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Appendix I –Composite List of Federal Funding Opportunities

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Clearinghouse for Federal Grant Opportunities (Grants.gov)	Grants.gov Contact Center Phone: 1-800-518-4726 24 hours/day,7days/week	Administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Grants.gov is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs and provides access to approximately \$500 billion in annual awards. This site also includes information about project funding that is available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. www.grants.gov , www.grants.gov/ForApplicants , www.grants.gov/GetStarted
EPA Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection	N/A	The Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection Web site is a searchable database of financial assistance sources (grants, loans, and cost-sharing) available to fund a variety of watershed protection projects. http://cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund
EPA Clean Water and Drinking State Revolving Loan/Grants Funds (FY2010)	James Dailey ADEM P.O. Box 301463 Montgomery, AL 36130 1-463-334-271-7805 Email: jwd@adem.state.al.us	The Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) are low-interest loan programs intended to finance public water and wastewater infrastructure improvements in Alabama. ADEM administers these funds for EPA, performs the required technical/environmental reviews of projects, and disburses funds to recipients. In 2010, project assistance loans totaled 43,450,775 in the CWSRF. In addition, \$7,411,000 was available to fund green infrastructure, water and energy efficiency, and other environmentally innovative projects. The states establish limits for project awards; there is no statutory limit. www.adem.state.al.us/waterdivision/SRF/SRFMainInfo.html www.adem.state.al.us/programs/water/srf.cnt
EPA Community Action for Renewed Environment (CARE) Grants	Michelle Boyd Office of Policy & Management EPA Region 4 Boyd.michelle@epa.gov 404-562-8159 Davian Marraccini Marraccini.davina@epa.gov 404-562-8293	Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) is a competitive grant program that offers an innovative way for a community to organize and take action to reduce toxic pollution in its local environment. Through CARE, a community creates a partnership that implements solutions to reduce releases of toxic pollutants and minimize people's exposure to them. By providing financial and technical assistance, EPA helps CARE communities get on the path to a renewed environment. www.epa.gov/care

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EPA Five-Star Restoration Program Grants	Myra Price USEPA Wetlands Division Washington, DC Price.myra@epa.gov 205-566-1225	This program provides challenge grants, technical support and opportunities for information exchange to enable community-based projects that restore wetlands and streams. Grant awards typically range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. www.epa.gov/wetlands/restore/5star and www.epa.gov/water/funding.html (List of funding and financing resources)
EPA Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Program	Lael Butler USEPA Gulf of Mexico Program Office, EOA/GMPO Stennis Space Center, MS 39529 228-688-1576 butler.lael@epa.gov	The goals of the GOM Program are: (1) to assist states, Indian Tribes, interstate agencies, and other public or nonprofit organizations in developing, implementing, and demonstrating innovative approaches relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution; and (2) to expand and strengthen cooperative efforts to restore and protect the health and productivity of the Gulf of Mexico in ways consistent with the economic well-being of the region. Focus is on the states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. www.epa.gov/gmpo and www.cfda.gov
EPA Non-Point Source Grant Program (Clean Water Act Section 319) http://adem.alabama.gov/inside/contact.cnt	Federal and State Funds administered by states in EPA Region 4	Through its 319 program, EPA provides formula grants to the states and tribes to implement nonpoint source projects and programs in accordance with Section 319 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Nonpoint source pollution reduction projects can be used to protect source water areas and the general quality of water resources in a watershed. Examples of previously funded projects include the design and implementation of BMP systems for stream, lake and estuary watersheds. Grant awards vary by State. For individual state contacts in Region 4, visit www.epa.gov/region4/water/nps/grants/index.html
EPA Region 4 Special Appropriations Grants (State and Tribal Assistance)	Natalie Ellington, Chief Infrastructure Section 404-562-9453 Ellington.natalie@epa.gov	Special appropriations grants fund special projects that are specifically identified in the State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) account of the EPA appropriation. The recipient and amount of each grant are identified by Congress. These special projects implement the planning, design, and construction of a variety of water and wastewater infrastructure projects. Eligible costs may include planning, design, land acquisition, and construction to the extent that they are reasonable to the project objectives. Recipients prepare a plan that describes how the environmental or public health objectives will be achieved. Grant amounts vary by project. www.epa.gov/region4/water/gtas/specialsappropriations.html

