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Region 2 Wetland Program Development Grant	EPA - Environmental Protection Agency	Federal	The goals include increasing the quantity and quality of wetlands in the U.S. by conserving and restoring wetland acreage and improving wetland condition.	\$150,000 - \$300,000	Not Specified	https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/wetland-program-development-grants
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)	EPA - Environmental Protection Agency	Federal	Four Focus Areas: Cleaning up Great Lakes AOC; Preventing & controlling IS; Reducing nutrient runoff that contributes to harmful algal blooms; Restoring habitat to protect native species.	\$27.5 million in 2014 for up to 30 projects	Not Specified	https://www.epa.gov/great-lakes-funding/great-lakes-restoration-initiative-glri
Conservation Reserve Program	FSA - Farm Service Agency	Federal	Provides yearly rental payments to farmers in exchange for an agreement to remove environmentally sensitive farm land from agricultural production and implement habitat restoration.	Up to \$50,000 per fiscal year	Not Required	https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/index
Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program	Great Lake Basin Program (funded through GLRI)	Federal	Conservation practices to reduce sedimentation to improve water quality, harbor maintenance, fish and wildlife habitat, recreational facilities and experiences, and the public-works systems.	\$30,000 - \$200,000 per grant	Not Specified	https://www.glc.org/work/sediment
Water Resource Research National Competitive Grants	National Institutes for Water Resources	Federal	Research regarding water problems and issues beyond those of concern only to a single state.	\$10,000 - \$250,000 per grant	1:1 Match	https://water.usgs.gov/wrri/national-competitive-grants.php
NOAA Great Lakes Habitat Restoration Program Project Grants	National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	Federal	Provides financial and technical assistance to shovel ready restoration projects in Great Lakes AOCs.	\$1 - \$5 million/yr or \$1-\$40 million/3 yr	Not Required	https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/habitat-conservation/great-lakes-habitat-restoration#:~:text=NOAA%20works%20through%20the%20Great,wetlands%2C%20and%20provide%20recreational%20opportunities.

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Great Lakes Areas of Concern Land Acquisition Grants	NOAA	Federal	Contribute to the delisting of fish and wildlife habitat-related beneficial use impairments in Great Lakes Areas of Concern.	\$100,000 - \$800,000 per grant	Not Required; 1:1 non-federal encouraged	https://www.glri.us/funding
Great Lakes Fish Habitat Restoration Regional Partnership Grants	NOAA	Federal	Habitat Restoration within the U.S. Great Lakes Areas of Concern	Up to \$10 million	Not specified	https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/grant/noaa-great-lakes-fish-habitat-restoration-regional-partnership-grants
Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program	Office of Surface Mining	Federal	Approved programs use grant funds for mine site reclamation projects on eligible lands.	\$40,000 -\$12 million	Not specified	https://www.osmre.gov/programs/abandoned-mine-land-awards-program
Sustain Our Great Lakes	Partnership between: ArcelorMittal, EPA, USFWS, USFS, NFWF, NOAA, USDA	Federal	Funds on-the-ground habitat restoration and enhancement for the mission of sustaining, restoring and protecting fish and wildlife habitat in the Great Lakes Basin. <i>IS Control, Early Detection</i>	\$18.7 million	Not specified	https://www.nfwf.org/programs/sustain-our-great-lakes-program?activeTab=tab-1
Conservation Stewardship Program	USDA - U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Natural Resources Conservation Service	Federal	A voluntary conservation program that encourages producers to address resource concerns by undertaking additional conservation activities and improving, maintaining, and managing existing conservation activities.	Variable	Not Specified	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/csp-conservation-stewardship-program
Emergency Watershed Protection Program	USDA - NRCS	Federal	Helps communities address watershed impairments that pose imminent threats to lives and property.	Variable	Not Specified	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/ewpp/
Environmental Quality Incentives Program	USDA - NRCS	Federal	A voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to eligible agricultural producers who are willing to address priority environmental issues by implementing conservation practices.	Not specified	Not Specified	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/

