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Agency/Organization	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Program name	Partners for Fish and Wildlife
Who can apply	Private landowners and Tribes
Purpose / requirements	<p>The program can assist with projects in all habitat types which conserve or restore native vegetation, hydrology, and soils associated with imperiled ecosystems such as longleaf pine, bottomland hardwoods, tropical forests, native prairies, marshes, rivers and streams, or otherwise provide an important habitat requisite for a rare, declining or protected species.</p> <p>Locally-based field biologists work one-on-one with private landowners and other partners to plan, implement, and monitor projects. Program field staff help landowners find other sources of funding and help them through the permitting process, as necessary. This level of personal attention and follow-through is a significant strength of the Program that has led to national recognition and wide support.</p> <p>Program policy (http://www.fws.gov/policy/640fw1.html) identifies the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and implement habitat improvement projects that benefit Federal Trust Species • Provide conservation leadership and promote partnerships • Encourage public understanding and participation • Work with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to implement conservation programs
Assistance provided	Technical and financial assistance to meet the habitat needs of Federal Trust Species
Match requirement	The goal of the program is to secure at least 50 percent of project costs, including cash and in-kind services, from non-Service sources. This goal applies to the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program overall, and does not have to be achieved on a project-by-project basis.
Funding level	\$55 million in FY 2013
Program contact	Branch of Habitat Restoration: 703-358-2201 Regional / State contacts: http://www.fws.gov/partners/contactUs.html

Agency/Organization	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Program name	Coastal Program
Who can apply	The Coastal Program partners with other Federal programs (including Service programs), State agencies, Tribal and local governments, non-governmental organizations, businesses, industry, land trusts and non-profit groups, and private landowners.
Purpose / requirements	The purpose of the Coastal Program is to work together with our partners to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats. The Service provides funding to cooperators through the Coastal Program to 23 high-priority coastal ecosystems across the nation. A phone call or letter to the local Coastal Program coordinator initiates the process. The cooperator works one-on-one with a local Service biologist to develop a proposal and/or project plan addressing the goals and objectives of the cooperator and the Service to benefit fish and wildlife species. To implement a project, a cooperative agreement with a minimum duration of 10 years is signed. The landowner is reimbursed after project completion, based on the cost-sharing formula in the agreement.
Assistance provided	Technical and financial assistance to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats in coastal ecosystems
Match requirement	Specified in individual agreements
Funding level	\$14 million in FY 2013
Program contact	Branch of Habitat Restoration: 703-358-2201 Region / State contacts: http://www.fws.gov/coastal/contactUs.html

Agency/Organization	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Program name	National Fish Passage Program
Who can apply	Fish passage project proposals may be initiated by any individual, organization, or agency, in cooperation with the Service's Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices.
Purpose / requirements	The National Fish Passage Program is a voluntary, non-regulatory program that provides funding and technical assistance toward removing or bypassing barriers to fish movement. A fish passage project can be any activity that directly improves the ability of fish or other aquatic species to move by reconnecting habitat that has been fragmented by barriers.
Assistance provided	Funding and technical assistance
Match requirement	The program seeks to secure at least 50 percent of total project costs from partners. This applies to the overall Regional program and does not need to be achieved on every project. Matches may be in-kind services or cash.
Funding level	\$11 million in FY 2013
Program contact	Susan Wells, National Fish Passage Coordinator, 703-358-2523, Susan_Wells@fws.gov. Regional contacts: http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/facilities/nfpp_contacts.html

