

Climate Funding Opportunitiesⁱ

NOTE: These opportunities represent a snapshot of what is currently available (as of January 15, 2014).
Future grant opportunities are contingent upon funding appropriations.

National Scale Opportunities

National Science Foundation

Science, Engineering, and Education for Sustainability (NSF-wide investment area)

The National Science Foundation's Science, Engineering, and Education for Sustainability (SEES) program addresses the challenge of building a sustainable future through promoting research and education. SEES is expected to extend into FY15 with continuing research efforts to include global community sustainability; sustainable energy; modeling; vulnerability, resilience, and sensitivity to regional change; and public engagement. Since SEES is a NSF-wide investment area rather than an individual program, applicants are encouraged to check for updates to the collection of new and existing activities. Programs of interest include the Climate Change Education Partnership Program (CCEP), the Ocean Acidification (OA) program, the Coastal SEES program, and the Water Sustainability and Climate (WSC) program.

Eligibility: Unrestricted

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=504707

National Science Foundation

Coastal Science, Engineering, and Education for Sustainability (Coastal SEES)

Program Solicitation: NSF 14-502

NSF's Coastal SEES program focuses on the sustainability of coastal systems, which include barrier islands, mudflats, beaches, estuaries, cities, towns, recreational areas, maritime facilities, continental seas and shelves, and the overlying atmosphere. The Coastal SEES program, in short, seeks to 1) advance understanding of fundamental, interconnected processes in coastal systems, 2) improve capabilities for predicting future coastal system states and impacts, and 3) identify pathways for research to be translated to policy and management domains, enhancing coastal resiliency. The program seeks proposals from interdisciplinary research teams to conduct integrated coastal systems research (which may include theoretical, field, laboratory, or modeling activities). Proposal budgets should be in the range of \$800K - \$2 million (maximum) total, over a period of 3-5 years. NSF anticipates a funding amount of \$13 million, thus awarding up to 10 proposals depending on availability of funds.

Eligibility: U.S. academic institutions (with NSF supported research areas), non-profit (non-academic) organizations (such as independent museums, observatories, research laboratories, or professional societies).

Application deadline is **5pm proposer's local time on January 21, 2014**

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=504816&org=NSF&sel_org=NSF&from=fund

National Science Foundation

Long Term Research in Environmental Biology (LTREB)

Program Solicitation: NSF 14-507

This program, through the National Science Foundation, addresses a problem faced by many investigators, which is that typical funding awards do not have time frames long enough to address long-term data-driven, research proposals. These awards are designed to provide funding to maintain an ongoing, long-term research project for a period of a decade or even longer. The solicitation includes a list of potential thematic areas for research proposals that includes, but is not limited to, research relating to external forcing functions such as climatic cycles that operate over long return intervals. Awards are not to exceed \$90K total per year, and \$450K over a 5 year effort. NSF anticipates making six (6) new awards annually, pending availability of funds. The Solicitation outlines renewal procedures following the initial five year award.

Application deadline for Preliminary proposals is **5pm proposer's local time on January 30, 2014** (and annually thereafter).

Application deadline for full proposals is 5pm proposer's local time on August 1, 2014.

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?WT.z_pims_id=13544&ods_key=nsf14507

National Science Foundation

Paleo Perspectives on Climate Change program

Program Solicitation: 13-574

The National Science Foundation's Paleo Perspectives on Climate Change program utilizes key geological, chemical, and biological records of climate system variability to provide insight rates of change that characterized the Earth's historical climate variability, the responses of key Earth system components, and the sensitivity of the Earth's climate system to forcing changes. The scientific objectives of this program are to 1) provide comprehensive paleoclimate data sets that can serve as model test data sets analogous to instrumental observations; and 2) enable transformative syntheses of paleoclimate data and modeling outcomes to understand the response of the long-term variability of the Earth's climate system. The NSF is expecting to award 35 grants, with a typical award duration of three (3) years. Approximately \$11 million is expected to be available each year, pending funding availability.

