

Guide to Stream and Wetland Project Funding

In Ventura County and Along the Santa Clara River in Los Angeles County

Funding and assistance programs available to individuals or nonprofit organizations for preservation and restoration-related projects.

Program Name	Eligible Applicants	Program Goals/Projects Funded	Maximum Funding/ Matching Funds Required	Contact Information
American Rivers–NOAA Community-based Restoration Program Partnership	Individuals, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, local governments	Restoration and preservation of ecological health of rivers for migratory fish. Restoration of riverine habitats.	\$25,000/ Match not required but strongly recommended	(202) 347-7550 x3004 rivergrants@amrivers.org www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/projects_programs/crp/partners/americanrivers.html
Bring Back the Natives	Nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, government agencies	On-the-ground restoration of aquatic plants and animals to their natural ranges. Initiation of landowner partnerships with agencies and organizations to enhance watershed health.	\$60,000/ Requires a \$2 non-federal match for each federal dollar granted	(415) 778-0999 corey.grace@nfwf.org www.nfwf.org/programs/bbn.cfm
California Farmland Conservancy Program (Agricultural Easement Funding)	Nonprofit organizations, government agencies	To assist with the purchase of agricultural conservation easements on farmland properties. (Easements are deed restrictions that run with the land which prohibit uses that would conflict with farming.)	No set amount/ 10% match required	(916) 324-0850 cfcp@consvr.ca.gov www.consvr.ca.gov/DLRP/cfcp/
Community-based Restoration Program	Nonprofit organizations, education institutions, local governments, businesses	Funds grass-roots marine and coastal habitat restoration projects that will benefit anadromous fish species, commercial and recreational resources, and endangered and threatened species.	\$250,000/ 50% match required	(301) 713-0174 x208 robin.bruckner@noaa.gov www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/funding_opportunities/funding.html
Conservation Innovation Grants (California NRCS program)	Individuals, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, non-federal governmental agencies, businesses	Purpose is to stimulate the development of conservation approaches and technologies in agricultural production. Several grant categories: <i>Natural Resource Component:</i> funds innovative technologies or approaches to address water, soil, atmosphere, grazing and habitat concerns. <i>Technology Component:</i> funds projects that address these technology categories: improved on-farm energy efficiency, market-based approaches, development and adoption of on-farm energy audits, application of improved forage production, drainage water management.	\$75,000/ 50% match required, or 37.5% for beginning or limited–resource farmers	(530) 792-5653 alan.forkey@ca.usda.gov www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig/
Conservation Innovation Grants (National NRCS program)	Individuals, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, non-federal governmental agencies, businesses	Purpose is to stimulate the development of conservation approaches and technologies in agricultural production. Several grant categories: <i>Natural Resource Component:</i> funds innovative technologies or approaches to address water, soil, atmosphere, grazing and habitat concerns. <i>Technology Component:</i> funds projects that address these technology categories: improved on-farm energy efficiency, market-based approaches, development and adoption of on-farm energy audits, application of improved forage production, drainage water management.	\$1,000,000/ 50% match required	(202) 690-2621 gus.jordan@wdc.usda.gov www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig/

