

# Resources for Landowners and Communities to Implement Adaptation to Climate Change

The following report has been developed to assist local groups with access to funding for implementing ecosystem service adaptation to climate change. **Part 1** is a list of potential funders for landowners and communities that would be applicable to *all* of New England. **Part 2** is a list for Massachusetts-specific resources, and **Part 3** is a list for Maine-specific resources.

*Please note that deadlines and areas of interest are subject to change. It is recommended you check the funder's website before pursuing any grant applications.*

## **Part 1 – New England-Wide Funding Opportunities**

### **Climate Adaptation Fund/Wildlife Conservation Society**

**(<http://www.wcsnorthamerica.org/ClimateAdaptationFund/tabid/4813/Default.aspx>)**

**Focus:** The Climate Adaptation Fund supports projects that demonstrate effective interventions for wildlife adaptation to climate change. Prioritizes projects that manage for dynamic ecological processes, landscape functionality, and species assemblages, rather than those aimed at maintaining historical conditions or individual species.

**Funding range:** \$20,000 to \$200,000

**Deadline:** Pre-proposal due March 15, 2013; full 8 weeks after invited

### **Energy Foundation (<http://www.ef.org/programs.cfm?program=climate>)**

**Focus:** The Climate Program of the Energy Foundation is a partnership with the David and Lucile Packard Foundation to develop and promote U.S. state and regional policies to reduce global warming pollution, in order to build models for and momentum toward federal climate policy. Policy and education efforts supported by this program are expressly focused on mitigating climate change. Potential areas of work include: state and regional carbon cap-and-trade programs; state and regional greenhouse gas plans and targets; financial mechanisms, such as incentives or carbon taxes; and other direct controls to reduce global warming pollution.

**Funding range:** \$100,000 to \$1 million

**Deadline:** Submit LOI 1st. Full proposal 12 weeks before: 3rd week of Mar, 3rd week of June, and 1st week of Nov

### **Ford Foundation (<http://www.fordfoundation.org/issues/sustainable-development>)**

**Focus:** The Ford Foundation's Sustainable Development initiative includes working to address flawed policies that can limit poor people's access to the natural resources they depend on and can foster land speculation and conflict. They do this by making grants to support research, advocacy, networking among organizations and communications to increase awareness and training activities. Their work also focuses on promoting socially just climate change policies that meet the needs of the rural poor.

**Funding range:** \$50,000 to \$500,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

### **Garfield Foundation (<http://www.garfieldfoundation.org/>)**

**Focus:** According to the Garfield Foundation, the Earth's ecological and human health is suffering due to global climate change, loss of critical biodiversity, rising levels of toxic metal pollution and,

unsustainable resource production and consumption. The Garfield Foundation's environmental grants support projects that address these critical issues. *The Garfield Foundation very rarely considers unsolicited proposals.* However, if your project reflects the Foundation's interests, please send a brief email summarizing the project concept to [inquiry@garfieldfoundation.org](mailto:inquiry@garfieldfoundation.org).

Funding range: Up to \$50,000

Deadline: Rolling

### **The Grantham Foundation for the Protection of the Environment**

[\(http://www.granthamfoundation.org/index.html\)](http://www.granthamfoundation.org/index.html)

Focus: The Grantham Foundation seeks to raise awareness of urgent environmental issues and supports individuals and organizations working to find solutions. Their grantmaking supports communication and collaboration in environmental protection, with an emphasis on climate change.

Deadline: Invitation only

Funding range: \$5,000 to \$1 million

### **Jane's Trust**

[\(http://www.hembar.com/personal\\_advisors.php?ServiceID=14&SubServiceID=21\)](http://www.hembar.com/personal_advisors.php?ServiceID=14&SubServiceID=21)

Focus: Under its Environment Program, the Trust aims to protect and enhance the natural environment and to conserve natural resources in northern New England. Grants for the environment will be made to support a variety of objectives, including: Meaningful and innovative contributions to protection of critical or historically significant rural and urban natural resources; Efforts that have a beneficial impact on the quality of life for underserved populations; and, Environmental programs that involve or educate youth.