Agency/Organization	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Program name	North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA)
Who can apply	Organizations and individuals
Purpose / requirements	<p>The North American Wetlands Conservation Act provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife.</p> <p>The Standard Grants Program supports projects in Canada, the United States, and Mexico that involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats. In Mexico, partners may also conduct projects involving technical training, environmental education and outreach, organizational infrastructure development, and sustainable-use studies.</p> <p>The Small Grants Program operates only in the United States; it supports the same type of projects and adheres to the same selection criteria and administrative guidelines as the U.S. Standard Grants Program. However, project activities are usually smaller in scope and involve fewer project dollars. Grant requests may not exceed \$75,000, and funding priority is given to grantees or partners new to the Act's Grants Program.</p>
Assistance provided	Grants
Match requirement	Grant requests must be matched by partner contributions at no less than a 1-to-1 ratio. Funds from U.S. Federal sources may contribute towards a project, but are not eligible as match.
Funding level	\$34 million in FY 2013
Program contact	Division of Bird Habitat Conservation, (703) 358-1784, dbhc@fws.gov

Agency/Organization	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Program name	Competitive State Wildlife Grants (SWG-C)
Who can apply	State governments
Purpose / requirements	<p>The Service awards State Wildlife Grants (SWG) for “the development and implementation of programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitat, including species that are not hunted or fished...” To participate in the SWG program, each State, Commonwealth, territory, and the District of Columbia (hereafter referred to as a State) developed a Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Plan (State Wildlife Action Plan or SWAP). Each SWAP identifies species of greatest conservation need (SGCN) and the habitats needed to conserve them, as well as issues affecting SGCN and their habitats, and conservation actions and strategies to address these issues. Congress annually appropriates funds to support implementation and updating of the SWAPs. The majority of these funds are non-competitively apportioned to State fish and wildlife agencies through a formula based on population and geographic area.</p> <p>The SWG-C Program provides a resource to implement or enhance the SWAPs, with a focus on promoting and advancing cooperative partnerships that result in large-scale landscape conservation. SWG-C applications must address: (a) eligible issues identified in Service-approved SWAPs; (b) emerging issues (such as climate change effects on SGCN) that are adequately documented in the grant application and that propose to improve the status of SGCN and their habitats; and/or, (c) improvements to SWAPs.</p> <p>In FY2013, eligibility is restricted to a minimum of two States which choose to work together to jointly manage and administer a project, with exceptions for those States which do not share common boundaries with other States (Alaska, Hawaii, and the other insular jurisdictions). States applying to the SWAP Enhancement Fund may also apply as single States. Priority will be given to proposals that identify measurable, on-the-ground performance results and outcomes. Additional consideration will be given to proposed projects that seek to contribute to the goals and objectives of regional, science based multi-partner conservation strategies, Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCC), Joint Ventures, Fish Habitat Partnerships or other similar landscape-scale conservation efforts.</p>
Assistance provided	Grants
Match requirement	
Funding level	Estimated Total Program Funding in FY 2013: \$5,000,000 Award Ceiling: \$500,000 Award Floor: \$25,000
Program contact	Paul Van Ryzin, Grants Specialist, 703-358-1849, paul_vanryzin@fws.gov

Agency/Organization	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Program name	National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program
Who can apply	States
Purpose / requirements	<p>The Program provides matching grants to States for acquisition, restoration, management or enhancement of coastal wetlands through a nationwide competitive process. To date, about \$183 million in grant monies have been awarded to 25 coastal States and one U.S. Territory and to acquire, protect or restore over 250,000 acres of coastal wetland ecosystems. Funding for the program comes from excise taxes on fishing equipment and motorboat and small engine fuels.</p> <p>Projects are selected based on ranking factors contained in Title 50, Part 84 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The authorizing legislation provides that projects will be given priority if they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent with the National Wetlands Priority Conservation Plan. • Located in States with dedicated land acquisition programs. • Located in maritime forests on coastal barrier islands. <p>Additional ranking factors developed by the Service include giving credit to projects that benefits to threatened and endangered species, promote partnerships, and support conservation and recovery programs. The program will not provide grants to support planning, research, monitoring activities, or construction or repair of structures for recreational purposes.</p>
Assistance provided	Grants
Match requirement	States provide 50 percent of the total costs of a project. If the State has established and maintains a special fund for acquiring coastal wetlands, other natural areas or opens spaces, the Federal share can be increased to 75 percent. Territories and Commonwealths are not required to share the costs of projects except for Puerto Rico.
Funding level	Typically, between \$13 million and \$17 million in grants are awarded annually. Grants may not exceed \$1 million for an individual project.
Program contact	Branch of Habitat Restoration: 703-358-2201 http://www.fws.gov/coastal/CoastalGrants/