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Conservation on Private Lands	Nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, local governments	Funds projects that integrate conservation practices into ongoing agriculture, ranching, and forestry operations; and that demonstrate value for fish, wildlife, coastal reefs, grassland nesting birds, or water quality.	\$150,000/ Requires 1\$ match for every dollar granted (1:1), but 2:1 matches are more successful	(415) 778-0999 x223 www.nfwf.org/programs/nrcsnacd.cfm
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	Agricultural landowners	A voluntary program to help safeguard environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion, and enhance wildlife habitat. Participants receive rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years.	Rental rates based on the relative productivity of soils, plus incentive rates as high as \$5 per acre per year/ 50% match required	Farm Service Agency, Santa Maria (805) 928-9269 www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crp.htm
Environmental Quality Incentives Program	Farmers, ranchers, other agriculturalists	Provides cost-share incentive payments to implement conservation practices. Agreements are for financial and technical support to install or implement structural, vegetative and management conservation practices. Practices must address natural resource concerns such as soil, water, habitat, and air quality, Projects often focus on soil erosion, weed control, water quantity, wildlife habitat protection, integrated pest management, pasture and rangeland health, and management of nutrients and manure.	Projects have ranged from \$1,000 to over \$100,000. Total county allocation varies annually. / The match for this cost-share program is typically 50%. Contracts last from 3 to 10 years. Program offers payments that are calculated based on average costs of conservation practices and enhancements in the area.	Natural Resources Conservation Service (805) 386-4489 x105 Ellen.James@ca.usda.gov www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/programs
FishAmerica Grant	Sporting clubs, nonprofit organizations, conservation groups, local governments	Funds hands-on, action-oriented projects that have clear and identifiable benefits to sport fish populations and the sport of fishing. Also funds research projects that have regional or national implication.	\$50,000/ A 50% match may be required.	(703) 519-9691 x247 fishamerica@asafishing.org www.fishamerica.org/grants/index.html
Fisheries Restoration Grant Program	Nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, local governments, businesses	Anadromous fish restoration, preservation and enhancement projects.	None specified/ No match required	(916) 327-8849 fishgrant@dfg.ca.gov www.dfg.ca.gov/nafwb/fishgrant.html
Five Star Restoration Program	Partnerships of nonprofit organizations, conservation corps, youth organizations, landowners, businesses and government agencies	Community-based projects to restore wetlands and streams. Development of knowledge and skills in young people through restoration projects that involve multiple and diverse partners.	\$20,000 / Requires a 1\$ match for every 1 dollar granted	(202) 566-1225 price.myra@epa.gov www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/5star
General Matching Grants Program	Nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, government agencies	Priority actions promoting fish and wildlife conservation and the habitats on which they depend. Other conservation and community interests.	\$250,000/ Requires a 2\$ match for every dollar granted	(415) 778-0999 www.nfwf.org/guidelines.cfm
Management and Control of Invasive Species Affecting Grazing Land	Farmers, ranchers, other agriculturalists, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, local governments	Activities to manage and control non-native invasive plants, animals and insects in Western range lands. Other local, watershed, state or regional invasive species issues.	\$500,000 / Requires a 1\$ match for every dollar granted	(202) 205-4211 thomas.sommer@wdc.usda.gov www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/glici/

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Native Plant Conservation Initiative	Nonprofit organizations, local governments	On-the-ground restoration of native plant communities by local citizens and volunteers. Pollinator conservation components also encouraged.	\$40,000 / 50% match required	(202) 857-0166 ellen.gabel@nfwf.org www.nfwf.org/programs/npci_application.cfm
Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Program	Private landowners, businesses, partnerships	Tax credit to private landowner who donates land to eligible organization. State agency is responsible for reimbursing the General Fund for.	55% of appraised fair market value (45% savings to state entity.)	Maryland 916/445-1079 www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/nhptca_home.htm
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act Grants	Individuals, nonprofit organizations, partnerships, trusts, government agencies, businesses	Perpetuation of healthy populations of neotropical birds and their habitats. International cooperation and community outreach and education on neotropical migratory bird success.	\$250,000 / Requires a 3\$ match for every dollar granted	(707) 358-1784 neotropical@fws.gov www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NMBCA/index.shtm
North American Wetland Conservation Act Grant	Individuals, nonprofit organizations, partnerships, trusts, government agencies, businesses	Long-term protection, restoration and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats.	\$75,000 / Requires a 1\$ match for every dollar granted	(707) 358-1784 dbhc@fws.gov www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA/index.shtm
Pacific Grassroots Salmonid Initiative	Nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, local governments	Estuary and in-stream restoration, salmonid habitat conservation planning, applied research, and public education n and outreach.	\$50,000 / Requires a 2\$ match for every dollar granted	(415) 778 0999 x223 Claire.Thorp@nfwf.org www.nfwf.org/programs/PGSI_RFP.cfm
Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program	Private landowners, educational institutions, local governments, businesses	Provides technical and financial assistance. Restoration of habitats for migratory birds, fish or listed species on private lands. Erosion control, fencing, removal of invasive plants, planting of native plants, water conservation.	\$25,000 / 50% match required	(805) 644-1766 ext 233 mary_root@fws.gov http://ecos.fws.gov/docs/partners/web/pdf/601.pdf
Patagonia Environmental Grants Program	Nonprofit organizations	Grassroots efforts and action-based environmental work. Strategic work with clear goals and community involvement.	\$8,000 / Match not required	(805) 667-4696 ron_hunter@patagonia.com www.patagonia.com/enviro/grants_app.shtml
Private Stewardship Grant Program	Private landowners and their partners	Financial and technical assistance offered for conservation efforts to benefit imperiled species. Habitat protection, restoration and land management.	Varies / 10 % match required	(805) 644-1766 ext 233 mary_root@fws.gov (local office) or (916) 414-6466 Privatestewardship@fws.gov www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/private_stewardship/index.html
Riparian Habitat Conservation Program	Nonprofit organizations, local governments	Restoration or acquisition of riparian habitats. Projects that protect fish and wildlife habitat or provide public access to those resources (e.g., piers, trails).	Restoration: \$200,000, Acquisition: varies / Match preferred for restoration projects, no set amount	(916) 445-8448 www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/california_riparian_habitat_conservation_program.htm
Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project Small Grants Program	Nonprofits and local government agencies	Restoration of coastal wetlands and riparian habitat in coastal watersheds. Projects that assemble local planning and implementation groups, involve the community and promote education in wetland ecosystems.	\$30,000 / Match not required but desirable	(805) 984-9531 skelly@scwrp.org www.scwrp.org
Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project Work Plan	Nonprofits and local government agencies	Preservation and restoration of coastal wetland ecosystems and stream corridors; recovery of habitat and biodiversity. Integrate wetlands recovery with other public objectives; promote education, public access and wetlands science.	Varies / Match not required	(510) 286-0922 Kbane@scc.ca.gov www.scwrp.org

