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Grants: The Lifblood of Conservation

Grants are a vital resource to municipalities, land trusts, watershed associations, and other nonprofit organizations. Without them, fewer acres of open space would be protected, fewer trails created and maintained, and fewer people educated about their environment.

In 2003, Manomet released *Conserving Open Space: A guide for funding land acquisition and management in southeastern Massachusetts and beyond*. We did so for one simple reason, to help connect those doing land acquisition and stewardship with sources of much needed funding. *Conserving Open Space* contained information on nearly 100 grant pro-

grams, statute-based programs for land conservation, private conservation programs, and other sources of information on conservation funding. However, the world of conservation funding is a rapidly changing landscape, and some of the information contained in *Conserving Open Space* is now out of date.

Since the release of *Conserving Open Space* we have continued to gather and update grant information in our files. This issue of *Conservation Planning* presents much of this information, including updates on some grants identified in *Conserving Open Space*, as well as information on grants not included in that

guide. We have purposefully selected those grants of greatest interest to the region's non-profits and municipalities.

This issue begins with an announcement for a new grants program of interest to communities in the Taunton River Watershed, identifies potential sources of funding for conservation, and concludes with a list of resources for identifying additional grant opportunities.

We wish you well in your search for grants. Please let us know if the information contained in this newsletter helps you obtain funding for your conservation projects.

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Funding Now Available for Grassroots Conservation In The Taunton River Watershed

Up to \$3,000 is now available for grassroots environmental groups in the Taunton River Watershed. Grants will be *due by February 17th*.

Funding will be made available for citizens working at the local level to protect water and land resources in the watershed. Examples of projects that will be considered for funding are those that:

-Further conservation in their own communities by bringing about adoption of the Com-

munity Preservation Act;

- Mobilize residents through River Action Focus Teams (RAFT); or,

- Implement other innovative grassroots actions with a conservation focus.

The goal is to strengthen citizen activist groups that are currently working for common environmental goals within the Taunton River Watershed and facilitate the formation of new groups.

Funding has been provided by the Sheehan Family Foundation and is being implemented by the Taunton River Campaign.

The major goals of the watershed campaign are listed in the application package and available online.

Grant information will be posted after January 17th at www.savethetaunton.org/campaign/grants.

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Conserving Open Space: Updated Grant Info

Many changes have occurred since Manomet released *Conserving Open Space* (COS) in 2003. Some former funding sources no longer offer general grants, others changed their guidelines, and many reduced their funding level. Few, most notably Home Depot and Wal-Mart (through its Acres for America) program, substantially increased their commitment to the environment.

Here we highlight some of the grants that have changed—or been added—since the publication of COS.

Based on our research, the following grants have been eliminated:

- Active Living by Design
- Bay State Federal Savings Charitable Foundation
- Community Tree Planting Grant
- Direct Impact on Rivers and Trails (Powerbar)
- Growing Together
- Philip Morris Environmental Grant

On a positive note, many sources remain loyal to conservation concerns. Please refer to COS for information on these sources of funds. COS is available at www.manomet.org/programs/planning/resources.

Sources of funds not listed in COS, are identified at right.

As with any source of funding, Manomet strongly encourages verifying the information because frequent changes are likely

Tips for Writing a Grant

The Environmental Protection Agency has created a great grant writing tool for beginners and experts alike. *Tips on Writing a Grant Proposal* can be found at:

www.epa.gov/ogd/recipient/tips.htm

Acres for America

Funding level: Not stated, but \$3.1 million/year, nationally
Web: www.nfwf.org/programs/walmart/rfp.cfm

Action Plan Grants Program

Funding level: Up to \$10,000
Contact: Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment
Phone: (207) 799-7474
Web: www.gulfofmaine.org/council/opportunities/

Bafflin Foundation

Contact: c/o Hinckley Allen Snyder & Comen, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 274-2000

Building 19 Foundation

Funding level: Typically up to a few hundred dollars
Contact: Joanne Cameron
Building #19 Inc., 319 Lincoln Street, Hingham, MA 02043
Phone: (781) 749-6900 Email: Foundation@Building19.com
Note: Applications limited to projects in the Building 19 business area.

Challenge Grant Cost Share Grant Program

Contact: Suzanne M. del Villar
National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council
USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 1003, Sugarloaf CA 92386-1003
Phone: (909) 585-9268 Email: sdelvillar@fs.fed.us
Web: www.treelink.org/nucfac/ccs_info.htm

Home Depot Foundation

Funding level: \$10,000—\$50,000
Contact: 2455 Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30339
Phone: (770) 384-3889
Web: homedepotfoundation.org

Keyspan Foundation

Funding level: \$5,000—\$25,000
Web: www.keyspanenergy.com/corpinfo/community/proposal_all.jsp
Note: Applications limited to projects in Keyspan communities.

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

Funding level: \$5,000—\$25,000
Web: www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=pg&p=AboutLowes/Community

Sheehan Family Foundation

Contact: Elizabeth Sheehan
PO Box 2831, Duxbury, MA 02331
Email: claymore22@aol.com
Note: Contributes only to pre-selected organizations.

Singing for Change

Funding level: \$500—\$10,000
Web: www.margaritaville.com/SFC.php
Email: info@margaritaville.com
Note: Submit a 1-page letter of interest to begin process.

The Silver Tie Fund, Inc.

Funding level: \$1,000—\$20,000
Contact: Paul Cohen, c/o Wiley Osborn BDO Seidman, LLP, 40 Broad Street, Boston, MA 02109
Phone: (617) 484-4167

Bank Grant Programs

Many banks establish charitable foundations due to their commitment to the community in which they are located. Some may not have a formal foundation, but will provide donations to local projects and organizations.