Agency/Organization	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), in cooperation with the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA)
Program name	Multistate Conservation Grant Program (MSCGP)
Who can apply	Eligible grant recipients are (a) a state or group of states; (b) a non-governmental organization; and (c) the USFWS only for the purpose of conducting the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation.
Purpose / requirements	<p>The Multistate Conservation Grant Program funds projects that address the regional or national level priorities of state fish and wildlife agencies. AFWA and FWS cooperatively administer the program. AFWA solicits grant applications and makes “priority list” recommendations to the FWS, which can only fund projects from the AFWA's list. Once the FWS makes its final selection, AFWA notifies the successful applicants and then manages and monitors grant awards. Projects may be funded for one, two or three years on a calendar year basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects must benefit sport fish, wild birds or wild mammals since the funding comes from the Sport Fish Restoration Account and the Wildlife Restoration Fund. • Projects must benefit (a) more than 26 states; (b) a majority of the states in a region of the USFWS; or (c) a regional association of state fish and wildlife agencies. • A project must address a National Conservation Need (NCN), which are selected each year to establish the states' funding priorities for the grant program. NCNs for 2014 will be identified in March 2013. <p>(Note: The National Fish Habitat Action Plan / Partnership has been identified as an NCN each year since 2005. More than \$5 million in grants have been awarded for development and implementation of NFHP.)</p>
Assistance provided	Grants
Match requirement	A match is not required. Contributions to projects in the form of partnership funds are encouraged, and may increase the probability of approval of an application.
Funding level	Each year, up to \$6 million is available to fund MSCGP projects.
Program contact	Ashley Salo, 202-624-7890, asalo@fishwildlife.org

Agency/Organization	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, USDA Forest Service, and Trout Unlimited
Program name	Bring Back the Natives
Who can apply	Nonprofit organizations, universities, Native American tribes, and local, state, and federal agencies
Purpose / requirements	Projects under this program restore, protect, and enhance native populations of sensitive or listed aquatic species, especially on lands on or adjacent to federal agency lands. The end result is on-the-ground restoration, in-stream improvements, and growing partnerships for the benefit of aquatic systems and their native species in the nation's watersheds. Criteria include consideration of whether the project supports the implementation of the National Fish Habitat Action Plan and/or addresses the priorities of a recognized or candidate Fish Habitat Partnership.
Assistance provided	Grants
Match requirement	\$2 non-federal match for each federal dollar requested by applicants
Funding level	\$1.25 million in 2012. Grant awards generally range from \$25,000 to \$100,000 although grants greater than \$100,000 will be considered.
Program contact	Cara Rose, Western Partnership Office, cara.rose@nfwf.org Program website: www.nfwf.org/bbn

Agency/Organization	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)
Program name	Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program
Who can apply	Open to any public or private entity. State and Federal agencies make great partners but should not be applicant.
Purpose / requirements	Provides modest financial assistance on a competitive basis to support community-based wetland, riparian and coastal habitat restoration projects that build diverse partnerships and foster local natural resource stewardship through education, outreach and training activities. NFWF coordinates outreach and overall management of the Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program, provides assistance to applicants and grantees, and awards and manages grants. The Wildlife Habitat Council encourages corporate members to voluntarily participate in conservation and restoration projects and activities, and partners with local conservation organizations, private corporations, and government institutions to develop exceptional restoration projects.
Assistance provided	Grants
Match requirement	Minimum 1:1 match of cash or in-kind goods and services
Funding level	\$1.5 million in 2013. Grants are \$20,000 - \$50,000 each, but most grants will be closer to \$25,000.
Program contact	Carrie Clingan, NFWF, (202) 595-2471, Carrie.Clingan@nfwf.org