Eligibility: no restrictions

Application deadline is **5pm (proposer's local time) on October 15, 2014**

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5750

Department of Commerce: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

FY 2012-2013 Broad Agency Announcement (BAA)

Funding Opportunity Number: NOAA-NFA-NFAPO-2014-2003949

The purpose of this notice is to request applications for projects associated with NOAA's strategic plan and mission goals. The funded research, projects, or sponsorships must address one or more of the four mission goals in NOAA's strategic plan (Climate adaptation and mitigation and responding to climate and its impacts; Weather-Ready nation – society is prepared for and responds to weather-related events; marine fisheries, habitats, and biodiversity sustained within healthy and productive ecosystems; and resilient coastal communities and economies – environmentally and economically sustainable). Funding appropriation is dependent on FY 2014 and FY 2015 appropriations. The anticipated start date will be three to six months after receipt by NOAA, with applications generally submitted for a one-year award period.

Eligibility: Institutions of higher learning, non-profit organizations, commercial organizations, international or foreign organizations or governments, individuals, state, local and tribal governments. (Universities with a NOAA joint or Cooperative Institute (CI) should submit an application through the CI).

Application deadline is **11:59pm Eastern Daylight Time on September 30, 2015**

Information is found by searching for the above Funding Opportunity Number on www.grants.gov.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Human and Ecological Health Impacts Associated with Water Reuse and Conservation Practices

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 66.509

The US EPA is seeking proposals for research that measures and quantifies health and ecological impacts from water reuse and conservation practices. In many areas of the US, factors such as climate change, extreme drought and storm events, increased population, and changing land-uses are decreasing water availability, while increasing demand. In short, the EPA is interested in supporting research on water reuse and water conservation practices that promote public and ecosystem health, and how they may be assessed over the long-term, so as to manage the availability of water resources more holistically. Additional information relating to the Priority research areas is available through the link below. EPA anticipates approximately \$4 million in available funding for this opportunity (pending availability), with a maximum total award of \$750K for regular awards and \$330K for early career awards. EPA anticipates funding approximately 7 awards.

Eligibility: U.S. Public nonprofit organizations, U.S. private nonprofit institutions, institutions of higher learning, state and local governments, tribal governments, and US Territories.

Application deadline is **February 18, 2014 at 11:59pm Eastern Time.**

http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2014/2014_star_water-reuse.html#FUNDING

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Green Infrastructure Technical Assistance Program

The EPA's office of Wastewater Management is currently seeking letters of interest from communities that are interested in implementing green infrastructure to protect water quality and increase community sustainability. This Technical Assistance program helps communities to: 1) overcome the barriers to green infrastructure, and 2) develop approaches to implement green infrastructure for the sake of attaining environmental, social, and economic goals. This opportunity is not a grant, but rather, EPA would provide technical assistance through an EPA contract, in the form of work conducted by contractors (paid by EPA). EPA estimates the value of this assistance to be around \$400K (each community to receive approximately \$60K in contractor support), and the program anticipates providing assistance to 5 – 7 communities. Project periods will last 9 months.

Eligibility: any combination of local government departments, offices, or agencies, as well as non-profit organizations may submit a letter of interest. Applicants must have a local government representative.

Deadline for submitting letters of interest is **5pm Eastern Time on January 24, 2014**

http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/greeninfrastructure/gi_support.cfm#2014TechnicalAssistance

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Environmental Education Model Grants Program

The primary goal of the Environmental Education Model Grants Program is to support environmental education projects, which increase the public's awareness about environmental issues and provide them with the skills to take responsible actions to promote the environment. EPA expects to make two or three awards per EPA region, and two awards at Headquarters (between 22-32 grants nationwide). Funding awards will range between \$75K and \$200K, with the number and amount of awards depending on funding availability. Applicants must also include non-federal matching funds of at least 25% of the project's total costs.

Eligibility: Local, state, or tribal education or environmental agency; colleges and universities; and non-profit organizations (501(c)(3)).

