

## **Funding**

### **Congress Chartered Grants**

#### **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – Bring Back the Natives**

NFWF seeks projects that initiate partnerships with private landowners; demonstrate collaborative efforts; and address watershed health issues that lead to restoring native aquatic species habitats and their migration corridors. A 2:1 non-federal match is required.

Website – [www.nfwf.org](http://www.nfwf.org)

#### **Pulling Together Initiative**

NFWF grant program for private land owners removing invasive species.

Website - [www.nfwf.org/pti/](http://www.nfwf.org/pti/)

### **Government Grants**

#### **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) – Partners for Wildlife**

A voluntary habitat restoration program that provides financial assistance and restoration expertise to private landowners, tribes and other conservation partners who desire to improve the condition of fish and wildlife habitat on their land. A 1:1 cost match is required.

Website – <http://www.fws.gov/partners/?viewPage=home>

#### **USFWS- North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA)**

The Small Grants Program is a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Act). These projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds. Grant requests up to \$75,000 and priority is given to new grantees and partners.

Website- <http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA/Small/index.shtm>

#### **USDA – Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)**

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private land. Through WHIP USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service provides both technical assistance and up to 75 percent cost-share assistance to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat. WHIP agreements between NRCS and the participant generally last from 5 to 10 years from the date the agreement is signed.

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

#### **National Invasive Species Information Center**

Manager's Tool Kit- Grants and Funding. Provides a listing of general grants and funding information for invasive species management, from Federal, State, University/Academic, and Other Organizations.

Website – <http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/toolkit/grants.shtml>

#### **USDA NRCS – Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA)**

The CTA program provides voluntary conservation technical assistance to land-users, communities, units of State and local government, and other Federal agencies in planning and implementing conservation systems. It helps people voluntarily conserve, improve and

sustain natural resources. Technical assistance is for planning and implementing natural resource solutions to reduce erosion, improve soil health, improve water quantity and quality, improve and conserve wetlands, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, reduce upstream flooding, improve woodlands, and address other natural resource issues. Assistance is funded on a reimbursable basis for planning and implementing conservation practices that address natural resource issues. Funds are available to private landowners, federal, state, and local agencies. Website – [www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cta/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cta/)

### **Environmental Protection Agency and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – Five Star Program.**

Provides grants, technical support and information exchange to help communities across the country build strong partnerships that work together on riparian, coastal or wetland restoration projects. Grants (around \$5,000- \$10,000) act as seed funding to leverage additional community resources (matching funds). Grantees work with partners to foster local natural resource stewardship through education, outreach, training activities and on-the-ground restoration. Most projects are labor intensive, such as eliminating non-native plants, collecting and planting native seeds or removing blockades for tidal flushing or fish pathways. Projects require at least 5 partners.

Website - <http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/5star/02factsheet.html>

### **Non Governmental Grants**

#### **American Forests**

The Global ReLeaf Forests ecosystem restoration program funds quality tree-planting projects. Prefers to partner with private and public sector organizations and agencies to plant trees and improve the environment in projects that would otherwise not be feasible. Must be greater than 20 acres. This grant works on government lands and private lands that are accessible to the public and could be an appropriate revegetation funding source. Funding cycles are in January and July.

Website – [www.americanforests.org](http://www.americanforests.org)

#### **Wildlife Habitat Policy Research Program**

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

Website – [www.whprp.org](http://www.whprp.org)