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EPA Targeted Watershed Grants (and Water Trading Funding)	Bob Rose, Office of Water, EPA Washington, DC Rose.bob@epa.gov 202-564-0322 Morgan Jackson EPA Region 4 Jackson.morgan@epa.gov	Established in 2003, the Targeted Watersheds Grant program is designed to encourage successful community-based approaches and management techniques to protect and restore the nation's watersheds. Grant awards typically range from \$300,000 to \$900,000. www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/initiative
FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Program	Lloyd Hake Public Assistance Branch Recovery Division 500 C Street, SW Washington, DC 20472 202-646-3428 Lloyd.hake@dhs.gov	The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program provides funding to states, federally-recognized Indian tribal governments, and communities so that cost-effective measures are taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes, and other structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The long-term goal of FMA is to reduce or eliminate claims under the NFIP through mitigation activities. Three types of grants are available under FMA: Planning Grants to prepare Flood Mitigation Plans, Project Grants to implement measures to reduce flood losses, such as elevation, acquisition, or relocation of NFIP-insured structures, and Management Cost Grants for the State to help administer the FMA program and activities. www.fema.gov/government/grant/government ; www.dhs.gov
Mitigation Grant Program	Mitigation Officer and local government official(s) for specific details	The Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides states and communities with resources to invest in long-term actions that help to reduce the toll from potential natural and manmade hazards. The program also supports the implementation of mitigation measures during the immediate recovery from a disaster. The HMGP funds projects to protect either public or private property, as long as the project fits within the overall mitigation strategy of the state and/or local government and complies with program guidelines. In response to flood hazards, eligible projects include the elevation, relocation or acquisition and demolition of flood-prone structures, stormwater management projects and certain types of minor flood control projects. The state is responsible for setting priorities for funding and administering the HMGP. www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgrp.indes.shtml

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NOAA Broad Agency Announcement (BAA)	Steve J. Drescher Policy Advisor Steve.j.drescher@noaa.gov	The purpose of this notice is to request applications for special projects and programs associated with NOAA's strategic plan and mission goals, as well as to provide the general public with information and guidelines on how NOAA will select proposals and administer discretionary Federal assistance under this notice is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2014, and Fiscal Year 2015 appropriations. Publication of this Announcement does not oblige NOAA to review an application, or to award any specific project, or to obligate any available funds. www.nmfs.noaa.gov
NOAA Coastal Services Center Cooperative Agreements	James L. Free U.S. Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Services Center 2234 South Hobson Avenue Charleston, SC 29405-2413 843-740-1185	The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) guides the conservation and management of coastal resources through a variety of mechanisms, including collaboration with the coastal resource management programs of the nation's states and territories. The mission of the NOAA Coastal Services Center is to support the environmental, social, and economic well being of the coast by linking people, information, and technology. The vision of the NOAA Coastal Services Center is to be the most useful government organization to those who manage and care for our nation's coasts. \$4.65 Million (est.) www.cwc.noaa.gov/funding
NOAA Coastal Zone Management Administration Awards	John King U.S. Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Ocean Service 1305 East-West Highway 11th Floor Silver Spring, MD 20910 301-713-0714	The program assists states in implementing and enhancing Coastal Zone Management programs that have been approved by the Secretary of Commerce. Funds are available for projects in areas such as coastal wetlands management and protection, natural hazards management, public access improvements, reduction of marine debris, assessment of impacts of coastal growth and development, special area management planning, regional management issues, and demonstration projects with potential to improve coastal zone management. \$66 million (est.) www.coastalmanagement.noaa.gov