Application deadline is **11:59pm local time on February 4, 2014**

<http://www2.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>

U.S. Department of Agriculture – Forest Service

Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program

Funding Opportunity Number CFP-FS-1002014

The Community Forest Program protects forests through support for local governments, tribal organizations, and qualified non-profit organizations to establish community forests through fee simple acquisition of private forest land from a willing seller. The land in question must be at least 5 acres in size, 75% forested, and be threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. This program recognizes that community forests provide many benefits as places to recreate, protect habitat, benefits water quality and quantity issues arising from storms, and can provide locations for environmental and cultural education. Awards are not to exceed \$400K for a single project, and applicants must demonstrate a 50% match of the total project cost.

Eligibility: Local governments, tribes, qualified nonprofit organization

Application deadline is **January 15, 2014**

<http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/cfp.shtml>

Georgetown Climate Center

Federal Funding Compendium for Urban Heat Adaptation

The Georgetown Climate Center has produced an in-depth document, which collects and analyzes information relating to 44 separate federal programs that support cities and states that are interested in reducing the impacts of urban heat. While federal funding sources are often dependent on appropriations, this list provides interested applicants a great resource for finding federal funding opportunities for climate-related work. Two sections of this document of specific interest include the Environment section (which focuses on monitoring/improving water quality, conserving habitats, protecting green/open spaces, and the effects of air pollution), as well as the Public Health section (which covers government programs providing resources to promote health and safety of populations vulnerable to the harmful effects of climate change). A full description and link to the document is available on the Georgetown Climate Center website:

<http://www.georgetownclimate.org/federal-funding-compendium-for-urban-heat-adaptation>

University of Oregon

The Tribal Climate Change Funding and Program Guide

This funding guide is an online inventory of information on grants and programs that may assist tribes in addressing climate change issues and impacts. The inventory provides information on grants originating from many different sectors, all of which include tribes or tribal organizations as eligible applicants. The online inventory is available through the link below.

<http://envs.uoregon.edu/tribal-climate/>

The Wildlife Conservation Society's Climate Adaptation Fund

In 2014, the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) will provide 1-2 year grants ranging from \$50K to \$250K for on-the-ground projects that focus on implementing conservation actions for climate adaptation at a landscape scale. The grants required a 1:1 match with a maximum of 50% of match funding from in-kind sources. WCS anticipates releasing its 2014 Request for Proposals to the Climate Adaptation Fund by mid-February. Interested applicants should check the program's website for updates on future grant opportunities. The link below offers information on previous grant awards.

Eligibility: U.S.-based (all 50 states and 6 territories) non-profit organizations with approved IRS 501(c)(3) status. Public agencies, tribal governments, and universities may partner with eligible non-profits to submit proposals.

<http://www.wcsnorthamerica.org/ClimateAdaptationFund>

Climate Solutions University (CSU)

CSU aids local rural communities, connected through a peer learning network, by offering training, expertise, and support in climate adaptation planning. Through this training, expertise, and support, CSU strengthens local leadership, public engagement, and ecosystem protection efforts in rural communities. In the past, CSU has offered two distance-learning programs; the Climate Adaptation Plan Development Program and the Climate Adaptation Plan Implementation Program. The development program results in a local climate adaptation plan (focusing on forest and water resource resilience). The implementation plan supports participants in moving the plan into action. Each program typically has 8 positions available. Each participating community received ~\$100K in training, mentoring, and access to tools/resources; however, communities must commit \$5K of cost-share in the form of staff time and related resources.

Eligibility: Region non-profit organizations (501 (c)(3) status); local, county, or municipal governments; state or federal organizations (encouraged to participate with local agencies). Individuals may not apply. There is no strict application deadline as applications are accepted on a continual basis.

<http://www.mfpp.org/csu/>

The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation

The foundation's Environmental Program strives to meet four main strategies through grant awards. These strategies include: 1) enabling strategic wildlife habitat conservation in an era of climate change; 2) reducing impacts on the landscape from increased energy development and energy demand; 3) encouraging land stewardship and sustainability in the Tri-state area; and 4) helping to build a clean-energy economy. The foundation typically provides funding support through a series of invited proposals. Unsolicited proposals are not considered by the foundation, information about future opportunities can be requested through a letter of inquiry, which is described on the webpage below.

