and restoring natural habitats. The Portfields partnership is dedicated to finding solutions that promote economic revitalization while sustaining natural resources and protecting human health.

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Offers technical assistance linked to job training and workforce development in brownfields communities and is targeted to state and local governments.

### **Uses**

DOL provides job training expertise and helps coordinate Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs in brownfield communities. In August, 2003, DOL issued a training and employment notice to all state workforce agencies and liaisons on potential collaboration with EPA on brownfields economic development. DOL encourages local workforce professionals to be involved in the planning of job readiness needs for the next use of brownfields.

### **Eligible Applicants**

Technical assistance is available to communities with brownfields. State or local governments interested in this support should contact the department's Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) relevant regional administrator; contact information can be found on the regional offices Web site.

### **Deadline**

None Listed

### **Application Process/Contact**

Availability: Interested parties should contact their local Workforce Investment Board for information.

Regional Offices

<http://www.doleta.gov/regions/regoffices/>

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Main Site

<http://www.doleta.gov>



# Louisiana Department of Economic Development

## Economic Development Award Program (EDAP)

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The economic development award program (EDAP), administered by the Louisiana Economic Development, provides assistance for publicly-owned infrastructure to assist industrial or business development projects that promote economic development and that require state assistance. The program funds about \$5 million in an annual state appropriation. 54 companies have been assisted and over 5,425 jobs created since 1997.

### **Uses**

Eligible project costs may include, but are not limited to, the following: engineering and architectural expenses, site acquisition, site preparation, construction expenses, building materials, and capital equipment.

### **Eligible Applicants**

An eligible applicant for the grant award must be a public or quasi-public state entity or a political subdivision of the state and a private company who will be the primary beneficiary of the award. Preference will be given to projects for industries identified by the state as target industries and to projects located in areas of the state with high unemployment levels. The minimum award request is \$25,000. Projects must create or retain at least ten (10) permanent jobs in Louisiana.

### **Deadline**

None Listed

### **Application Process/Contact**

- 1) Submit an EDAP Pre-Application Form for review and approval.
- 2) If approved, a full application must be filed by public/quasi-public entity and private company.
- 3) Application is reviewed for completeness and content by the Economic Development Program Specialist and an Economic Im-

pact Analysis is prepared by the Department's Statistician.

4) Application is then presented to the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) for approval.

5) Contract is prepared in accordance with the State's approval process.

For more information contact:

Louisiana Economic Development

Attention: Clark Forrest in Baton Rouge, LA

Phone: 225-342-1130

E-mail Address: forrest@la.gov

An application can be downloaded at:

[http://ledforward.louisiana.gov/led/business\\_incentive\\_services/EDAP\\_program.asp#FAQ](http://ledforward.louisiana.gov/led/business_incentive_services/EDAP_program.asp#FAQ)

# Louisiana Department of Economic Development

## Economic Development Corporation

### Matching Grants Program

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The purpose of this program is to leverage state and local funding in order to maximize matching funds from federal and other grants for the purpose of assisting, whether individually or collectively, qualified Louisiana businesses, minority-owned businesses, high-growth potential businesses, women-owned businesses, small business enterprises and disabled persons' business enterprises as those terms are defined by R.S. 39:2303, in such manner and as may be determined by the board in its discretion, and may also include providing matching funding for federal grants for infrastructure and basic infrastructure projects under the Louisiana Economic Development Award Program.

#### **Uses**

There are federal and private grants available for local governments to access. However, many local governments do not have sufficient funds available to fund the required matches for the grants. In order to give more local governments access to these grants LEDC has adopted the matching grant program to provide some of the match required. This program provides funding that is not available in the private sector or from any other public sector entity.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

In order to be eligible for a matching grant award pursuant to this program, the applicant must demonstrate the following to the satisfaction of the board. 1. The award sought must be consistent with the Principles set forth above, the applicant must demonstrate a need for the matching grant funds, the ability to administer the funds in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations governing the receipt of the grant, and that management are, or will be, in place to provide the services the grant is intended to provide. Where it is represented that certain contingent actions will be taken in order to comply with these conditions, then the LEDC may, in its discretion, withhold funding until there is substantial performance of the contingencies. 2. Prefer-

ence will be given to applicants representing rural communities, or those communities designated as renewal communities. 3. The applicant must demonstrate that the matching funds and resulting grant from available matching funds will serve, individually, or collectively, the purposes of the program as defined above.