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NOAA Community Based Habitat Restoration Partnership Grants	Melanie Gange U.S. Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of Habitat Conservation, HC-3 1315 East-West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910 301-713-01714 Melanie.Gange@noaa.gov	The NOAA Community-based Restoration program provides funds for small-scale, Locally driven habitat restoration projects that foster natural resource stewardship within communities. The program seeks to bring together diverse partners to implement habitat restoration projects to benefit living marine resources. Projects might include restoring salt marshes, mangroves, and other coastal habitats; improving fish passage and habitat quality for anadromous species; removing dams; restoring and creating oyster reefs, removing exotic vegetation and replanting with native species; and similar projects to restore habitat or improve habitat quality for populations of marine and anadromous fish. Closed-next competition anticipated in fall of 2014-2015. www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/funding_opportunities/funding.html
NOAA Estuary Habitat Restoration Project Funding	See web site link at right.	The Estuary Restoration Act (ERA) Council seeks projects that achieve cost effective restoration while promoting partnerships among agencies and between public and private sectors. Eligible habitat restoration activities may include (but are not limited to) improvement of estuarine wetland tidal exchange or re-establishment of historic hydrology; dam or berm removal; improvement or re establishment 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; and establishment of riparian buffer zones in the estuary. Projects will be evaluated for their support of the Estuary Habitat Restoration Strategy. Awarded proposal may be funded by any of the five ERA agencies, depending on annual appropriated ERA funds. http://er.noaa.gov
Engineers Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (CAP Section 206)	Todd Boatman Mobile District Office 216-694-4101	Work done under this authority may carry out aquatic ecosystem restoration projects that will improve the quality of the environment, are in the public interest, and are cost-effective. There is no requirement that an existing Corps project be involved. The median grant awarded under this program is \$300,000. A ceiling of \$5,000,000 is established for each project. http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/pd/custguide/custguide.html

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Emergency Streambank and Shoreline Protection (Section 14)	Todd Boatman Mobile District Office 251-694-4101	Section 14 of the 1946 Flood Control Act provides authority for the Corps of Engineers to develop and construct emergency streambank and shoreline protection projects to prevent erosion damages to endangered highways, highway bridge approaches, public work facilities such as water and sewer lines, churches, public and private non-profit schools and hospitals, and other non-profit public facilities. Each project is limited to a Federal cost of \$1,000,000. http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/pd/custguide/custguide.htm
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Environmental Infrastructure Program (Section 219)	Todd Boatman Mobile District Office 251-694-4101	Section 219 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 provides authority for the Corps of Engineers to assist non-Federal interests carry out water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects. Such assistance may be in the form of technical planning, design assistance, and construction assistance. http://www.sam.usace.army.mil
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers General Investigation Study	Todd Boatman Mobile District Office 251-694-4101	Authority for the study must be provided by a specific Congressional resolution or identified in a Water Resources Development Act. The Congressional authority determines the purpose and scope of the study. Funds to conduct the study must be specifically identified for that purpose in an Appropriations Act. Studies could lead to recommendations for construction of a Corps construction project. http://www.sam.usace.army.mil
Engineers Planning Assistance to the States (Section 22)	Todd Boatman Mobile District Office 251-694-4101	Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 provides authority for the Corps of Engineers to assist the States, local governments, and other non-Federal entities in the preparation of comprehensive plans for the development, utilization, and conservation of water and related land. Federal allotments for each State are limited to 500,000 annually, but are typically much less. Typical cost of an individual study is \$25,000 to \$75,000. The studies generally involve the analysis of existing data for planning purposes using standard engineering techniques, although some data collection is often necessary. Most studies become the basis for State and local planning decisions and can lead to a project under Section 206 or a congressionally authorized project in a future Water Resources Development Act. http://www.sam.usace.army.mil

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Small Flood Damage Reduction Projects (CAP Section 205)	Todd Boatman Mobile district Office 251-694-4101	<p>Work under this authority provides for local protection from flooding by the construction or improvements of structural flood damage reduction features such as levees, channels and dams. Non-structural alternatives are also considered and may include measures such as installation of flood warning systems, raising and/or flood proofing of structures, and relocation of flood prone facilities.</p> <p>http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/pd/custguide/custguide.htm</p>
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Watershed and River Basin Assessments (Section 729)	Todd Boatman Mobile District Office 251-694-4101	<p>Section 729 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 provides for the assessment of the water resources needs of river basins and watersheds, including needs relating to watershed protection. Congress can issue a resolution giving the Corps authority to conduct a study, but must also appropriate funding for the study. There is no Federal cost limit. The usual product of such a study is a watershed planning document that integrates water resources management, evaluating a range of project options simultaneously to determine the best combination of projects to achieve multiple goals over the entire watershed rather than examining each potential project in isolation from others. The assessments may or may not recommend further studies or projects by the Corps or other Federal or State agencies.</p> <p>http://www.sam.usace.army.mil</p>