Funding is limited to the U.S. Also, the foundation does not support green building projects (construction capital) or projects focusing on marine environments, toxics remediation, litigation, filmmaking, individual research, or scholarships

<http://www.ddcf.org/Programs/Environment/Grant-making-Process/>

The Rockefeller Family Fund

This foundation's Environment Program is currently focusing on the challenges of Climate Change. The program focuses on public education of the risks of global warming and implementation of sound solutions, conservation of natural resources, protection of health as affected by the environment, meaning implementation of environmental laws, and public participation in national environmental policy debates. Grant applicants must submit a letter of inquiry online through the Fund's online application portal. If accepted, the applicant will be invited to submit a full proposal for evaluation. Grants are usually in the range of \$25,000 – \$30,000 and are normally made to the same organization for no more than two consecutive years. The Fund does not ordinarily consider projects pertaining to a single community, unless the project advances a national issue, or can serve as a national model.

Eligibility: United States tax-exempt organizations engaged in activities of national significance

Program information: <http://www.rffund.org/grants/environment>

The Kresge Foundation

This foundation's Environment program invests in projects within the U.S., as well as selects initiatives in Canada. The Environment program supports communities that are striving to become more resilient, meaning they will be better positioned to prosper amid the range of circumstances they could encounter as consequences of climate change. Currently, the Kresge foundation is refining the funding priorities for the Environment program; therefore, the portal is currently closed for unsolicited funding requests. As this foundation has been supportive of climate change adaptation work in the past, interested applicants should check back with the foundation's website frequently to stay abreast of new developments relating to the program refinement.

Eligibility: U.S. based 501(c)(3) organizations (and Canadian equivalents), government entities

<http://www.kresge.org/programs/environment/adaptation-climate-change>

Surdna Foundation

This foundation invests in projects that support their program areas of Sustainable Environments, Strong Local Economies, Thriving Cultures, Community Revitalization, and Effective Citizenry. An example of a previous grant award is \$200K to the American Planning Association in FY2008 to aid U.S. planners with initiatives to integrate energy sustainability and climate change into contemporary planning practices. Another example is \$200K to the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana in FY2010 to increase/strengthen local and national collaboration for the benefit of Louisiana coastal protection. Organizations are eligible for a max of three consecutive years of funding.

Eligibility: U.S. based non-profit organizations

There are no application deadlines. Grants are assessed three times a year (February, May, and September), and must be submitted three to four months prior to staff review.

<http://www.surdna.org/grants/grants-overview.html>

FAQ web page: <http://www.surdna.org/grants/eligibility-a-faqs.html>

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

This foundation offers grant assistance in 6 major program areas. Two such areas are the “Public Understanding of Science,” and the “Basic Research” areas. Through these programs, the foundation offers grants for high-quality, original STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) research that benefits the scientific community, as well as increases the public understanding of relevant and complex scientific issues. The Public Understanding of Science program promotes using books, television, radio, film, theatre, and other media in order to engage the public in science and technology. A grant applicant must first submit a letter of inquiry that outlines the idea of the grant, since the foundation does not accept unsolicited grant proposals. If accepted, the applicant will receive notice to submit a full proposal for evaluation.

Eligibility: The foundation does **not** make grants to individuals, for-profit institutions, endowments, fundraising drives, political campaigns, or lobbying efforts for/against legislation. Institutions of higher learning and government entities have received project funding in the past.

There are no application deadlines. The foundation makes grants year-round.