#### **Deadline**

None Listed

#### **Application Process/Contact**

The application shall include but not be limited to the following information: 1. a copy of the application or a valid description of the grant for which matching funds are sought; 2. a letter of commitment or such other information as will provide the board necessary information to assure that if the funds are made available and other necessary and appropriate steps are taken, the grant will be matched by the granting authority; 3. an explanation for the reason that LEDC provide the match to the grant; 4. a plan which shall include a budget as to how and when the match and the grant are to be spent; 5. resumes or other appropriate information on the grant administrator or grant monitor; 6. a statement that reflects that the value of the matching funds to the project and to the economic development of the state sought through the project will equal or exceed the benefits given to the recipient of the grant funds; 7. how matching the grant funds will serve the best interests of the businesses defined in the purposes set forth above.

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# Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

## Voluntary Remediation Program

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The Louisiana Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) provides a mechanism by which property owners (or potential owners) or others can clean up contaminated properties and receive a release of liability for further cleanup of historical contamination at a site. This release of liability flows to future owners of the property as well. Through the Voluntary Remediation Program, LDEQ hopes to provide administrative, technical, and legal incentives in order to encourage the redevelopment and reuse of brownfields properties.

### **Uses**

Clean up contaminated properties and receive a release of liability for further cleanup of historical contamination at a site.

### **Eligible Applicants**

All properties are eligible for participation in the VRP, except the following: Sites listed on the National Priorities List or formally proposed to be listed; Permitted hazardous waste management units (HWMU), however, if the HWMU is located within a larger site, then only that portion of the site inside the HWMU is ineligible; Trust-fund-eligible underground storage tank sites; and Sites that have pending, unresolved federal environmental enforcement actions (not simply cost-recovery actions) that are related to the proposed voluntary remediation.

All persons are eligible except that only non-responsible persons (as defined in LAC 33:VI.903) are eligible to perform Partial Voluntary Remedial Actions.

### **Deadline**

N/A

### **Application Process/Contact**

Potential VRP participants can enter the program at one of two points pre-investigation or post-investigation.

In the first case, a participant may elect to submit a Voluntary Remedial Investigation Application, consisting of the Voluntary Remedial Investigation Application Form and a Remedial Investigation Workplan, as provided in LAC 33:VI.911.A.

In the second case, potential VRP participants may go ahead and perform a remedial investigation on their own and then submit a Voluntary Remediation Application, which consists of the Voluntary Remediation Application Form and a Voluntary Remedial Action Plan, which, in turn, contains a Voluntary Remedial Investigation

\$500 application review fee must accompany each application and the applicant must reimburse LDEQ for the actual direct costs of oversight.

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70821-4314  
Telephone: 225-219-3192 Facsimile: 225-219-3239  
E-mail: brownfields@la.gov

# Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

## Municipal Facilities Revolving Loan Fund

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Louisiana's Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program offers low-interest loans to communities for the construction or upgrade of wastewater treatment works and other water quality improvement projects. The program was created by the Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the first loans in Louisiana were made in 1990. Since then over \$250 million in loans have been made to Louisiana communities. Louisiana's Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program is Volume 7 of the Louisiana Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP).

### **Uses**

Eligible projects are construction of publicly owned treatment works, implementation of a non-point source pollution management program, and development and implementation of an estuary improvement program.

### **Eligible Applicants**

The public entity having jurisdiction over the collection, treatment and disposal of sanitary sewage must be the applicant. However for a non-point source pollution management and estuary improvement project, any individual, organization or public entity may apply.

A project must have water quality improvement or protection of public health as its intended result to be eligible for SRF assistance. The major emphasis of the SRF program is assistance to local communities for wastewater projects because of the tremendous needs in that area

### **Deadline**

None Listed

### **Application Process/Contact**

The first step in the application process is submission of an RF-100 Pre-application, with the resolution and other required information. This gives our staff the information needed to place the

proposed project on the Priority List and lets us know (when the Letter of Intent is submitted) when the applicant has begun work on the documents needed for the Loan Application.

Submission of a pre-application provides information to our staff about a proposed project and does not obligate the applicant to submit any additional materials unless he/she has decided to proceed with a project utilizing CWSRF funding.