Agency/Organization	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Program name	Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)
Who can apply	Landowners of private lands and Tribes
Purpose / requirements	A voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore and enhance wetlands on their property. The goal is to achieve the greatest wetland functions and values, along with optimum wildlife habitat, on every acre enrolled in the program.
Assistance provided	Within-State competition based upon State-specific priorities; State Conservationists, with input from State technical committees, develop ranking criteria based upon broad national guidelines. Options are permanent easement, 30-year easement, and restoration cost-share agreements.
Match	USDA pays 75 to 100 percent of restoration costs; landowner pays 0 to 25 percent depending on enrollment type.
Funding level	
Program contact	Jessica Groves, NRCS Program Manager (202) 720-1067, (jessica.groves@wdc.usda.gov)

Agency/Organization	USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers CRP, while technical support functions are provided by USDA NRCS; USDA NIFA; State forestry agencies; local soil and water conservation districts; and private sector providers of technical assistance.
Program name	Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
Who can apply	Individuals and/or groups who have owned or operated eligible cropland or certain marginal pastureland for at least one year
Purpose / requirements	The Conservation Reserve Program reduces soil erosion, protects the Nation's ability to produce food and fiber, reduces sedimentation in streams and lakes, improves water quality, establishes wildlife habitat, and enhances forest and wetland resources. It encourages farmers to convert highly erodible cropland or other environmentally sensitive acreage to vegetative cover, such as tame or native grasses, wildlife plantings, trees, filter strips, or riparian buffers. Farmers receive an annual rental payment for the term of the multi-year contract. Cost sharing is provided to establish the vegetation cover practices
Assistance provided	Provides annual payments for establishment of resource-conserving cover on environmentally sensitive croplands and cost share for establishing and maintaining cover; restores herbaceous vegetation for 10 years; restores forested vegetation for 15 years.
Match requirement	50 percent of establishment costs plus annual rental payment based on soil rental rate
Funding level	
Program contact	Robert Stephenson, Conservation and Environmental Programs Division, FSA (202) 720-6221, (robert.stephenson@usda.gov) and Beverly Preston CRP Program Manager, (FSA) (202) 720-9563

Agency/Organization	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Program name	Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP)
Who can apply	Private agricultural land, nonindustrial private forest land, and tribal lands. Public land and public entities are ineligible for WHIP.
Purpose / requirements	A voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve fish and wildlife habitat on private agricultural land, nonindustrial private forest land, and tribal land.
Assistance provided	Provides both technical and financial assistance to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat. Within-State competition based upon State-specific priorities; State Conservationists, with input from State technical committees, develop ranking criteria based upon broad national guidelines. WHIP agreements between NRCS and the participant generally last from 1 to 10 years from the date the agreement is signed.
Match requirement	
Funding level	
Program contact	Albert Cerna (202) 720-9358, (albert.cerna@wdc.usda.gov)

Agency/Organization	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Program name	Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)
Who can apply	Persons who are engaged in livestock or agricultural production on eligible lands or landowners with an interest in eligible agricultural land may be eligible to apply for EQIP benefits. Other eligibility requirements, such as Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), Payment Limitations, may also apply.
Purpose / requirements	To provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land.
Assistance provided	Eligible producers can apply for financial and technical assistance to implement conservation practices. Producers compete for program benefits based upon national, State and local natural resource priorities and ranking criteria; State conservationists, with input from State technical committees and other partner stakeholders, develop natural resource based ranking criteria that proposed projects are scored with. Applications are approved based upon the environmental ranking score and available funding
Match requirement	EQIP may provide financial assistance up to 75 percent of the estimated incurred costs or income foregone of certain approved conservation practices. Historically underserved producers (Limited resource, beginning, and socially disadvantaged individuals or Tribal entities) may be eligible for payments up to 90 percent of the estimated incurred costs.
Funding level	
Program contact	Mark Rose, EQIP Program Team Leader (202) 690-2621, (mark.rose@wdc.usda.gov)