Grant process information: <http://www.sloan.org/apply-for-grants/>

Regional Scale Opportunities

U.S. Department of Interior – Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Water and Efficiency Grants for FY2014

Funding Opportunity Number: R14AS00001

This funding opportunity invites applicants to leverage resources through a cost-sharing program with the Bureau of Reclamation for large projects that will improve water/energy efficiency in Western states. These WaterSMART grants are an important way in which the Dept of Interior is implementing the President's November 1, 2013 Executive Order, *Preparing the United States for Impacts of Climate Change*. This opportunity has two funding groups. Funding group 1 supports projects up to \$300K in size for on-the-ground projects (typically completed within 2 years), and Funding group 2 supports projects up to \$1 million in size for large, phased on-the-ground projects (typically take up to 3 years to complete). The Bureau anticipates that the majority of funding will go toward projects funding group 1.

Eligibility: States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority. Applicants must be located in western U.S. States (AZ, CA, CO, ID, KS, MT, NE, NV, NM, ND, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, WY, and U.S. territories)

Application deadline is **4pm Mountain Standard Time on January 23, 2014**

Information is found by searching for the above Funding Opportunity Number on www.grants.gov.

Department of the Interior – Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs)

LCCs are a network of partnerships working for the sustainability of America's land, water, wildlife, and cultural resources. Partnerships include federal, state, and local governments, tribes, universities, NGOs, landowners, as well as other stakeholders. These cooperatives (21 in total, representing different geographic areas of the country) build upon existing science and conservation efforts that preserve water and land resources, as well as cultural partnerships. Periodically, LCCs offer grants that support their core functions. Interested applicants should check the website below to remain apprised to upcoming funding opportunities.

<http://www.fws.gov/science/SHC/lcc.html>

Wisconsin Department of Administration – Coastal Management Program Great Lakes Area of Concern Land Acquisition Grants

The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program is currently soliciting grant applications to support public land acquisition with Wisconsin's Areas of Concerns and their associated watersheds for the purpose of acquiring ecologically significant coastal habitats, as well as areas in need of habitat restoration. Wisconsin may submit selected project proposals to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, who will develop a prioritized list of projects for funding. NOAA Anticipates that approximately \$800K will be available; however, this funding is dependent on Fiscal Year 2014 appropriations. Eligible projects range between \$100K and \$800K. Matching funds are encouraged, but not required. For information relating to Area of Concern Land Acquisition Grants in other Great Lakes states, interested applicant should check with their State's Coastal Management Program.

The application deadline to submit applications through Wisconsin's Coastal Management Program is **January 21, 2014**.

<http://coastal.wisconsin.gov>

Sustain our Great Lakes

2014 Request for Proposals

Sustain our Great Lakes is a public/private partnership between Arcelor Mittal, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and several US federal entities (such as the FWS, NOAA, EPA, NRCS, and the Forest Service). This organization offers grant programs to promote both in-the-water and on-the-ground restoration and enhancement projects. In 2014, grant funding will be awarded in two categories: habitat restoration, and delisting of beneficial use impairments within Great Lakes Areas of Concern. In 2014, Sustain our Great Lakes will not award funding for land protection (e.g., acquisition and/or easements), rain barrels, rain gardens, green roofs, or research. Further description of what work is supported through the two categories listed above is available in the RFP (available through the link below). Grants typically support two year projects, with awards ranging range between \$25K and \$1.5 million.

Eligibility: Nonprofit 501(c) organizations; local, state, Tribal, and provincial governments; and education institutions. Federal agencies, individuals, and for-profit organizations are **not** eligible.

Application deadline is **5pm Eastern Time on February 18, 2014.**

<http://www.sustainourgreatlakes.org/Apply.aspx>

Fund for Lake Michigan

The Fund for Lake Michigan focuses grant making efforts on projects in Southeastern Wisconsin that will serve to 1) enhance the ecological health of near shore and coastal areas, as well as SE Wisconsin rivers through habitat preservation and restoration; and 2) improve the quality of water flowing into Lake Michigan through pollutant reductions, including toxins and nutrients. In short, the Fund supports efforts that improve the coastal and tributary systems for the benefit of people, plants, and animals who depend on the systems for water, recreation, and commerce. Interested applicants must first submit a letter of inquiry to the Fund. Prospective grantees will then be invited to submit a full proposal to the Fund for consideration. Previously funded projects have ranged between \$13K and over \$200K, with climate-related topics such as stormwater best management practices, and green infrastructure research/implementation.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, and government agencies.