Preferred method:

Contact the CWSRF staff and request an information meeting. A meeting will be scheduled when and where it is most convenient for your staff and ours to attend. At the meeting our staff will explain the engineering, environmental, and financial program requirements, typical project schedules, and current loan terms and conditions. We will provide pre-application materials and assistance in completing them, and offer assistance with any situations that might need special attention.

Alternate method:

If you do not have time or do not wish to schedule a meeting at the present time, you may obtain the RF-100 Pre-application and instructions here. Mail the completed form and other required information to us. Our staff is available to answer questions or assist with any problems that may be encountered.

Due to the time required and expense involved in preparing the documents that are needed for the actual Loan Application, we strongly suggest that applicants should not proceed beyond submission of a Pre-application and Letter of Intent without a meeting with our staff.

Thomas Griggs

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Technology Division

P.O. Box 4314

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70821-4314

Telephone: 225-219-3469 Facsimile: 225-219-3474

E-mail: Tom.Griggs@la.gov

## Louisiana Department of Labor

### Incumbent Worker Training Program

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

A partnership between the Louisiana Department of Labor (LDOL) and a business, industry, or training provider. The IWTP is designed to benefit business and industry by assisting in the skill development of existing employees, thereby increasing employee productivity and company growth.

#### **Uses**

Can cover instruction costs, travel costs (limited to 30 percent of the total training award), materials and supplies costs, other costs including facility rental associated with the training contract and fees or service costs incurred by the monitoring entity associated with the contract to monitor the training.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

An applicant shall be eligible for customized training if it is one of the following: 1. An individual employer that seeks to provide customized training for his incumbent workers to prevent job loss caused by obsolete skills, technological change, or national or global competition; 2. An individual employer that seeks to provide customized training for its incumbent workers to create, update, or retain jobs in a labor demand occupation; 3. An individual employer that seeks to provide customized training for its incumbent workers to update or retain jobs in an occupation which is not a labor demand occupation, if the administrator determines that the services are necessary to prevent the likely loss of jobs; 4. A labor or community-based organization that seeks to provide customized training for a labor demand occupation for workers who are incumbent to an industry, were attached to a contributing employer within the last 12 months, and are not receiving unemployment insurance benefits at time of training; 5. A consortium made up of one or more educational institutions and one or more eligible individual employers, labor, or community-based organizations that seeks to provide customized training for incumbent workers in labor demand occupations; 6. A local economic development entity and one or more eligible

individual employers that seek to provide customized training for incumbent workers in a labor demand occupation.

Qualified businesses currently receiving training for their employees may, upon the expiration of contracts, apply for new training grants for training of new employees, previously untrained employees, or for additional training of previously trained employees.

All applications by eligible applicants for customized training shall be submitted in conjunction with the entity selected by the applicant to provide the customized training. All disbursements of funds for the training shall be made to the entity actually providing the customized training. To be eligible, the training provider selected by the applicant must demonstrate a history of: 1. successful training through its placement, retention, and satisfaction rates; 2. collaboration with the targeted industry in the development of the training program curriculum; and 3. use of a current industry standard as the basis for programs utilized to train students for employment in the targeted industry.

#### **Deadline**

N/A

#### **Application Process/Contact**

Louisiana Department of Labor  
1001 North 23rd Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804-9094  
Telephone: 225-342-3111 TDD: 800-259-5154

To find your Regional Representative go to this Web site:  
<http://www.laworks.net/forms/iwt/IWTPRegionalContacts.pdf>

**Louisiana Department of Natural Resources**  
**Office of Coastal Restoration and Management**  
**Coastal Management Division**  
Support Services

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Support Services is responsible for field investigations and the field offices, enforcement and monitoring, Public outreach/education and technical support to the division. Under Support Services, CMD has field offices in New Orleans, Houma, Lafayette, and Lake Charles. There are two staff members in New Orleans and Houma offices and one each in the Lafayette and Lake Charles Offices. There is a field staff member in the Baton Rouge office to assist in those parishes nearest to Baton Rouge. The CMD staff located in the field offices are available to assist people with questions about permitting or the Coastal Program in general.