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Grassland Reserve Program	USDA - NRCS	Federal	A voluntary conservation program for working grazing operations, enhancement of plant and animal biodiversity, and protection of grassland under threat of conversion to other uses.	Not specified	Not Specified	https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/index
Wetland Reserve Program	USDA - NRCS	Federal	A voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property.	Not specified	Not Specified	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/wre-wetland-reserve-easements
Agricultural Management Assistance	USDA - NRCS	Federal	Provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to voluntarily address issues such as water management, water quality, and erosion control by incorporating conservation into operations.	Up to 75% of cost (total not to exceed \$50,000 /year)	Not Specified	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/ama/
Conservation Innovation Grants	USDA - NRCS	Federal	Development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies.	Up to \$500,000	50% of total project cost	https://cig.sc.egov.usda.gov/
Community Forest and Open Space Program	USFS - U.S. Forest Service	Federal	Funds establishment of community forests through fee simple acquisition of private forest land.	Up to \$600,000	50%	https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/private-land/community-forest/program
National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program	USFS - U.S. Forest Service	Federal	Urban and community forestry projects that have national or multi-state application.	\$250,000 - \$500,000	1:1 Match	https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/urban-forests/ucf/nucfac/cost-share
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Forest Restoration	USFS - U.S. Forest Service: Northeastern Area	Federal	U.S. Forest Service awards competitive grants to assist organizations and communities who are taking creative approaches to improve habitats and water quality	\$4.15 million	Not Specified	https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r9/workingtogether/grants/?cid=FSEPRD898819

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Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act	USFWS - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Federal	Funds projects for the restoration of Great Lakes fish and wildlife resources, as authorized under the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act. Research and restoration proposals are accepted.	\$2,000 - \$960,000	25%	https://www.fws.gov/service/great-lakes-fish-and-wildlife-restoration-act-grant-program
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	USFWS - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Federal	Long-term habitat restoration. The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative accelerates efforts to protect and restore the largest system of fresh surface water in the world – the Great Lakes.	\$30 million	No specified	https://www.glri.us/funding
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative: Partners for Fish and Wildlife	USFWS - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Federal	Funds wetland and associated upland habitat restoration and enhancement projects for conservation of native Great Lakes fish and wildlife populations, particularly migratory birds.	Not specified	Not Required	https://www.fws.gov/service/great-lakes-fish-and-wildlife-restoration-act-grant-program
National Fish Passage Program	USFWS - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Federal	Provides financial and technical assistance to remove or bypass artificial barriers that impede the movement of aquatic species and contribute to their decline.	\$200 - \$2,000,000	Not Required	https://www.fws.gov/program/national-fish-passage
State and Interstate Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan Program	USFWS - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Federal	ANS Plans identify technical, enforcement, or financial assistance activities needed to eliminate or reduce the environmental, public health and safety risks associated with aquatic invasive species.	\$5,000 - \$130,000	Not specified	https://fws.gov/program/aquatic-nuisance-species-task-force/documents
Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture	USFWS - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture	Federal	Projects to restore and conserve habitat necessary to support existing healthy and productive populations of brook trout.	Up to \$50,000	1:1 from partner contributions	https://easternbrooktrout.org/news-events/news-inbox/ebtjvs-2024-rfp-now-open-closes-1-30-2023