Deadline for letters of inquiry through the Fund's online system is **January 24, 2014**

<http://www.fundforlakemichigan.org/application-process/how-to-apply>

Great Lakes Protection Fund

The Great Lakes Protection Fund is seeking preproposals for a suite of projects that will help "design, develop, test, and evaluate innovations to advance the next generation of actions to protect and restore the ecological health of the Great Lakes." The Fund is providing support through three focus areas: 1) Tools for next generation of water utilities (e.g., value-based pricing and new transactions for utility services, asset management strategies for water resources, etc); 2) Strategies for smarter lakes (e.g., real-time performance monitoring of stormwater infrastructure, real-time AIS detection systems, prototype water quality alert networks); and 3) Putting financial capital to work for the Great Lakes (e.g., certification programs for industrial/agricultural water users). More examples of potential projects are included for each of the three focus areas on the Fund's website. Projects should be led by interdisciplinary, action-oriented teams seeking to benefit the Great Lakes Ecosystem. The average level of support for past projects is around \$460K, with awards ranging from \$20K to \$1.5 million.

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations, institutions of higher learning, for-profit businesses, government agencies, and individuals. Canadian organizations are also eligible.

Preproposal deadline is **February 3, 2014** for consideration at the Fund's June 2014 board meeting.

<http://glpf.org/working-with-us/projects-wanted>

Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation

This foundation offers grant opportunities to advance work in land conservation and artistic vitality in the 13-county Chicago Region and the 9-county Lowcountry of South Carolina. Eligible counties are shown on the maps regional maps link below. Their land conservation efforts focus on 1) preserving, restoring, and protecting strategic lands that contribute to regional ecosystem health; 2) building and supporting constituencies that value land stewardship by sustaining appropriate land uses (e.g. limiting sprawl, fostering regional land use planning); and 3) engaging young people with the natural world. If applicants believe that their project fits the foundation's interests, they must submit an application (rather than a formal proposal or letter of inquiry). If unsure, contact the organization's Grant Manager

Eligibility: The foundation does not typically make grants to public entities (therefore, unsolicited proposals are not accepted). Public entities should contact the foundation to discuss a project. Also, non-profit "operating foundation" groups (Type III organization under 509(a)3) are not eligible.

Application deadline is **11:59pm Eastern Time on April 11, 2014** (for review in July 2014).

Regional maps: <http://gddf.org/about/>

Grant information: <http://gddf.org/grants/funding-guidelines>

The Joyce Foundation

This foundation supports funding opportunities in Great Lakes protection and restoration. The foundation supports funding opportunities that address the following areas: 1) the introduction and spread of invasive species in the Great Lakes basin; 2) Polluted, non-point source runoff from agricultural lands and cities (as well as watershed-based investments for reducing nonpoint source pollution, such as green infrastructure); and 3) Funding of and support for Great Lakes restoration and protection policies (such as implementing the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact and Great Lakes Restoration Initiative related work). The foundation accepts grant inquiries throughout the year

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations

In order for the foundation's Board of Directors to consider a grant proposal at the July board meeting, the Letter of Inquiry submission deadline is **February 24, 2014** (with full proposal deadline of April 8, 2014).

Application process: <http://www.joycefdn.org/apply/>

Program information: <http://www.joycefdn.org/content.cfm/guidelines-3>

The Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation

This foundation supports funding opportunities in the Detroit, MI area (Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties) that work to improve water quality in the watersheds affecting Metro Detroit and Bayfield Ontario. The foundation supports efforts to restore ecological integrity in these watersheds, by emphasizing local implementation of regional Great Lakes strategies for reducing non-point source pollution and promoting water conservation and efficiency. The foundation will be proactively encouraging grants in the areas of: 1) effective public outreach relating to how daily activities impact local watersheds; 2) promoting green infrastructure through low impact development and repurposing of Detroit's vacant land; 3) Promoting water conservation and efficiency by individuals, governments, businesses, and others; and 4) promoting the restoration of critical wetlands.