Agency/Organization	USDA Farm Services Agency with technical support from the Natural Resources Conservation Service
Program name	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
Who can apply	The program is a partnership among producers; Tribal, State, and Federal governments; and, in some cases, private groups. CREP addresses high priority conservation issues of both local and national significance, such as loss of critical habitat for threatened or endangered wildlife species, soil erosion, and reduced habitat for fish populations such as salmon. The land must have been owned or operated by the applicant for the previous 12 months and must have been planted in crops 2 of the last 5 years and be physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner.
Purpose / requirements	CREP is a voluntary land retirement program that helps agricultural producers protect environmentally sensitive land, decrease erosion, restore wildlife habitat, and safeguard ground and surface water. Unique State and Federal partnerships allow one to receive incentive payments for installing specific conservation practices. Through CREP, farmers can receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible land.
Assistance provided	A specific CREP project begins when a State, Indian tribe, local government, or local non-governmental entity identifies an agriculture-related environmental issue of State or national significance. These parties and FSA develop a project proposal to address particular environmental issues and goals. Enrollment in a State is limited to specific geographic areas and practices. CREP contracts require a 10- to 15-year commitment to keep lands out of agricultural production. CREP provides payments to participants who offer eligible land.
Match requirement	A Federal annual rental rate, including an FSA state committee-determined maintenance incentive payment, is offered, plus cost-share of up to 50 percent of the eligible costs to install the practice. Further, the program generally offers a sign-up incentive for participants to install specific practices.
Funding level	
Program contact	County's Department of Agriculture Service Center

Agency/Organization	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Program name	Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA)
Who can apply	Private land users, communities, units of State and local government, and other Federal agencies are eligible recipients.
Purpose / requirements	<p>The CTA Program provides technical assistance supported by science-based technology and tools to help people conserve, maintain, and improve their 10 natural resources. The CTA Program provides the technical capability, including direct conservation planning, conservation practice design, and assistance for practice implementation, that helps people plan and apply conservation on the land. This assistance is provided to individuals, groups, and communities who make natural resource management decisions on private, tribal, and other non-federal lands. The intent of the program is that conservation technical assistance is to be provided in a program-neutral fashion. Thus technical expertise is focused first and foremost on addressing natural resources concerns. Once a conservation plan is in place, financial assistance programs provide a supporting role in implementing those plans in order to solve resource concerns on the ground. The CTA Program provides the proven and consistent conservation technology and delivery infrastructure needed to achieve the benefits of a healthy and productive landscape, and has the following purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce soil loss from erosion, • Solve soil, water quality, water conservation, air quality, and agricultural waste management problems, • Reduce potential damage caused by excess water and sedimentation or drought, • Enhance the quality of fish and wildlife habitat, • Improve the long term sustainability of all lands, including cropland, forestland, grazing lands, coastal lands, and developed and/or developing lands, and • Assist others in facilitating changes in land use as needed for natural resource protection and sustainability.
Assistance provided	Assistance is provided to land users for conservation planning purposes and for applying conservation measures voluntarily; they must also comply with local or state laws and regulations.
Match requirement	Not applicable
Funding level	
Program contact	Dan Lawson National Program Manager (202) 720-5322, (Dan.Lawson@wdc.usda.gov). Eligible participants should contact their local USDA NRCS office to request assistance.