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USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grants	Nancy Stremple Urban and Community Forestry Staff, Mail Stop 1151 USDA Forestry Service 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20250-1151 202-205-7829 nstremple@fs.fed.us	<p>The U.S. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program seeks to establish sustainable urban and community forests by encouraging communities to manage and protect their natural resources. The program works to achieve a number of goals, including (1) effectively communicating information about the social, economic, and ecological values of urban forests; (2) involving diverse resource professionals in urban and community forestry issues; and (3) supporting a holistic view of urban and community forestry. In particular, the program supports an ecosystem approach to managing urban forests for their benefits to air quality, stormwater runoff, wildlife and fish habitat, and other related ecosystem concerns. The Forest Service awards these grants based on recommendations made by the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, a 15-member advisory council created by the 1990 Farm Bill to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on urban and community forestry.</p> <p>www.fs.fed.us/ucf/nucfac</p> <p>www.treelink.org/nucfac</p>
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection Program	Contact your local USDA Service Center. For a list, see www.usda.gov/offices.html . Click on the County Office Locator	<p>The USDA NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program helps protect lives and property threatened by natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, droughts, and wildfires. EWP provides funding for such work as clearing debris from clogged waterways, restoring vegetation, and stabilizing river banks. The measures that are taken must be environmentally and economically sound and generally benefit more than one property owner. EWP also provides funds to purchase floodplain easements as an emergency measure. Floodplain easements restore, protect, maintain, and enhance the functions of the floodplain; conserve natural values including fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, flood water retention, ground water recharge, and open space; reduce long-term federal disaster assistance; and safeguard lives and property from floods drought and the products of erosion. EWP can provide up to 90 percent cost share in limited resource areas as determined by the U.S. Census.</p> <p>www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ewp</p>

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USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention	Contact your local NRCS office. Information listed on the web at http://offices.usda.gov or www.nrcs.usda.gov/about/organization/regions.html#regions .	Also known as the "Watershed Program" or the "PL566 Program," this program provides technical and financial assistance to States, Local governments and Tribes (project sponsors) to plan and implement authorized watershed project plans for the purpose of: watershed protection, flood mitigation, water quality improvements, soil erosion reduction, rural, municipal and industrial water supply, irrigation, water management, sediment control, fish and wildlife enhancement, and hydropower. Technical and financial assistance is also available for planning new watershed surveys. www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/watershed
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Watershed Rehabilitation Program	National Watershed Rehabilitation Contact: Lorenzo Henderson Watershed Rehabilitation Specialist USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service 14th and Independence Ave. SW, Room 6021-S Washington D.C. 20250 Telephone: 202-205-4098 Lorenzo.henderson@wdc.usda.gov	This program provides Federal cost-share funding for the rehabilitation of aging dams that were installed primarily through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program over the past 55 years. The purpose for rehabilitation is to extend the service life of dams and bring them into compliance with applicable safety and performance standards or to decommission the dams so they no longer pose a threat to life and property. As of January 2013, there are 202 approved rehabilitation projects in 25 states. One hundred and twenty-one of these projects in 20 states have been completed; 50 projects in 12 states are being implemented (either in design or construction phase); and 31 projects in 12 states are in the planning stage. It also includes case studies of rehabilitation projects in Georgia, Oklahoma, Texas, and Virginia www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/WSRehab
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Wetlands Reserve Program	Contact local or state NRCS office or Conservation District office. Information listed on the web at http://offices.usda.gov	Through this voluntary program, the NRCS provides landowners with financial incentives to restore and protect wetlands in exchange for retiring marginal agricultural land. To participate in the program landowners may sell a conservation easement to enter into a cost-share restoration agreement (landowners voluntarily limit future use of the land, but retain private ownership). Landowners and the NRCS jointly develop a plan for the restoration and maintenance of the wetland. Specific grants assist landowners with this process may also be available to eligible organizations. There is no maximum award and the award size varies by state. These NRCS easements programs will not be available for new enrollments until either the current legislation is extended or a new Farm Bill is enacted. www.nrcs.usda.gov