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Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education	Nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, local governments, individuals	To develop, refine, and demonstrate new sustainable techniques and to explore innovative ideas developed by farmers across the region. Profitable and environmentally sound farming systems. Research/education, professional development and producer grants.	\$1,000 to \$150,000 (depending on type) / No match specified	(435) 797-2257 www.sare.org/grants/index.htm
The Conservation Fund	Nonprofit organizations, local governments	To foster the planning and design of greenways, which are corridors of protected, public, and private land established along rivers, stream valleys, ridges, abandoned railroad corridors, utility rights-of-way, canals, scenic roads, or other linear features.	\$2,500 / Match not required, though viewed favorably	(703) 525-6300 greenways@conservationfund.org www.conservationfund.org/?article=2471
Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program	Private landowners, nonprofit organizations, small businesses	Restoration and protection of habitat for migratory birds and other wetland-dependent wildlife.	\$3,000,000 / 50% match required	(202) 720-1067 www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/pdfs/WREP_AnnounOfProgFund_FY06_1_26_06.pdf
Wetlands Reserve Program	Private landowners, nonprofit organizations, local governments (must own land with an altered or degraded wetland, with agricultural history)	Provides technical and financial assistance to eligible landowners to address wetland restoration and enhancement, wildlife habitat, soil, water, and related natural resource concerns on wetlands and surrounding areas in an environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner. Works by establishing easements and/or long-term restoration agreements on eligible lands.	Three program options: 10-year restoration cost-share agreements (pays 75% of costs), 30-year conservation easements (pays 100% of restoration costs and 75% of fair market value, up to \$5,000/acre) and permanent easements (pays 100% of restoration costs and 100% fair market value, up to \$5,000/acre for a one time easement payment).	Natural Resources Conservation Service (805) 386-4489 x105 Casey.Burns@ca.usda.gov www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/programs
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program	Any non-federal landowners	Provides technical and financial assistance to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat. WHIP agreements between NRCS and the participant generally last from 5 to 10 years.	Varies annually / 25% match required. Program provides up to 75% cost share assistance.	Natural Resources Conservation Service (805) 386-4489 x105 Casey.Burns@ca.usda.gov www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/programs

Internet Resources

Grant programs are constantly changing. Below are Internet grant clearinghouses and research sources.	
California Watershed Funding Database	www.calwatershedfunds.org/
Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection. A searchable database of financial assistance sources (grants, loans, cost-sharing) available to fund a variety of watershed protection projects.	http://cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund/
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Cyber-Sierra's Conservation Grants Center	www.conservationgrants.com/
GetGrants! Tool for identifying state of California grant programs.	http://getgrants.ca.gov/
Grants at a Glance	http://www.fws.gov/grants/
Grants.gov. Tool for identifying federal grant programs.	www.grants.gov
The Foundation Center. The nation's leading authority on philanthropy and is dedicated to serving grantseekers, grantmakers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public.	www.fdncenter.org/
Watershed Funding Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Web site to provide tools, databases, and information about sources of funding to practitioners and funders that serve to protect watersheds.	www.epa.gov/owow/funding.html

Got River Bottom or Streamside Land to Donate or Sell?

That river bottom parcel you own may have little value to you, but it may be very valuable for conservation and flood control purposes. Local land trusts and conservancies may be interested in purchasing your land or accepting it as a donation. There are tax advantages and other benefits that may make a donation attractive. The organizations listed below can provide more information.	
Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	(805) 449-2340
Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority	(310) 589-3230
Ojai Valley Land Conservancy	(805) 646-7930
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	(310) 589-3200
The Nature Conservancy	(805) 642-0345 x502
Trust for Public Land	(415) 495-5660 x389
Ventura Hillside Conservancy	(805) 643-8044

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