**Uses**

Enforcement and monitoring - performs enforcement and monitoring for the Division. Any activity that is not consistent with the Coastal Program can be considered a violation of the program. Enforcement cases are usually caused by someone initiating a project without a permit or exceeding the scope of their permit. If someone fails to comply with the conditions of their permit, it goes from a monitoring function to an enforcement case. Support Services staff perform thorough monitoring of coastal use permits for any required mitigation, restoration, or other obligations included in the language of the permit authorization. Selected projects are designated for follow-up field inspections and the project evaluated relative to its permit authorization. Through the database system, CMD tracks all permits that require mitigation to ensure satisfactory completion of the mitigation requirements. CMD also tracks the mitigation projects and mitigation areas in a GIS system as well. To ensure compliance, we also track, in a database, all projects for which the permits require submission of photos, reports, as-built plats, restoration requirements and other obligations. If the information is not provided, it becomes an enforcement issue.

Technical services - responsible for the Geographic Information System (GIS), databases, and other information services for the Di-

vision. CMD has a fully functional GIS. The basis of the system is a database for each of permit applications, consistency applications, and enforcement cases. CMD has technical expertise available in conventional survey and mapping as well as the digital applications.

Public outreach - CMD has an Outreach and Education effort to increase awareness of the value of the Coastal habitats, the Coastal processes and problems, and efforts to protect and enhance the use and development of these resources. We distribute public information packets with information on Coastal issues. CMD has teaching guides available for distribution with lesson plans to use in the classroom. They also have slide shows and video tapes on Coastal and wetland issues that can be loaned or one of their staff will present to school or other groups. CMD distributes a CD on wetland functions and values. This CD is available free through [www.lacoast.gov/freestuff](http://www.lacoast.gov/freestuff). CMD also has other CD products for differing age groups of children informing them of the variety and value of Louisiana's coastal and wetland habitats and other natural resources. Staff at CMD set up a display at public functions such as Earth Day and National Hunting and Fishing Day.

**Eligible Applicants**

none listed

**Deadline**

none listed

**Application Process/Contact**

Gregory J. DuCote, Interagency Affairs Section  
Coastal Management Division  
P.O. Box 44487  
Baton Rouge, La 70804-4487  
Phone: 225.342.5052  
800.267.4019  
Facsimile: 225.242.3458



# Louisiana Department of Natural Resources

## Partners for Restoring Coastal Louisiana

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Annual funding for this program will be approximately \$200,000. Project funding levels for individual projects will typically fall between \$35,000 and \$150,000; however, projects up to the annual budget of \$200,000 may be considered. The overall focus of the PRCL is to provide seed money to individual projects that leverage funds and other contributions from the public and private sector. To this end, applicants are encouraged to provide a 1:1 match for PRCL project funds requested under this program. Applicants with less than a 1:1 match will not be disqualified; however, applicants should note that cost sharing is a key evaluation criterion that is taken into consideration during the review process. Matching funds cannot be federal dollars. Matching funds can be cash and/or in-kind.

### **Uses**

Projects submitted must:

- Result in on-the-ground habitat restoration of estuarine or marine environments;
- Involve the local community through an educational or volunteer component tied to restoration activities, or through contribution of services by members of the community;
- Include a mechanism to monitor and evaluate the success/failure of the project.

Although not mandatory, projects are encouraged to support the Coast 2050 plan by addressing one of the following state restoration priorities:

- Freshwater and sediment delivery to the deltaic plain
- Barrier island stabilization
- Marsh reestablishment in the Barataria-Terrebonne estuary
- Shoreline protection
- Water quality improvements
- Reef restoration in the deltaic plain
- Hydrologic restoration of the chenier plain

### **Eligible Applicants**

See contact for details.

### **Deadline**

None Listed

### **Application Process/Contact**

See [http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/projects\\_programs/crp/partners/PRCL.html](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/projects_programs/crp/partners/PRCL.html) for further information.

Any questions regarding this request for proposals shall be submitted in writing to Mr. Maury Chatellier, P.E., LDNR/Coastal Engineering Division, P.O. Box 44027, Baton Rouge, LA, 70804 or by email at [maury.chatellier@la.gov](mailto:maury.chatellier@la.gov), or by fax at 225-342-9417.

Questions shall be replied to personally as well as posted on the LDNR website (<http://www.dnr.state.la.us/sec/mgtfin/Contract/contract.htm>). Questions must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. CST, Monday, August 8, 2005.

# Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development

## Port Construction and Development Priority Program

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The purpose of the port program is to insure that adequate landside facilities are available to meet a definite market need by providing guidance and public funds to build landside infrastructure; thereby, providing jobs and competitive transportation cost to move cargo, minimizing highway congestion, improving safety and reducing maintenance cost on our highways.

### **Uses**

The types of projects that shall be funded by the program is limited to the construction, improvement, capital facility rehabilitation and expansion of publicly owned port facilities including intermodal facilities and maritime-related industrial park infrastructure developments. Projects such as wharves, cargo handling capital equipment, utilities, railroads, primary access roads and buildings which can be shown to be an integral component of any proposed port project.

### **Eligible Applicants**

Any Louisiana public port authority.

### **Deadline**

Submit application between October 1st and November 1st for funding consideration in the following fiscal year.

### **Application Process/Contact**

The applications shall include a description of the project, demonstration of immediate need, benefits to be derived, preliminary design, cost estimate and a description of the project area.

The program may provide up to 90% of the cost of construction.

Additional information about the Port Construction & Development Priority Program may be requested as follows:

Telephone: (225) 274-4339

Facimile: (225) 274-4344

Internet: [http://www.dotd.louisiana.gov/intermodal/division/ports\\_flood/ports.shtml](http://www.dotd.louisiana.gov/intermodal/division/ports_flood/ports.shtml).

### **Mail:**

Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development  
Port Construction & Development Priority Program  
Airport, Room 223,  
8900 Jimmy Wedell Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70807

### **Pick up:**

Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development  
8900 Jimmy Wedell Dr.  
Room 223  
Baton Rouge, LA 70807

# Louisiana Governor's Office of Rural Development, Office of the Governor

## Rural Grant Fund

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The Office of Rural Development (ORD) provides financial assistance to local units of government throughout the state mitigating the effects of natural and economic emergencies and funding units of local government projects essential to community well being. A village (1-999 citizens) is eligible to apply for up to \$15,000; a town (1,000-4,999 citizens) up to \$25,000; a city (5,000-35,000 citizens) up to \$50,000; and a rural parish (less than 100,000 citizens) up to \$100,000. Parish governments can apply for parish-wide projects, or to help an unincorporated community.

### **Uses**

Projects should be limited to infrastructure/capital improvements. We intend to make grant awards that are high priority, in categories such as fire, water, sewer, drainage, etc.

### **Eligible Applicants**

A rural community within Louisiana may apply either through its municipal government or, if it is an unincorporated area, such as fire districts and water districts, through its parish government for infrastructure and capital improvements. No local government is eligible for funding if any projects previously awarded are open for more than two years.

### **Deadline**

Grant review deadlines for 2006/2007 are TBA.

### **Application Process/Contact**

Governor's Office of Rural Development

150 Third Street

7th Floor

Baton Rouge, La. 70801

Telephone: 225-342-1618 Facsimile: 225-342-1609

E-mail: ruralinfo@rural.state.la.us



The Portfields Initiative serves as a platform for creative solutions, productive partnerships, and innovations in on-the-ground work.

# American Forests

## Global ReLeaf Grants

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

American Forests is always looking for quality tree-planting projects to be funded by our Global ReLeaf Forests ecosystem restoration program. This program has helped plant more than 19 million trees in more than 500 forest ecosystem restoration projects and urban and community forest projects. Global ReLeaf projects cover 18,000 acres of land, most of which is considered difficult to plant. They help with a diversity of projects' tree species, locations, partnerships, and benefits.

### **Uses**

They support projects that plant the right trees in the right places for the right reasons. Members and supporters are anxious to help make a difference on the land by funding projects.

### **Eligible Applicants**

American Forests are particularly interested in partnering with private and public sector organizations and agencies to plant trees and improve the environment in projects that would otherwise not be feasible.

### **Deadline**

January 15 and July 1

### **Application Process/Contact**

Applications can be found at:

<http://www.americanforests.org/global%5Freleaf/grants/>

To be considered for funding (including multi-year projects), be certain to review the Evaluation Criteria before submitting your proposal to American Forests.