Deadline: LOI Jan 25, July 15; Full Apr 1, Oct 1

Funding range: \$ 50,000- 150,000

### **The Kresge Foundation (<http://www.kresge.org/programs/environment>)**

Focus: Currently, the goal of the foundation's Environment Program is to assist society in mitigating the severity of climate change and preparing for its unavoidable impacts. Please note, however, that the Environment Program is refining its funding priorities. During the transition, Program staff will invite grant applications. The portal for making unsolicited requests for funding will close June 1. Applications already begun will not be affected. The revised grant guidelines will be finalized later this year.

Deadline: By June 1<sup>st</sup> if submitting before revised guidelines

Funding range: \$100,000 - \$500,000

### **New England Grassroots Environment Fund (NEGEF) (<http://grassrootsfund.org/>)**

Focus: NEGEF funds are designed for groups that: are doing community-based environmental work in CT, ME, MA, NH, RI or VT; are volunteer-driven or have up to 2 full-time paid staff (or equivalents); and, have an annual budget up to \$100,000. There are two grant programs. Seed grants are for quick project-focused requests dedicated to help volunteer groups launch and build their newly evolving project(s). Grow grants are considered to be competitive group development requests dedicated to help established groups to increase capacity, collaborate, and leverage impact.

Deadline: Seed Grant – rolling; Grow Grant – March 15 and September 15

Funding range: Seed grant - \$250 - \$1,000; Grow Grant - \$1,000 - \$3,500

**Oak Foundation (<http://www.oakfnd.org/node/22>)**

Focus: The Oak Foundation's vision is to achieve a zero-carbon global economy and the recovery of marine fisheries and habitats. With respect to its climate change strategy they aim to protect the climate by contributing to the development of responsible global and local governance mechanisms; and catalyze transformational changes in the way oceans and climate are perceived and exploited, for a more socially and environmentally sustainable society.

Deadline: Rolling

Funding range: \$50,000- 250,000

**Surdna Foundation, Inc. ([www.surdna.org](http://www.surdna.org))**

Focus: The Surdna Foundation's Sustainable Environment program includes working to overhaul the country's outdated and crumbling infrastructure to improve transit systems, make buildings more energy efficient, better manage our water systems and rebuild regional food systems. Their focus is on urban areas and suburbs.

Deadline: Rolling

Funding range: \$50,000- 100,000

**Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation Inc.**

**([http://www.tremainefoundation.org/Content/Environment\\_Programs.asp](http://www.tremainefoundation.org/Content/Environment_Programs.asp))**

Focus: Building upon the changed political climate, the Foundation is now embarking on the goal of empowering states to be integral partners in the federal conversation on climate action and policy.

Deadline: Invitation. *While the Foundation occasionally receives letters of inquiry, it should be understood that unsolicited proposals and letters of inquiry rarely develop into a grant, and are not encouraged.*

Funding range: \$50,000

**USDA Conservation Innovation Grants, Adaptation to Drought Program**

**(<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/cig/>)**

Focus: The focus of the US Department of Agriculture's Adaptation to Drought Program is to help develop approaches and technology that show producers how to adapt to extreme climate changes that cause drought. The grants will address drought-related issues, such as grazing management, warm season forage systems, irrigation strategies and innovative cropping systems.

Deadline: October 15 for 2012; Check [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) for 2013 announcement

Funding range: Maximum award \$1 million

**USDA National Conservation Innovation Fund**

**(<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/cig/>)**

Focus: The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is offering a funding opportunity to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies, while leveraging the Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection in conjunction with agricultural production. Climate change is a factor in their funding priorities.

Deadline: For 2013 LOI March 22, Full May 13

Funding range: Up to \$1 million (typically \$200,000 average with 1:1 non-federal match)

## **USDA Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program**

[http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/financial/whip/?cid=nrcs143\\_008423](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/financial/whip/?cid=nrcs143_008423))

Focus: The Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program for conservation-minded landowners who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat on agricultural land, nonindustrial private forest land, and Indian land.

Deadline: Applicants interested in entering into a cost share agreement with NRCS to develop fish and wildlife habitat may file an application at any time.