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U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant program	Collette E. Boehm Special Projects Director Alabama's Coastal Connection P.O. Drawer 457, 900 Commerce loop (36542)Gulf Shores, AL 36547 251-974-4632 cboehm@gulfshores.com Cindi Ptak National Scenic Byways Program Manager 202-366-1586	To implement projects on roads designated as national Scenic Byways or All American Roads, State scenic byways, or Indian tribe scenic byways. Eligible projects must be from one of the following eight eligible activities: State or Indian tribe Scenic Byway Programs, Corridor Management Plans, Safety Improvements, Byways Facilities, Access to Recreation, Resource Protection, Interpretive Information or marketing. Alabama's Coastal Connection is a designated Scenic Byway. http://www.bywaysonline.org/grants
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program (Northern Gulf Coastal Program)	Dr. Ronnie J. Haynes U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service 1875 Century Blvd. Atlanta, GA 30345 PHONE: 404-679-7138 FAX: 404-679-7081 Email: Ronnie Haynes@fws.gov Deepwater Horizon Natural Resources Damage Assessment And Restoration Office Fairhope, AL 251-929-0168	The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program works to conserve healthy Coastal habitats on public or private land for the benefit of fish, wildlife, and people in 22 specific coastal areas. The program forms cooperative partnerships designed to (1) protect coastal habitats by providing technical assistance for conservation easements and acquisitions: (2) restore coastal wetlands, uplands, and riparian areas: and (3) remove barriers to fish passage in coastal watersheds and estuaries. Program biologists provide restoration expertise and financial assistance to federal and state agencies, local and tribal governments, businesses, private landowners and conservation organizations such as local land trusts and watershed councils. http://www.fws.gov/coastal/ : http://www.fws.gov/daphne

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Landowner Incentive Program	Contact the state Fish and Wildlife office directly. See web site link at right.	<p>The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) grant program provides competitive matching grants to states to establish or supplement landowner incentive programs. These programs provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners for projects that protect and restore habitats of listed species or species determined to be at-risk. LIP projects involve activities such as the restoration of marginal farmlands to wetlands, the removal of exotic plants to restore natural prairies, a change in grazing practices and fencing to enhance important riparian habitats, instream structural improvements to benefit aquatic species, road closures to protect habitats and reduce harassment of wildlife, and acquisition of conservation easements. Although not directly eligible for these funds, third parties such as nonprofit organizations may benefit from these funds by working directly with their states to see if either grants or partnering opportunities are available.</p> <p>http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/LIP/LIP.htm</p>
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Conservation Grant	<p>Dr. Ronnie J. Haynes U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service 1875 Century Blvd. Atlanta, GA 30345 404-679-7138 FAX: 404-679-7081 Email: Ronnie_Haynes@fws.gov</p>	<p>The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Conservation Grant Program provides matching grants to states and territories for coastal wetland conservation projects. Funds may be used for acquiring land or conservation easements, restoration, enhancement, or management of coastal wetland ecosystems. Projects must provide for long-term conservation of coastal wetlands. Grants typically range from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000 per project.</p> <p>Http://www.fws.gov/coastal/CoastalGrants: www.cfda.gov (Search program number 15.614)</p>
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants Program	<p>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service North American Waterfowl and Wetlands Office 4401 North Fairfax Drive Arlington, VA 22203 Leakhena Au, Branch Chief (703) 358-2463 Leakhena_Au@fws.gov</p>	<p>The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Bird Habitat Conservation administers this matching grants program to carry out wetlands and associated uplands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Grant requests must be matched by a partnership with nonfederal funds at a minimum 1:1 ratio. Conservation activities supported by the Act in the United States and Canada include habitat protection, restoration, and enhancement. Project proposals must meet certain biological criteria established under the Act.</p> <p>http://birdhabitat.fws.gov; www.cfda.gov</p>

