

Potential Grant Sources for Stream Habitat Restoration and Improvement Projects, and Associated Recreation Projects in Michigan

Search the Internet:

<http://www.great-lakes.net/infocenter/news/funding.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/ow/funding.html>

<http://www.rivernet.org/library/libsou.cfm>

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund/>

Great Lakes Protection Fund

For projects designed to improve the ecological health of Great Lakes aquatic resources by restoring the physical hydrology of the environment. www.glpf.org J. David Rankin, 312-201-0660.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Supports priority actions promoting fish and wildlife conservation and the habitats on which they depend. Awards of \$25,000 to \$75,000 with some over \$150,000. Pre-proposal deadline – June 1 and October 15. NFWF seeks a two-to-one fund match (non-federal to federal) for all grants it awards. www.nfwf.org Cheree Peterson, 202-857-0166

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Continuing Authorities Program.

For aquatic ecosystem restoration projects. Cost sharing is required for studies, design, and construction. Contacts: Jinane.L.Karmo@lre01.usace.army.mil, Jinane L. Karmo, 313-226-3445 or Joe Wanielista, 313-226-6773.

Trout Unlimited, Embrace-A-Stream Program.

For resource projects involving restoration, protection, conservation, and management of trout and salmon fisheries and their habitats. Award maximum of \$10,000, with one-to-one matching funds required. Application deadlines – September, Awards – May or June. www.tu.org John Hunt, 612-832-2777

U. S. Fish and Wildlife, Fish Passage Program Funds.

Purpose is to address aquatic species passage programs, including dams. Awards maximum unlimited. Non-federal matching funds probably required. Application deadline is variable but usually January through March. Contact: Lake Michigan, Mark Holey, 920-465-7440. Lake Huron and regional contact, Tracy Hill, 517-356-3052.

FishAmerica Foundation.

Purpose is for fisheries improvement and habitat work. Funding provided for project work only, engineering studies not funded. Award maximum - \$10,000 with no matching fund requirement. Applications open at anytime with funding cycles several times annually. 225 Reinekers Lane, Suite 420 Alexandria, Virginia 22314. Contact: Johanna DeGraff, 703-519-9691.

Federal Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act

To rehab or decommission dams and other water resource projects constructed under previous federal agricultural development and flood control programs. Federal funds provided up to 65% of total cost. Contact: your local office of the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Great Lakes Commission, Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control

Federally financed through the Farm Bill, this funding source supports soil erosion and sediment control projects throughout the Great Lakes basin. Project cost match required of 25% and project awards are at three levels, up to \$40,000 for small scale projects; up to \$75,000 for large scale projects; and up to \$125,000 for watershed scale projects. Contact Gary Overmier with the Great Lakes Commission in Ann Arbor, at 734-971-9135 or garyo@glc.org or <http://www.glc.org/basin>.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Inland Fisheries Grants.

For habitat and fishery improvement projects. Application deadline – March 31, Awards – October 1. Maximum grant - \$30,000, with one-to-one matching fund requirement. www.dnr.state.mi.us
Administrative Functions: Jim Wood, Financial Services Division, 517-335-4050. Application Functions: Todd Grischke, Fisheries Division, 517-373-6762.

Natural Resource Trust Fund

Funding is made available during a semi-annual project solicitation for recreational improvements, property acquisition for public recreation and open space purposes. Administered by the DNR Grants Section.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Funding may be available to remove or repair dams constructed with federal funding for agriculture, flood control and other specifically legislated mandates. Contact the local NRCS office under the Federal Department of Agriculture.

Site Specific Fund Sources:

Michigan Habitat Improvement Fund Project Grants.

For habitat improvement projects on the Manistee, Muskegon, and AuSable river systems. Application deadline – February 28, Awards – October 1 to November 30. No minimum or maximum amount on grants. www.dnr.state.mi.us Fisheries Division: Kyle Kruger, 517-826-3211.

Great Lakes Fishery Trust.

Supporting new angler access, education and research projects providing benefits to the fisheries of the Great Lakes and their users. Specific fish passage and dam management projects may be supported. www.glft.org Jack Bails, GLFT 517-371-7468 or Gale Nobes, gnobes@mi.nrcs.usda.gov, Watershed Assembly Coordinator, 231-924-2060.

Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network

For non-point source control and other water quality and habitat improvement projects in the Saginaw Bay watershed. 4700 Congress Midland, MI 48642. Contact: Elizabeth Cisar, ecisar@aol.com 312-913-9305