Agency/Organization	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Program name	Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI)
Who can apply	CCPI applicants must be a State or local agency, Federally-recognized Indian tribe, or non-governmental organization that has a history of working with 12 agricultural producers. Individuals, private businesses, and Federal agencies, while not eligible to apply for CCPI funds, are invited to participate as partners in CCPI projects.
Purpose / requirements	Voluntary program to foster conservation partnerships that focus technical and financial resources on conservation priorities in watersheds and air sheds of special significance.
Assistance provided	The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) enters into partnership agreements with eligible entities that want to enhance conservation outcomes on agricultural and nonindustrial private forest lands. CCPI is not a grant program to partners. This is a program whereby partners with approved projects will enter into multi-year agreements with NRCS to help enhance conservation outcomes on agricultural lands and private nonindustrial private forest lands. One purpose of CCPI is to leverage resources of certain Federal government programs along with services and resources of non-Federal partners to implement natural resource conservation practices. After announcement, eligible producers located in an approved project area may submit an application for any of the following available programs, which may be approved for assistance: Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), and Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP).
Match requirement	Matching fund requirements correspond to NRCS State level requirements for donor programs.
Funding level	
Program contact	Avery Patillo, CCPI Program Manager, (202) 720-7671, (avery.patillo@wdc.usda.gov). Additional information is available at: http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/financial/ccpi/?cid=nrcs143_008308

Agency/Organization	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
Program name	Estuary Habitat Restoration Program (EHRP)
Who can apply	Institutes of higher education, U.S. Territories, state, local and Indian tribal governments, and non-governmental organizations. The participation of historically black colleges and universities, Hispanic-serving institutions, tribal colleges and universities, and institutions that work in under-served areas is strongly encouraged.
Purpose / requirements	<p>Eligible projects must provide ecosystem benefits, have scientific merit, be technically feasible, be able to adapt to the impacts associated with climate change, and be cost-effective. Projects selected for EHRP funding will be implemented through either a cost-share agreement with USACE or a cooperative agreement with USACE.</p> <p>Restoration involves re-establishment of chemical, physical, hydrologic, and biological features and components associated with an estuary. It may include but is not limited to the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of estuarine wetland tidal exchange or reestablishment of historic hydrology • Dam or berm removal • Improvement or reestablishment of fish passage • Appropriate reef/substrate/habitat creation • Planting of native estuarine wetland and submerged aquatic vegetation • Reintroduction of native species • Control of invasive species by altering conditions and improving ecosystem resiliency, and • Establishment of riparian buffer zones in the estuary.
Assistance provided	Grants or cooperative agreements
Match requirement	Up to 65% Federal funding is standard. Up to 85% Federal funding for projects that use innovative approaches or technology.
Funding level	Up to \$3.5 million may be available for estuarine habitat restoration in FY 2013; awards are limited to a range between \$200,000 and \$1 million.
Program contact	Ellen Cummings, (202) 761-4750, Ellen.M.Cummings@usace.army.mil .

Agency/Organization	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Program name	Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (CAP Section 206)
Who can apply	Nonprofit Groups , Conservation District , Water and Wastewater Utilities , Local Government , State/Territorial Agency
Purpose / requirements	The aquatic ecosystem restoration program, whose priorities are informed by interagency collaboration and planning, emphasizes funding to restore several large ecosystems: the California Bay Delta, Chesapeake Bay, the Everglades, the Great Lakes, and the Gulf Coast.
Assistance provided	Grants
Match requirement	The study cost share is 50% Federal and 50% non-Federal. The Design/Construction cost share is 65% Federal and 35% non-Federal. The Federal share of planning, design, and construction cannot exceed \$5,000,000 per project.
Funding level	\$8.4 million in 2012
Program contact	