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Branch of Habitat Restoration Division of Fish and Wildlife management and Habitat Restoration 4401 North Fairfax Drive Room 400 Arlington, VA 22203 703-358-2201	<p>The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore fish and wildlife habitats on their lands. Since 1987, the program has partnered with more than 37,700 landowners to restore 765,400 acres of wetlands; over 1.9 million acres of grasslands and other upland habitats: and 6,560 miles of in-stream and streamside habitat. In addition, the program has reopened stream habitat for fish and other aquatic species by removing barriers to passage.</p> <p>www.fws.gov/partners: www.cfda.gov</p>
U.S. Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)	Contact state CDBG grantees. See list at web site to right	<p>The objective of this program is to develop viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. Recipients may undertake a wide range of activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development and provision of improved community facilities and services.</p>
U. S. Housing and Urban Development Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program	Dorthera Yorkshire Program Analysis 202-402-4336	<p>The Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program is intended to help build the capacity of communities to address the complex challenges of growth and revitalization in the 21st century in a comprehensive, multidisciplinary way. Funding from this program will support the development and implementation of Sustainable Regional Development Plans. A priority will be placed on supporting regions that demonstrate a commitment to take well-developed plans and move them into implementation. The Appropriations Act directs the Secretary of HUD to establish a regional planning grant program that provides grants to assist regional entities and consortia of local governments with integrated housing, transportation, economic development, water infrastructure, and environmental planning. HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities is working in partnership with DOT and EPA to define all aspects of this Program. HUD will serve as the lead agency for all grants and will consult with its agency partners throughout the program.</p> <p>http://www.hud.gov/sustainability</p>

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Public Works and Development Facilities Program	Economic Development Administration	<p>This program provides assistance to help distressed communities attract new industry, encourage business expansion, diversify local economies, and generate long-term, private sector jobs. Among the types of projects funded are water and sewer facilities, primarily serving industry and commerce; access roads to industrial parks or sites; port improvements; business incubator facilities; technology infrastructure; sustainable development activities; export programs; brownfields redevelopment; aquaculture facilities; and other infrastructure projects. Specific activities may include demolition, renovation, and construction of public facilities; provision of water or sewer infrastructure; or the development of stormwater control mechanisms (e.g., a retention pond) as part of an industrial park or other eligible project.</p>
Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program	Federal Emergency Management Agency	<p>The Pre-Disaster Mitigation program will provide funds to states, territories, Indian tribes, communities, colleges, and universities for pre-disaster mitigation planning and the implementation of cost-effective mitigation projects prior to a disaster event. Funding these plans and projects reduces overall risks to the population and structures, while also reducing reliance on funding from actual disaster declarations.</p>
Environmental Solutions for Communities	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	<p>In 2012, Wells Fargo and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation launched the Environmental Solutions for Communities initiative, designed to support projects that link economic development and community well-being to the stewardship and health of the environment. This 5-year initiative is supported through a \$15 million contribution from Wells Fargo that will be used to leverage other public and private investments with an expected total impact of over \$37.5 million. Funding priorities for this program include: (1) supporting sustainable agricultural practices and private lands stewardship; (2) conserving critical land and water resources and improving local water quality (3) restoring and managing natural habitat species and ecosystems that are important to community livelihoods; (4) facilitating investments in green infrastructure, renewable energy and energy efficiency; and (5) encouraging broad-based citizen participation in project implementation.</p>

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<u>Conservation Partners</u>	U.S. Department of Agriculture's natural Resources Conservation Service National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Other regional/specific partners	Conservation Partners is a partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) (www.nrcs.usda.gov), the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) (www.nfwf.org), and other regional/initiative specific partners. The purpose of this program is to provide grants on a competitive basis to support field biologist and other habitat conservation professionals (ecologists, foresters, range cons, etc.) working with NRCS field offices in providing technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, foresters and other private landowners to optimize wildlife habitat conservation on private lands. Conservation Partners aims to better focus and increase the effectiveness of Farm Bill assistance funded through programs such as Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and others. In addition, Conservation Partners will consider funding capacity and outreach for organizations whose mission matches the goals of this program.
<u>Marine Debris Fishing for Energy Fund</u>	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	The Fishing for Energy Fund is a partnership between the NOAA Marine Debris Program, Covanta Energy Corporation and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to provide grants on a variety of proposal topics to support public outreach and prevention strategies to reduce the impacts of derelict fishing gear to the marine and coastal environments. The Program supports projects that proactively engage the fishing community and state managers in developing prevention strategies to address derelict fishing gear.
<u>National Wildlife Refuge Friends Group Grant Program</u>	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation provides grants for projects that help organizations to be effective co-stewards of our nation's important natural resources within the national Wildlife Refuge System. This program provides competitive seed grants to help increase the number and effectiveness of organizations interested in assisting the refuge system nationwide. The program will fund: (1) Start-up Grants to assist starting refuge support groups with formative and/or initial operational support (membership drives, training, postage, etc.); (2) Capacity Building Grants to strengthen existing refuge support groups' capacity to be more effective (outreach efforts, strategic planning, membership development) and (3) Project Specific Grants to support a specific project (conservation education programs for local schools, outreach programs for private landowners, habitat restoration projects, etc.)