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Early Successional Forest Grant	NFWF - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Multiple	Focused on establishing viable populations of the American Woodcock, Golden-winged Warbler, and some two dozen additional imperiled species that nest in young, regenerating forests.	Not Listed	Variable	http://www.nfwf.org/whatwedo/projects/Pages/business-plan-application.aspx
Five Star Urban Waters Restoration Program	NFWF - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Multiple	Five Star Project: On the ground restoration that includes wetland, riparian, instream or coastal habitats. Urban Waters Project: Improve water quality, increase access, and restore riparian and forest habitat in urban watersheds. <i>IS Removal, Education</i>	\$25,000 - \$50,000 per grant	Variable	http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/home.aspx
Acres for America	NFWF - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Multiple	Projects that conserve large, landscape-level areas that are important habitat for fish, wildlife, and plants through acquisition of interest in real property. <i>IS Removal</i>	Up to \$4 million to support all projects	~ 5:1	http://www.nfwf.org/acresforamerica/Pages/home.aspx
Bring Back the Natives/More Fish	NFWF - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Multiple	Conservation activities that restore, protect, and enhance native populations of sensitive or listed fish species across the United States. <i>IS Management</i>	\$25,000 - \$100,000	Variable	http://www.nfwf.org/bbn/Pages/home.aspx
NY Great lakes Protection Fund Small Grants	ESF - Great Lakes Research Consortium	NYS	Provides seed funding for new projects that improve understanding and/or management of New York's Great Lakes Basin. <i>Early Detection, IS Impact & Risk Assessment</i>	Up to \$30,000	Not Specified	https://www.esf.edu/girc/grants.php
Landowner Incentive Program - Grassland	NYS DEC	NYS	Encourages private landowner participation in habitat management and protection.	Land owner pays 25% of program costs	See Website	https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/32722.html

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New York State Conservation Partnership Program: Capacity & Excellence	NYS DEC	NYS	Investments to build strong land trusts, enabling them to implement best practices, prepare for national accreditation, and be more effective community partners. <i>Education & IS Control</i>	\$1,800,000; divided among program categories	\$1,350,000; divided among program categories	http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/48901.h tml
New York State Conservation Partnership Program: Conservation Catalyst	NYS DEC	NYS	Establish community partnerships and new collaborations that connect people to nature. <i>Education & IS Control</i>	\$1,800,000; divided among program categories	divided among program categories	http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/48901.h tml
New York State Conservation Partnership Program: Conservation Transaction	NYS DEC	NYS	Assist Land Trusts, landowners and community partners to enhance public access and permanently conserve important areas. <i>Education & IS Control</i>	\$1,800,000; divided among program categories	\$1,350,000; divided among program categories	http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/48901.h tml
New York State Conservation Partnership Program: Professional Development	NYS DEC	NYS	Enable local land trusts to expand programs and increase impact by hiring professional staff and enhancing services. <i>Education & IS Control</i>	\$1,800,000; divided among program categories	\$1,350,000; divided among program categories	http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/48901.h tml
Urban Forestry Grants (Cost-Share Grants)	NYS DEC	NYS	Provides support and assistance to communities in comprehensive planning, management, and education to create healthy urban and community forests.	\$2,500 - \$50,000	\$2,500 - \$50,000 Roughly \$3,000,000 is available	http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5285.ht ml
Water Quality Improvement Project Program	NYS DEC	NYS	Funds projects that reduce polluted runoff, improve water quality and restore habitat in New York's water bodies.	\$75 million	Variable	http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4774.ht ml
Environmental Justice Community Impact Grants	NYS DEC - New York State Department of Environmental Conservation	NYS	Provide community-based organizations with funding for projects that address various environmental and public health concerns.	\$10,000 - \$50,000	Not Required	http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/31226. html