Evaluation Criteria:

Project is on land owned by a government entity, or project is on public-assisted private land meeting special criteria. Plantable area is 20 acres or larger or has the potential to be 20 acres

or more. Forest ecosystem has been damaged by wildfire, hurricanes, tornadoes, insects, diseases, misguided treatment by humans, or other causes. Funds for planting the area are not available from regular programs or sources. Proposals for cost-share Global ReLeaf Forest grants are to cover costs generally associated with the planting of seedlings (i.e. site preparation, seedling purchase, contracting, transportation, shelters, etc). Note: AMERICAN FORESTS raises \$1 per tree from private sources. Due to the keen competition for grants, successful project proposals leverage local support resulting in a lower cost per tree and maximizing the number of trees planted for the funds available. Proposal contains an assessment of public benefits (including water quality/quantity and communities served by the watershed) and visibility of the restored area. Proposal includes a strong, multiple-use ecosystem repair component and a diversity of native species that will be planted. Credit for carbon sequestered by the project will be conferred to AMERICAN FORESTS. The level of effort expended on building local partnerships. Adequacy of the planting, care, and long-term maintenance that will be provided by or supervised by experts. Proposal contains new or innovative efforts, restorative approaches, or technology that have the potential for application elsewhere. Recognition and consideration given for the protection of endangered or threatened plant and animal species or ecosystems.

For questions and details, contact Eathan Kearns:

email: [ekearns@amfor.org](mailto:ekearns@amfor.org)

phone: 202.737.1944 ext. 224

Submit your proposals to:

American Forests

Attn: Ethan Kearns

P.O. Box 2000

Washington, DC, 20013

## Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

### Conservation of Freshwater Ecosystems in North America

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Grants support: implementation of state, provincial and federal water quality policies; design and implementation of water management policies that protect the health of aquatic systems and species while meeting human needs; and reform of dam operations, with emphasis on intervention in the relicensing of federally regulated hydropower facilities; research to further identify freshwater ecosystem conservation priorities within the Southeastern ecoregions; and site-specific conservation projects at selected, priority ecosystems.

#### **Uses**

In all grantmaking, the following are of particular interest:

- fresh approaches to solving community problems in our defined program areas
- approaches that, if proven successful, can generate long-term support from other sources and/or that can be replicated in other communities when appropriate
- public policy development as well as research and development activities to further existing programs and/or to explore new fields of interests and
- approaches and activities that lead to systemic change.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

No grants or loans to individuals. Outside the Flint area, support for capital development and research, project replication and endowment is made only when these activities grow out of existing work with Foundation-funded projects or serve a programmatic purpose. No support is extended for religious activities or programs that serve, or appear to serve, specific religious groups or denominations. However, if a proposal submitted by a church-based or similar organization falls clearly within program guidelines and is intended to serve as broad a segment of the population as the program of a comparable non-religious

organization, we will consider the proposal on the same basis as proposals from other agencies. Outside the Flint area, grants are not made for local projects unless the projects are part of a national demonstration or Foundation-planned network of grants and have clear and significant implications for replication in other communities.

#### **Deadline**

Organizations seeking grants should begin the application process at least four months before the start of the proposed grant period. Foundation staff must finalize grant recommendations for any given calendar year by August 31 of that year. Proposals received between September 1 and December 31 will be considered in the following calendar year. Both multi- and single-year proposals are acceptable, as are those for shorter periods.

#### **Application Process/Contact**

##### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The Foundation has no formal application form. Letters of inquiry, including a brief description of the project and the range of needed funding, are acceptable for initial contact. As your initial contact with us, we recommend that you send a letter of inquiry. The letter should describe the purpose and objectives of the project, general methodology and total cost of the project. Your letter of inquiry should be clearly marked GRANT PROPOSAL and sent to:

Office of Proposal Entry  
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation  
Mott Foundation Building  
503 S. Saginaw St., Suite 1200  
Flint, MI 48502-1851

See <http://mott.org/programs/ap-limitations.asp> for more information.

## Charles M. & Mary D. Grant Foundation

### Grants Programs

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

Grants for community and economic development, health and human services, and education and literacy projects. Grants range from \$10,000 to \$50,000. The average grant size is \$30,000; 15 grants were made in 2005. The 2005 payout was \$440,000. The Foundation primarily supports organizations located or working in the southeast region of the United States.