Funding range: Up to \$50,000/year

## **Part 2 – Massachusetts Funding Opportunities**

### **Barr Foundation (<http://www.barrfoundation.org/>)**

Focus: The Barr Foundation's Climate Strategy states they are committed to helping Boston and Massachusetts meet or exceed their 2020 and 2050 targets for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and become national models for reducing GHG emissions. Their primary investments aim to achieve emissions reductions from two of their largest sources: buildings and transportation. They also seek to support approaches that ensure no group of residents is unfairly burdened by the costs of action, or excluded from the benefits to pocketbook, health, or quality of life that flow from new energy efficiency and clean energy jobs, more efficient buildings, and a highly efficient transportation network.

Funding range: \$100,000 to \$1 million

Deadline: Invitation

### **Entergy Open Grants ([http://www.entergy.com/our\\_community/Grant\\_Guidelines.aspx](http://www.entergy.com/our_community/Grant_Guidelines.aspx))**

Focus: Entergy's Open Grants Program focuses on improving communities as a whole. They look for giving opportunities in the areas of arts and culture, community improvement/enrichment, the environment and healthy families. Geographic focus: priority is placed on programs in locations where Entergy has customers and/or employees. Therefore, projects that serve populations in the following counties will receive preferential consideration: Franklin (Towns of Northfield, Bernardston, Leyden, Warwick, Greenfield, Gill and Colrain), and Plymouth

Funding range: Up to \$10,000

Deadline: Rolling

### **Island Foundation (<http://www.islandfdn.org/index.php/priorities/>)**

*Included in both MA and ME Funding Opportunities*

Focus: In Maine, Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the Island Foundation promotes the conservation of marine and coastal resources. For many years, the Foundation has given priority to North Atlantic right whale research, protection of coastal waterbird habitat, and preservation of coastal lands. The Foundation also supports ecological economics and linkages between population and environment on the global level. *Most recently, the Board has been interested in new initiatives that link climate change, renewable energy, and regional planning among other initiatives.*

Funding range: Average \$25,000

Deadline: March 1, June 1, Sept 1, Dec 1

### **Part 3 – Maine Funding Opportunities**

#### **CF Adams Trust (<http://www.cfadamstrust.org/programs.html>)**

**Focus:** To encourage Downeast Maine communities to work together to preserve their local cultural heritage, improve their quality of life, adapt to a changing environment, and achieve a sustainable economy. Do not accept unsolicited proposals; invites organizations to submit requests after a determination has been made that there is a potential fit with its funding interests.

**Funding range:** \$15,000 to \$75,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

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**Funding range:** Average \$25,000

**Deadline:** March 1, June 1, Sept 1, Dec 1

#### **The Emanuel & Pauline A. Lerner Foundation**

**(<http://www.megrants.org/lernerfoundation/lerner3/priorities.shtml>)**

**Focus:** The Lerner Foundation supports organizations and projects that seek to improve and strengthen civic life, with a particular focus on the State of Maine. The Foundation will make grants to organizations that promote civil discourse and civic responsibility through research, education, training and other programmatic means. This may include funding efforts to: promote civic engagement; bolster the quality and competence of people attracted to public service; improve the capabilities and performance of those engaged in public service; and, improve the quality of dialogue between those engaged in public service and those whom they serve.

**Funding range:** Not specified

**Deadline:** LOI: Dec 1, March 1, June 1, Sept 1; Full: Jan 15, April 15, July 15, Oct 15

#### **Maine Community Foundation (<http://www.maineef.org/AvailableGrants.aspx>)**

**Focus:** The Maine Community Foundation is a statewide nonprofit created by and for the people of Maine. The foundation is a philanthropic leader in building sustainable and vibrant communities for all Maine people. There are several grant programs within the Foundation that could be relevant. Please visit the website for specific interests and deadlines.

**Funding range:** Varies

**Deadline:** Varies

#### **USDA Conservation Innovation Grant, Maine**

**(<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/me/newsroom/releases/?cid=STELPRDB1082253>)**

**Focus:** The USDA's NRCS is seeking grant applications from Maine farmers; landowners; State, tribal, and local government entities; and non-governmental organizations to help solve Maine's natural resource challenges. CIG will benefit agricultural producers by providing more options for

environmental enhancement and compliance with Federal, State, and local regulations. Climate change is a factor in their funding priorities.

Funding range: Up to \$75,000 for a project require a 50 percent non-federal match

Deadline: Varies, April 1 for 2013