

GRANT RESOURCES FOR OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PROJECTS

Grant	Contact	Type	Eligibility	Match	\$ Range	Examples	Schedule
Urban River Visions Program	Eric Howe EOEA 917-626-1311	To develop vision and action plans for revitalizing underutilized and environmentally degraded riverfront	Municipalities			Final design of new public park in Lawrence, construct canal walk in Hudson	
Lakes and Ponds Program	Michelle Robinson EOEA-DCR	To protect, manage and restore valuable aquatic resources, provides educational materials	Municipalities	50%	\$1,000 - \$10,000	Eradicating non-native aquatic plant species, develop lake & watershed management plans	
Recreational Trails Program	Paul Jahnige DCR 413-586-8706 x 20	Provides funding for trail protection, construction and stewardship projects, for both motorized and non-motorized trail uses	Municipalities	20% cash or in-kind match	\$2,000 – \$50,000	Trail building materials, support of volunteer trail maintenance activities	Application Date: October 1, 2008
Urban Land Assessment Program	Janet Curtis EOEA 617-626-1026	Provides technical assistance and partnership support to assess park needs and potentially reusable open space	Municipalities				

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Self-Help Program (Conservation Projects)	Thomas Anderson 617-626-1013	Provides funding to purchase conservation land	Municipal Conservation Commissions	52-70% of total project cost	Maximum grant award \$500,000 (raised or lowered at discretion of Secretary)	Awarded to Falmouth to purchase coastal pond property	Application deadline in July, award announcement 60 days from application date
Urban Self-Help Program (Park Projects)	Melissa Cryan 617-626-1171	Assists with acquisition of parkland and renovation of existing parkland	Municipalities (must have state approval of Open Space Plan)	52-70% of total project cost	Maximum grant award \$500,000 (raised or lowered at discretion of Secretary)	Funds to Cambridge to convert 50 acre dump to park, playing fields, and open space	
Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund Program (Conservation or Park Projects)	Paul Jahnige 413-586-8706 x20	Assists with acquisition of parkland & renovation or development of public outdoor recreation facilities	Municipalities and state agencies, non-profit organizations	Up to 50% of project cost	Maximum grant award \$500,000		
Federal Land & Water Conservation Local Acquisition Program for Natural Diversity (LAND Program)	Tom Anderson 617-626-1013	Assist Conservation Commissions in acquiring land for natural resource and passive outdoor recreation	Municipal Conservation Commissions	52-70% of total project cost	Maximum grant award \$500,000		Application deadline July 15, completion date June 30 following year

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Federal Land & Water Conservation Parkland Acquisition and Renovation for Communities (PARC Program)	Tom Anderson 617-626-1013	Assist communities with acquisition of parkland, construction of new parks and renovation of old parks	Municipalities	52-70% of total project cost	Maximum grant award \$500,000 (small town maximum is \$50,000)		Application deadline July 15, completion date June 30 of next year or of following year
Federal Land & Water Conservation Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF) (PARC Grant)	Tom Anderson 617-626-1013	Acquisition of conservation land, parkland, renovation or development of public outdoor recreation facilities	Municipalities & State Agencies	52-70% of total project cost	Maximum grant award \$500,000		Application deadline July 15, completion date June 30 of next year or of following year
Environmental Grants	See Massachusetts Environmental Trust Website	Projects that encourage cooperative efforts to raise environmental awareness and projects that support innovative approaches that can protect and preserve natural resources	Non-profit, community associations, schools and institutions for higher education, municipalities	Individual program guidelines	Individual program guidelines	Coalition for Buzzard's Bay, Springfield Science Museum	Full proposal due by March 1 st for following fiscal year (July)
Heritage Tree Care (Urban Forestry Challenge Grant)	Eric Seaborn DCR 617-626-1468	Provides grant for professional arboricultural care to large public trees (32" in diameter or greater) or trees with historical cultural significance	Municipalities and nonprofit community groups		\$5,000 - \$30,000	Tree plantings, youth programs, Town of Orleans completed inventory of public shade trees	

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Urban Forest and Planning Education	Eric Seaborn DCR 617-626-1468	Provides grants for the development of long-term public involvement strategies for community trees and forests, including watershed grants and library grants	Municipalities and nonprofit community groups			Educational brochures, completing management plan to conduct a street tree inventory	
Comm. of Mass Riverways Program Riverways Small Grant Program	Mass. Dept. of Fish & Game	Advance aspects of rivers, streams and/or adjacent land and/or restoration	Municipal governments and nonprofit organizations		\$1,000 - \$5,000	Implement greenway plans, open space plans, enhance public access to river and stream corridors	Submission deadlines generally in late fall, to be implemented by June 30 th (dates to be posted)
Urban Forestry Challenge Grants Program	Joanna M. Doherty BRVNHCC 401-762-0250 x14	Management of town's "green infrastructures"	Municipal and Nonprofit groups	50-50 match	\$1,000 - \$30,000	Municipal staff training, preparation of forestry plans, care and planting of heritage trees	Proposals due May 1 & November 1
Amelia Peobody Charitable Fund	Jo Anne Borek 617-451-6178	Open space land acquisition	New England communities				Submission deadlines: February 1, June 1, October 1
National Park Service – Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program	Joanna M. Doherty BRVNHCC 401-762-0250 x14	Provides technical assistance to locally-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects	State or local agency, tribes, nonprofit organizations, citizen's groups				Application deadline is August 1 for the following fiscal year October 1– September 30

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Preserve America Grant	Joanna M. Doherty BRVNHCC 401-762-0250 x14	Supports preservation efforts through heritage tourism, education, historic preservation planning	Communities demonstrating a commitment to preserving local cultural resources			Wayfinding signage programs, walking tours and education programs	Applications due in June, awarded in September
Massachusetts Historical Commission – Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund (MPPF)	Joanna M. Doherty BRVNHCC 401-762-0250 x14	Provides funding for predevelopment work, development work, or acquisition of state register listed resources		Matching grant		Daniel’s Farm in Blackstone and E.N. Jenckes Store in Douglas	Application deadline: February