#### **Uses**

Primarily project support, although the Foundation from time to time considers operating support proposals from organizations with budgets of less than \$1 million.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Organizations must be classified as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service tax code. No grants are made to individuals or for loans. A minimum of three years must elapse between grant awards.

#### **Deadline**

Proposals are due April 30th and grants are made in September.

#### **Application Process/Contact**

Contact:

The Charles M. and Mary D. Grant Foundation  
c/o Jacqueline Elias, Vice President  
JPMorgan Private Bank  
Philanthropic Services

## Louisiana Municipal Association

### Grant Writer Survey

#### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The LMA provides a list of grant writers available to help with a variety of grant writing needs. LMA is not responsible for the quality of work performed by the grant writers listed in their directory. Since LMA is not responsible for the work performed by the grant writers listed you should direct any concerns and or questions directly to the grant writer.

#### **Uses**

The list includes grant writers with experience in applications to diverse groups of government (federal/state/local), corporate, foundation, and faith-based organizations.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

N/A

#### **Deadline**

N/A

#### **Application Process/Contact**

List of grant writers is available at:

<http://www.lamunis.org/Grant/GrantWriters3905.mht>



**National Association of Counties  
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation  
Wildlife Habitat Council  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Southern Company**

Five Star Restoration Matching Grants Program

**Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The National Association of Counties, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the Wildlife Habitat Council, in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and our newest partner, Southern Company, are the program partners for the Five-Star Restoration Matching Grants Program. Awards range between \$5,000 and \$20,000. Projects must include a strong on-the-ground wetland, riparian, or coastal habitat restoration component and should also include training, education, outreach, monitoring, and community stewardship components. In 2005, 53 projects out of 220 applications received grants of an average \$10,000.

**Uses**

Support community-based wetland, riparian, and coastal habitat restoration projects that build diverse partnerships and foster local natural resource stewardship through education, outreach and training activities.

**Eligible Applicants**

Public or private entities may apply. Applicants must demonstrate that measurable ecological, educational, social, and/or economic benefits are expected to result from the completion of the project. Projects that are part of a mitigation requirement are not eligible for funding.

**Deadline**

Applications for 2007 projects will be available in the late fall of 2006. Applications are due in early March.

**Application Process/Contact**

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Southern Regional Center  
1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200  
Atlanta, Georgia, 30345  
Telephone: 404-679-7099 Facsimile: 404-679-7141  
[www.nfwf.org](http://www.nfwf.org)



The Portfields model offers the opportunity to advance projects that incorporate economic development, environmental protection, and community revitalization. Additionally, the Portfields model supports projects that require a number of federal and state agencies to participate and encourages regional projects.

# National Fish & Wildlife Foundation

## General Matching Grants Program

### Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation operates a conservation grants program that awards matching grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible grant recipients, including federal, tribal, state, and local governments, educational institutions, and non-profit conservation organizations. Project proposals are received on a year-round, revolving basis with two decision cycles per year. Grants typically range from \$25,000-\$250,000, based upon need.

### Uses

Matching grants are awarded to projects that:

- Address priority actions promoting fish and wildlife conservation and the habitats on which they depend;
- Work proactively to involve other conservation and community interests;
- Leverage available funding; and
- Evaluate project outcomes.

The grants cannot be used for:

- Political advocacy or litigation of any kind;
- Shortfalls in government agency budgets;
- General administrative overhead or indirect costs;
- Basic research (including graduate research).

### Eligible Applicants

Federal, tribal, state, and local governments, educational institutions, and non-profit conservation organizations.

### Deadline

Project pre-proposals are accepted throughout the year and slated for review and action within the following cycles:

Project Pre-Proposal Received By: April 1

Project Full Proposal Due: June 1

Board of Directors Decision: Mid-November

### Application Process/Contact

All grant guidelines can be found at:  
<http://www.nfwf.org/guidelines.cfm>

Submit a pre-proposal via <https://collective.nfwf.org/pre-proposal/Preproposal.php> selecting the "General Matching Grant" option from the dropdown menu of programs. Upon receipt and evaluation of the pre-proposal, the Foundation will invite successful applicants to submit a full proposal. Access to the Foundation's general matching grant application form will be provided to successful applicants at that time.