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Small Grants Program	NYS DEC and New York Sea Grant	NYS	Funds projects that serve to benefit the environment and economy of New York's Great Lakes basin.	Variable	Not Specified	t/ new-york-s-great-lakes-basin-small-grants-program-home
Special Projects Grants	Buffalo Ornithological Society	Private	Ornithological research or advance the education of people about birds in Western New York.	Not specified	Not Required	iet y.org/Counts/Counts-and- Research.aspx
Conservation of Freshwater Ecosystems	Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	Private	This program area seeks to advance the conservation and restoration of freshwater ecosystems in North America, with emphasis on the Great Lakes.	Up to \$25 million	Not Required	http://www.mott.org/FundingInterests /programs/environment
21st Century Fund Grants	Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	Private	Projects vary greatly, ranging from architectural restoration to the creation of urban farms.	\$100,000 total	Not Required	http://www.cfgb.org/for- nonprofits/for-grant-seekers/21st- century-fund-grants/
Community Foundation Competitive Grants	Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	Private	Preserve and restore the regions natural assets. Improve the public knowledge of environmental issues. Strengthen individual environmental organizations.	Up to \$50,000	Not Required	http://www.cfgb.org/for- nonprofits/for-grant- seekers/community-foundation- grants
Doris Duke Environment Grants	Doris Duke Charitable Foundation	Private	Enable communities to protect and manage wildlife habitat and create efficient built environments.	Unknown	Not Required	http://www.ddcf.org/what-we- fund/environment/
Center for Field Research	Earthwatch Institute	Private	Create opportunities for adults and students (age 15-18) to assist in research and data collection of scientists working on active research projects.	\$20,000 - \$80,000	Not Required	https://earthwatch.org/research/ap ply-for-research-funding
Natural Resources Grant Program	ESRI	Private	Fosters innovative approaches that help organizations use GIS, image processing, and remote-sensing technologies to solve natural resources management problems.	Not specified	Not Required	https://www.esri.com/arcgis- blog/products/arcgis-living- atlas/sustainable- development/small-nonprofit-grant/

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Climate Grant Program	Freshwater Future	Private	This grant aims to engage communities in preparing and responding to climate change impacts in the Great Lakes region.	\$500 - \$5,000	Not Required	https://freshwaterfuture.org/grant-programs/
Fund for Wild Nature Grant	Fund for Wild Nature	Private	Focus on native species and wild ecosystems, with particular emphasis on actions designed to defend threatened wilderness and biological diversity.	Not specified	Not Required	https://fundwildnature.org/proposal-dates-guidelines/
Fishery Research Program	Great Lakes Fishery Commission	Private	Great Lakes fishery research, including ecological and social sciences is supported. <i>Round Goby, Research</i>	\$30,000 - \$100,000	Not Required	http://www.glfc.org/research/FisheryD_esc.php
Great Lakes Protection Fund	Great Lakes Protection Fund	Private	Projects that enhance the health of the Great Lakes ecosystem and will return the greatest ecosystem benefits. <i>AIS Control</i>	Not specified	Not Required	https://glpf.org/for-innovators/start-here/
Every Day Capacity Building Grants	National Environmental Education Foundation	Private	Focused on public land sited in the US - improvements and responsible use of sites. <i>IS Removal</i>	Variable	Not Required	https://www.neefusa.org/what-we-do/grants/grants
In-Stream Habitat Structures and Community Engagement at the North Branch of the Chicago River	NFWF - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Private	Enhance existing engagement of large-scale projects by adding in-stream habitat at the confluence of the North Branch of the Chicago River and the North Shore Channel	Up to \$342416.22	Variable	http://www.nfwf.org/youth/Pages/home.aspx
Niagara Area Foundation Grants	Niagara Area Foundation	Private	Categories include: health, human services, arts, civic needs, community development, education, environment.	Up to \$10,000	Not Required	http://www.cfgb.org/for-nonprofits/for-grant-seekers/niagara-area-foundation-grants/
Greenway Ecological Fund <i>Updated August 2023</i>	Niagara River Greenway Commission	Private	Support the creation, improvement, and maintenance of conservation areas and ecological projects within the Niagara River Basin. <i>IS Removal</i>	Not specified	Not Required	https://www.niagararivergreenway.com/

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Conservation Research Grant	North American Native Fishes Association	Private	Conservation Research Grant, focusing on supporting research relating to the conservation of North America's indigenous fish fauna, particularly those that are threatened or endangered.	Up to \$1,000 (Possible Multiple Awards)	Not Required	http://www.nanfa.org/research.shtml
The Hagen Family Foundation Grant	The Hagen Family Foundation	Private	Areas include arts, education, environment, religion, and social services.	Not specified	Not Required	https://www.snpo.org/publications/fundingalert_bycategory.php?cs=ENVI