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Cooperative Watershed Management Program	U.S. Department of the Interior	The purpose of the Cooperative Watershed Management Program is to enhance water conservation, including alternative uses; improve water quality; improve ecological resiliency of a river or stream; and to reduce conflicts over water at the watershed level by supporting the formation of watershed groups to develop local solution to address water management issues.
Pulling Together Initiative	National Fish and Wildlife	The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Pulling Together Initiative (PTI) provides a means for federal agencies to partner with state and local agencies, private landowners, and other interested parties to develop long-term weed management projects within the scope of an integrated pest management strategy. The goals of PTI are: (1) to prevent, manage, or eradicate invasive and noxious plants through a coordinated program of public/private partnerships; and (2) to increase public awareness of the adverse impacts of invasive and noxious plants. PTI provides support on a competitive basis for the formation of local weed management area (WMA) partnerships, allowing them to demonstrate successful collaborative efforts and develop permanent funding sources for the maintenance of WMAs from the involved parties. Successful projects will serve to increase public awareness and interest in future partnership projects.
Shell Marine Habitat Program	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	The Shell marine Habitat Program is a partnership between the Shell Oil Company and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). The purpose of this partnership is to provide grants for projects that benefit marine and coastal habitats in and around the Gulf of Mexico, as well as the North Aleutian Basin, North Slope Borough, and Northwest Arctic Borough areas of Alaska. The National Oceanic and the Atmospheric Administration recently joined Shell and NFWF in their efforts to support projects that benefit the habitat for living marine resources in the Gulf of Mexico.
Southern Company Power of Flight Program	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Through the Southern Company Power of Flight program, a minimum of \$600,000 is available annually to fund bird conservation projects within the Southern Company service area of Georgia, Alabama, northwestern Florida, and southeastern Mississippi.

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National Sea Grant College Program	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	<p>The National Sea Grant College Program encourages the wise use and stewardship of marine and coastal environmental resources through research, education, outreach and technology transfer. Sea Grant works in partnership between the nation's universities and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. There are 33 Sea Grant Programs in every coastal and Great Lakes state, Puerto Rico, Lake Champlain and Guam. Sea Grant serves as a bridge between government academia, industry, scientists and private citizens to promote the sustainable use of Great Lakes and ocean waters for long-term economic growth. Funding opportunities are available through national-and state-level competitions. (Click on the program name and refer to the link listed under "primary Internet" for information on national-level competitions and links to all state Sea Grant Program offices)</p>
Community-based Marine Debris Prevention and Removal Grants	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	<p>The NOAA Marine Debris Program (MDP) provides funding to catalyze the implementation of locally driven, community-based marine debris prevention, assessment, and removal projects that benefit coastal habitat, waterways, and NOAA trust resources. The primary priorities for removal are large-scale debris, derelict fishing gear, derelict vessels, tsunami debris clean-ups and targeted shoreline and watershed projects. Projects funded through the MDP have strong on-the-ground habitat components and provide long-term ecological habitat improvements for NOAA trust resources, and provide educational and social benefits for people and their communities.</p>
Beneficial Uses of Dredged Material (CAP Section 204)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	<p>Work under this authority provides for the use of dredged material from new or existing Federal projects to protect, restore, or create aquatic and ecologically related habitats, including wetlands.</p>
Project Modifications for Improvement of the Environment (CAP Section 1135)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	<p>Work under this authority provides for modifications in the structures and operations of water resources projects constructed by the Corps of Engineers to improve the quality of the environment. Additionally, the Corps may undertake restoration projects at locations where an existing Corps project has contributed to the degradation. The primary goal of these projects is ecosystem restoration with an emphasis on projects benefiting fish and wildlife. The project must be consistent with the authorized purposes of the project being modified, environmentally acceptable, and complete within itself.</p>