Southern Regional Office  
1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200  
Atlanta, GA 30345  
Phone: 404-679-7099  
Regional Director: Peter Stangel

# National Fish & Wildlife Foundation

## North Gulf Coast Initiative

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

For detailed criteria, see [http://www.nfwf.org/programs/north\\_gulf\\_coast.cfm](http://www.nfwf.org/programs/north_gulf_coast.cfm). Project Area: Estuaries of Mobile Bay, Wolf Bay, Perdido Bay, Pensacola Bay, and Gulf Islands. Grant Size: Not to exceed \$100,000, with preference for applications in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 range. Match: Projects require a minimum 1:1 match of non-federal funds or contributed goods and services. Preference will be given to applications with higher match ratios.

### **Uses**

The North Gulf Coast Initiative Program is a partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Community-based Restoration Program. The NOAA Community-based Restoration Program (CRP) ([www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration)) applies a grass-roots approach to restoration by actively engaging communities in on-the-ground restoration of fishery habitats around the nation. The CRP emphasizes partnerships and collaborative strategies built around restoring NOAA trust resources and improving the environmental quality of local communities.

### **Eligible Applicants**

Citizen groups, public and nonprofit organizations, watershed groups, businesses, academic institutions and local, state applicants are encouraged to apply. Successful applicants will be required to provide sufficient documentation that the project expects to receive or has received all necessary permits and clearances to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Endangered Species Act (ESA), and any other Federal, state, or local ordinances. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation will not provide grant funding for political advocacy, lobbying, or litigation of any kind. Grant funds may not be used to supplement shortfalls in government agency budgets or to support general administrative overhead or indirect costs.

### **Deadline**

Pre-Proposal: January 7, 2006  
Full Proposal: February 18, 2006

### **Application Process/Contact**

Pre-proposals should be submitted electronically through the on-line application form available on the NFWF website. Upon receipt and evaluation of the pre-proposal, the Foundation will invite successful applicants to submit a full proposal. Access to the Foundation's general matching grant application will be provided to successful applicants at that time. If invited for a full proposal, applicants may be required to solicit peer-review of their proposal by up to five qualified and objective reviewers. The Foundation also retains the right to require additional peer-review of proposals by external experts. The upcoming deadlines for this grant program are listed below. Please note that pre-proposals must be received electronically.

Pre-Proposal: January 7, 2006  
Full Proposal: February 18, 2006  
Notification Date: July 2006

### **Additional Information**

If, after careful review of these guidelines, you have additional questions, please contact:

Chris Rigby  
Assistant Director  
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation  
[chris.rigby@nfwf.org](mailto:chris.rigby@nfwf.org)  
404-679-7142  
Peter Stangel  
Regional Director  
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation  
[Stangel@nfwf.org](mailto:Stangel@nfwf.org)  
404-679-7099

## National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Shell Oil Company Shell Marine Habitat Program

### **Type of Assistance, Terms and Conditions**

The Shell Marine Habitat program, launched in 1998, is a partnership between the Shell Oil Company and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The purpose of this partnership is to provide grants for projects that benefit marine habitat in and around the Gulf of Mexico. \$850,000 is available for 2006. Typical grant size is \$25,000 to \$150,000. All grant awards require a minimum 1:1 match of cash or contributed goods and services and a match of over 2:1 is encouraged. Last year the Shell program match ratio averaged 4.3:1.

### **Uses**

Projects include wetland conservation and restoration especially those that protect or restore estuarine habitat in a specified area including Louisiana. Also projects in communities where Shell has facilities. Projects that include opportunities for hands-on participation by volunteers are of special interest. Focal species include brown pelicans, with an emphasis on habitat restoration and conservation of breeding sites. In addition, education programs intended to minimize harm from monofilament entanglement and other human impacts are of particular interest. Priority will be given to projects that build new or enhance existing partnerships and that address conservation needs of species characteristic of southeastern U.S. marine ecosystems.

### **Eligible Applicants**

None specifically listed

### **Deadline**

The 2006 deadline was April 1, the 2007 deadline is TBA.

### **Application Process/Contact**

Interested applicants should use the Foundation's online pre-proposal application form [<https://collective.nfwf.org/pre-proposal/Preproposal.php>] for electronic submissions. Applicants may contact Chris Rigby (404-679-7142) with any questions.



Portfields partners include local, state, and federal representatives. All of these partners bring new ideas and resources to ports in an effort to implement comprehensive redevelopment strategies.