A charitable foundation is a philanthropic organization with the purpose of distributing grants to support causes in line with the goals of the foundation (e.g., education, arts, or the environment.) It is important to note that not all bank foundations have established conservation or the environment as an area of concern. In those cases, your organization will need to connect conservation to the foundation's goals (e.g., economic development, the arts, youth education.)

The information to the right lists bank foundations that fund projects in Southeastern Massachusetts. You should also contact local banks, not on this list, to enquire about their support of community activities.

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Bridgewater Savings Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Contact: PO Box 307, Bridgewater, MA 02324
Phone: (800) 356-8622 Web: www.bridgewatersavings.com/charitablefoundation.html

Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation

Contact: Michele Roberts, Clerk, 29 Broadway, 2nd Floor, Taunton, MA 02780
Phone: (508) 28-5356 Web: www.bristolcountysavings.com/charity.html

Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank Charitable Foundation Trust

Contact: P.O. Box 10, Orleans, MA 02653
Phone: (508) 240-0555 ext. 223

Citizens Bank Foundation

Contact: Community Relations Dept., Citizens Bank, 53 State Street, Boston, MA 02109
Web: www.citizensbank.com/community/corporate/grants.aspx

Compass Bank Charitable Foundation

Contact: Charitable Contributions Committee, C/O Marketing Dept.
P.O. Box 2101, New Bedford, MA 02741-2101
Web: www.compassbank.com/community/development/index.cfm

Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation

Contact: Laura Kurzrok, 195 Market Street, EP5-02, Lynn, MA 01901
Phone: (781) 598-7888 Email: l.kurzrok@easternbk.com
Web: www.easternbank.com/a_charitable_foundation.html

South Coastal Bank

Contact: 279 Union Street, Rockland, MA 02370
Phone: (781) 878-5252 Web: www.southcoastalbank.com/site/cares.html

TD Banknorth Charitable Foundation

Contact: Marlene Weir (Cape Cod Region—Please refer to web for other regions)
307 Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601
Phone: (508) 862-6452 Web: www.tdbanknorth.com/community/charitable_foundation.html

Community Foundations

Many of you may be unfamiliar with community foundations and how they provide support to local organizations and municipalities.

According to the Catalogue for Philanthropy, "a community foundation is a community's foundation—a pool of permanent funds, raised and managed to produce revenues for grants to charities in all fields of philanthropy, to enhance the quality of life of an entire community."

In Southeastern Massachusetts there are 3 established community foundations as well as one that is in the process of obtaining its IRS designation. All of the foundations strive to support organizations and municipalities in their geographic service area.

Community Foundation of Greater Plymouth County

Contact: Laura Gang
c/o United Way of Greater Plymouth County, 928 West Chestnut Street,
Brockton, MA 02301
Phone: (617) 312-7748

NOTE: This is a new community foundation that recently incorporated and is seeking IRS designation. It is not yet funding programs.

Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts

Contact: Anne Beaulieu
227 Union Street, Suite 609, New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: (508) 996-8253 Web: www.cfsema.com

South Shore and Neponset Valley Community Foundation

Contact: Rick Iacobucci
430 Adams Street, Quincy, MA 02169
Phone: (617) 471-3332

The Cape Cod Foundation

Contact: Elizabeth Gawron
The Cape Cod Foundation, 259 Willow Street, Yarmouthport, MA 02675
Phone: (800) 947-2322 or (508) 790-3040
Web: www.capecodfoundation.org

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A World of Science Doing a World of Good

Manomet's Regional Conservation Planning Program provides **no-cost** technical assistance to land trusts, conservation commissions, open space and recreation committees, community preservation committees, and other conservation groups throughout southeastern Massachusetts.

Please let us know how we may help with your conservation efforts.

Additional Grant and Funding Resources

This newsletter describes but a few of the potential sources for funding conservation in Southeastern Massachusetts. There are several other notable resources that contain information on grants, and foundation and corporate support.

The most important new resource on grants is *Grant and Loan Programs of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs*, which identifies and describes **all** grant programs administered by EOEA. (Available at: www.mass.gov/envir/grant_loan.) When funding for these and other State grants is available it is typically announced on www.com-pass.com, Massachusetts' central web site for grants and contracts.

Those wishing to pursue Federal funding should check out www.grants.gov. This site is **the** single access point for over 1,000 grant programs offered by all federal grant-making agencies.

Another outstanding resource is the *National Guide to Funding for the Environment and Animal Welfare, 7th Edition*. This guide, which is available from The Foundation Center (www.fdncenter.org), is pricey (\$125) but worth the money.

Watershed groups and others working on water issues will want to check out the River Network's *Directory of Funding Sources*. (Available at www.rivernetwork.org.) This directory lists over 300 corporate, private, and public sources of funding for watersheds and rivers. A print version of the directory is available for \$35 to non-members, or free to members. Members also get access to an online, regularly updated version of the guide.

Those looking for information on grants for trails should visit the International Mountain Biking Association's grants and funding page (www.imba.com/resources/grants/index.html) and the American Hiking Soci-

ety's trail funding resources page (www.americanhiking.org/news/trail_fund.html.)

Massachusetts is fortunate to have several environmental newsletters that provide current funding information. CZMail (www.mass.gov/czm/czmail/currentczmail.htm) contains announcements of grants of interest to those working in the coastal zone. Those interested in funding for urban and community forestry projects should read the Citizen Forester (www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/urban.) Finally, the Mass Land Trust Coalition's (MLTC) newsletter regularly contains announcements of funding opportunities. These newsletters may be viewed at www.massland.org/pages/newsletter/currentnewsletter.html. (Note: If you read this newsletter regularly, please consider supporting the MLTC.) All three of these newsletters are also available free via e-mail.