Agency/Organization	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Program name	Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Project Grants
Who can apply	Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, non-profits, commercial (for profit) organizations, U.S. territories, and state, local and Native American tribal governments.
Purpose / requirements	The principal objective of the program is to identify and support proactive restoration project(s), which use a habitat-based approach to foster species recovery and increase fish production. Proposals submitted under this solicitation will be selected based on their ability to demonstrate how the proposed habitat restoration actions will help recover threatened and endangered species listed under the Endangered Species Act, sustain or help rebuild fish stocks managed under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, or benefit other coastal and marine species with a nexus to NMFS management. Successful proposals will 1) identify a habitat-based issue/concern limiting the recovery or sustainability of one or more target species (e.g. fish, marine mammals, sea turtles); 2) identify the project(s)' outcome goal(s) and describe in detail the actions and on-the-ground habitat restoration project(s) to be undertaken to resolve the issue/concern and; 3) describe the measurable impact on the target species, including evaluation techniques.
Assistance provided	Cooperative agreements. Multi-year cooperative agreement awards will be considered, and additional releases of funds may be used to fund selected proposals through FY15 without further competition.
Match requirement	There is no statutory matching requirement. Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate partnerships and some portion of non-federal match (suggested at 1:1) for NOAA funds requested.
Funding level	Approximately \$20 million may be available over the next three years to maintain selected awards, dependent upon the level of funding made available by Congress. Typical awards will range from \$500,000 to \$5 million over three years. NOAA will not accept proposals with a budget of less than \$100,000 or more than \$10 million. One, two, or three year proposals will be accepted.
Program contact	Melanie Gange, (301) 427-8664, Melanie.Gange@noaa.gov www.habitat.noaa.gov/funding/coastalrestoration.html

Agency/Organization	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Program name	Community-based Marine Debris Removal
Who can apply	Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, commercial (for-profit) organizations, and state, local and tribal governments.
Purpose / requirements	The NOAA Marine Debris Program provides funding for locally driven, community-based marine debris prevention, assessment, and removal projects that will benefit coastal habitat, waterways, and NOAA trust resources.
Assistance provided	Grants
Match requirement	Minimum 1:1 ratio of non-federal matching contributions to NOAA funds requested. Additional match is strongly encouraged. Matching requirement can be waived under certain conditions.
Funding level	Up to \$2,000,000 is expected to be available in FY2013. Actual funding availability for this program is contingent upon FY2013 Congressional appropriations. Typical project awards will range from \$15,000 to \$150,000; NOAA will not accept proposals for less than \$15,000 or proposals for more than \$250,000
Program contact	Tom Barry, 301-427-8653, Tom.Barry@noaa.gov

Agency/Organization	Bureau of Reclamation
Program name	Cooperative Watershed Management Program (CWMP)
Who can apply	Locally led watershed groups and non-profit organizations
Purpose / requirements	<p>The program supports the formation and development of locally led watershed groups and to facilitate the development of multi-stakeholder watershed management projects. The purpose of the CWMP is to improve water quality and ecological resilience and to reduce conflicts over water through collaborative conservation efforts in the management of local watersheds. There are three phases of grants that applicants can apply for under the CWMP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Phase funds shall be used to establish or enlarge a watershed group, to develop a mission statement for the watershed group, to develop project concepts, and to develop a restoration plan. Grants of up to \$100,000 may be provided to first-phase grant recipients for a period of not more than 3 years. • Second Phase funds shall be used to plan and carry out watershed management projects • Third Phase funds shall be used to plan and carry out at least one watershed management project.
Assistance provided	Grants
Match requirement	The Federal share of expenditures accrued in first-phase grant activities shall be funded 100 percent. Second and Third Phase grants shall not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of the activities.
Funding level	\$333,500 in 2012
Program contact	http://www.usbr.gov/WaterSMART/cwmp/

Agency/Organization	Coastal America
Program name	Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership (CWRP)
Who can apply	Not restricted
Purpose / requirements	CWRP is an innovative private-public initiative aimed at preserving, restoring, enhancing and protecting aquatic habitats throughout the United States. Bringing together corporations, federal and state agencies, non-profit organizations and academia, the CWRP allows members to contribute in a fundamental way to crucial projects involving America's coastal and inland aquatic resources and support related education programs. State CWRP chapters provide a crucial link between corporate donors and critical conservation projects. The state chapters select projects suitable for CWRP funding and coordinate member activities.
Assistance provided	Corporate members participate in various ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide monetary contributions for project implementation ▪ Provide in-kind services or staff to help research projects, design necessary improvements and implement solutions ▪ Provide materials or equipment to make project ideas a reality.
Match requirement	None
Funding level	Varies
Program contact	Patrick Hester, CWRP chair, pjhester@spectraenergy.com www.cwrp.org