Letters of inquiry must be submitted through the Foundation's website. The Foundation's board meets four times per year to review grant requests (March, June, September, and December).

Eligibility: Non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations

Application process: <http://www.erbff.org/application-process>

Gulf of Mexico Foundation – Community-based Restoration Partnership

This foundation offers a grants competition through its Community-based Restoration Partnership. This partnership, established in 2001 between the Gulf of Mexico Foundation, NOAA, and the EPA, has led to 76 restoration projects in the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Basin. In 2011, the foundation awarded approximately \$500K to projects in the Gulf States and U.S. Caribbean Territories. Projects typically fell in the range of \$50K - \$100K. All participants were required to provide a 1:1 cash or in-kind match of the grant amount. Matching funds cannot be federal dollars. The Foundation also awarded approximately \$250K in 2012. Interested applicants should check this website for future grant opportunities

<http://www.gulfmex.org/conservation-restoration/gulf-conservation-restoration-and-preservation/>

Bullitt Foundation

The mission of the Bullitt Foundation is to protect the natural environment through promotion of responsible human activities and sustainable development in the Pacific Northeast. The foundations program areas include Ecosystem Services; Energy, Industry, and Technology; Urban Ecology; and Leadership and Civic Engagement. The foundation currently focuses grant making on 10 different strategies, which include the following: 1) Fostering environmental coalitions and furthering collaboration 2) Encouraging strong partnerships between grantees and local groups in the private, public, and tribal sectors to achieve broad consensus on issues of public interest 3) Supporting state and regional offices of national environmental organizations whose resources can lend valuable expertise to make sure that local efforts are coordinated with regional and national efforts 4) Supporting credible research, monitoring, and analysis to ensure advocacy campaigns are grounded in the best available science 5) Developing and promoting appropriate messages for public education. Grant applicants must submit a letter of inquiry online. If accepted, the applicant will be invited to submit a full proposal for evaluation.

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, British Colombia, western Montana, and Coastal Alaska from the Cook Inlet to the Canadian border)

In order to be considered for the May 1 proposal deadline, **Letters of Inquiry must be received on or before March 15th.**

Grant making process: <http://bullitt.org/grantmaking>

The Russell Family Foundation

Environmental Sustainability Program

The Russell Family Foundation's Environmental Sustainability Program aims to protect and restore Puget Sound by supporting three main focus areas: 1) Polluted Runoff and Green Infrastructure, 2) Environmental Education, and 3) Restoration and Protection of the Puyallup Watershed. Through these focus areas, the Foundation hopes to improve behaviors among Puget Sound residents to reduce polluted runoff; encourage and test green infrastructure innovations; improve local, state, and federal codes; increase environmental literacy; and promote effective management of land use and water quality of specific watersheds (such as the Puyallup). In 2013, the Foundation's Environmental Sustainability Program paid out approximately \$1.9 million, with an average award of \$45K.

Eligibility: Tax-exempt organizations as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

A Letter of Inquiry (LOI) must first be submitted and approved before a full proposal will be accepted. The deadline to submit an LOI for this program is **February 5, 2014**

<http://www.trff.org/environmental-sustainability/>

Mary A. Crocker Trust

The Mary A Crocker Trust is a charitable foundation located in San Francisco, CA. The Trust's Environment program area focuses support on the areas of waste management and recycling, water quality, land use management, and sustainable agriculture and forestry. The Trust is primarily interested in Bay Area programs, with an annual award budget of approximately \$500K. Typical award amounts range between \$10K and \$25K.

Eligibility: The Trust does not fund individuals, for annual campaigns, continuing support, deficit financing, or sectarian purposes.

The deadline for submitting a one-page letter of interest is March 5, 2014.

<http://mactrust.org/home.html>

International Opportunities

The Rockefeller Foundation

One of the foundation's current initiatives is developing climate change resilience in the areas of Asian urban environments, African agriculture, and US policy. As the foundation is a "proactive grantmaker," it does not accept proposals without staff invitation. Grant seekers must submit a funding inquiry form.

Eligibility: The foundation partners with governments, foundations, donors, NGOs, and private sector groups

<http://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/our-work/current-work/developing-climate-change-resilience/grants-grantees>

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Eligibility: U.S. based 501(c)(3) organizations (and Canadian equivalents), government entities

<http://www.kresge.org/programs/environment/adaptation-climate-change>

Great Lakes Protection Fund (re-posted from Regional-Scale Opportunities Section)

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Eligibility: Non-profit organizations, institutions of higher learning, for-profit businesses, government agencies, and individuals. Canadian organizations are also eligible.

Preproposal deadline is **February 3, 2014** for consideration at the Fund's June 2014 board meeting.

<http://glpf.org/working-with-us/projects-wanted>

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Green Municipal Fund (GMF)

Through the GMF, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities funds the best examples of innovation in municipal sustainable development. The funded work must aim to achieve significant environmental impacts and have potential to be replicated in other Canadian communities. The GMF provides support for three types of initiatives (plans, studies, and projects), in five sectors of municipal activity (including brownfields, energy, transportation, waste, and air). The Federation is anticipating approving \$45 million in loans and \$5 million for capital projects in the energy, transportation, waste, and water sectors; \$40 million in loans in the brownfields sector; and \$6 million in grants for plans, feasibility studies, and field tests.

Eligibility: Municipal Governments and their partners (this includes cities, counties, regional governments, towns, townships, villages, local boards, regulatory authorities, and improvement districts). For a complete list, see link below.

Applications for funding are accepted on a rolling basis.

<http://www.fcm.ca/home/programs/green-municipal-fund.htm>

Environment Canada

Green Source Funding Database

Environment Canada hosts an online database of funding opportunities for organizations undertaking environmental projects. These opportunities include funding, in-kind donations, and labor costs contributions. Through this database, Canadian communities and organizations can identify funding opportunities, which are organized by keyword, issue, geography, as well as application deadline. The database contains opportunities for municipalities, academic institutions, non-profit organizations, Aboriginal organizations, community groups, and individuals.

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/financement-funding/default.asp?lang=En&n=768DAFB1-1>

Environment Canada

EcoAction Community Funding Program

The EcoAction Community Funding Program is supported by Environment Canada, and supports community groups that are completing projects that have measureable, positive impacts on the environment. The program supports project work addressing four main focus areas: 1) Clean air (reducing emissions), 2) clean water (improving water quality), 3) climate change (reducing emissions, as well as addressing impacts of climate change), and 4) nature (reducing biodiversity loss). Awards range up to \$100K, but Environment Canada requires that 50% of the total project value must come from non-federal sources. The maximum project length is 36 months.

Eligibility: Environmental groups, community groups, community-based associations, service clubs, and Aboriginal organizations. Businesses, academic institutions, individuals, and governments are NOT eligible. The application deadline is typically **November 1st** of each year.

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/>

Royal Bank of Canada (RBC)

Blue Water Project

The Royal Bank of Canada, through its Blue Water Project, is providing support for local/community based organizations in Canada, the U.S, and the Carribean to protect and preserve water. Through this grant program, RBC anticipates projects to support measureable outcomes such as: reduced damage from flooding, reduced rate of stormwater runoff, increased water absorption through natural infiltration, improved water quality of beaches, etc. Projects could include stormwater harvesting, infiltration related projects, bioretention projects, as well as public education efforts on stormwater management practices and water conservation. Grant awards through the Community Action Grants range between \$1K and \$10K

Eligibility: a Canada Revenue Agency registered charity in Canada, a 501(c)(3) organization in the US, or an equivalent organization in a country outside the U.S. and Canada. Project work should focus on towns, cities, and urbanized areas with populations greater than 10,000 people.

Application deadline is **February 3, 2014**

<http://www.rbc.com/community-sustainability/apply-for-funding/guidelines-and-eligibility/blue-water-project.html>