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Healthy Forests Reserve Program	U.S. Department of Agriculture	The healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP) is a voluntary program established for the purpose of restoring and enhancing forest ecosystems to: 1) promote the recovery of threatened and endangered species, 2) improve biodiversity; and 3) enhance carbon sequestration. Program implementation has been delegated by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Natural Resources Conservation Service
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program	U.S. Department of Agriculture	The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat on private lands. It provides both technical assistance and cost sharing to help establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat. Participants work with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service to prepare a wildlife habitat development plan in consultation with a local conservation district. The plan describes the landowner's goals for improving wildlife habitat, includes a list of practices and a schedule for installing them, and details the steps necessary to maintain the habitat for the life of the agreement.
Land and Water Conservation Fund (Outdoor Recreation, Acquisition, Development and Planning Grants)	U S Department of Interior	To provide financial assistance to the States and their political subdivisions for the preparation of Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor recreation Plans (SCORPs) and acquisition and development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities for the general public, to meet current and future needs.
Pollution Prevention Grant Program	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	The Pollution Prevention Grant program provides grants and cooperative agreements to state agencies, instrumentalities of a state and federally recognized tribes to implement pollution prevention projects that provide technical assistance to businesses. The program requires applicants to work towards reducing pollution, conserving energy and water, and saving dollars through P2 efforts; as identified in EPA's Strategic Plan under Goal 4: Ensuring Safety of Chemicals and Preventing Pollution, Objective 4.2: Promote Pollution Prevention

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Urban Waters Small Grants	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	<p>EPA's Urban Waters Program protects and restores America's urban waterways. EPA's funding priority is to achieve the goals and commitments established in the Agency's Urban Waters Strategic Framework (www.epa.gov/urbanwaters/urban-waters-strategic-framework).</p> <p>This program has an emphasis on engaging communities with environmental justice concerns. The objective of the Urban Waters Small Grants is to fund projects that will foster a comprehensive understanding of local urban water issues, identify and address these issues at the local level, and educate and empower the community. In particular, the Urban Waters Small Grants seek to help restore and protect urban water quality and revitalize adjacent neighborhoods by engaging communities in activities that increase their connection to, understanding of, and stewardship of local urban waterways.</p>
State Wildlife Grant Program (Non-Tribal and Non-Competitive)	U S Fish and Wildlife Service	<p>The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) State Wildlife Grant (SWG) program provides grants to states, territories, and the District of Columbia for wildlife conservation. The SWG program provides funds to help develop and implement programs that benefit wildlife and their habitat, including species that are not hunted or fished. Although not directly eligible for these grants, third parties such as nonprofit organizations may benefit from these funds by working directly with their states to see if either grants or partnering opportunities are available.</p>
Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund	U S Fish and Wildlife Service	<p>The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund provides financial assistance to states and territories that have entered into cooperative agreements with the USFWS to assist in the development of programs for the conservation of endangered and threatened species. The assistance provided to the state or territorial wildlife agency can include animal, plant, and habitat surveys; research; planning; monitoring; habitat protection, restoration, management, and acquisition; and public education. The Fund is dispersed to the states and territories through four programs: Conservation Grants, Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Grants, Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition Grants, and Recovery Land Acquisition Grants. Although not directly eligible for these grants, third parties such as nonprofit organizations and local governments may work with their state or territorial wildlife agency to apply for these funds.</p>

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North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants Program	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Division of Bird Habitat conservation administers this matching grants program to carry out wetlands and associated uplands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Grant requests must be matched by a partnership with nonfederal funds at a minimum 1:1 ratio. Conservation activities supported by the Act in the United States and Canada include habitat protection, restoration, and enhancement. Mexican partnerships may also develop training, educational, and management programs and conduct sustainable-use studies. Project proposals must meet certain biological criteria established under the Act. Visit the program web site for more information. (Click on the hyperlinked program name to see the listing for "primary Internet".)
Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services	Funds are available to eligible counties within the State of Alabama to mitigate the impacts of outer continental shelf oil and gas activities (based upon allocation formulas prescribed by the Energy Policy Act). The purpose of the CIAP is to disburse funding (\$250 million for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2010) to eligible producing states and coastal political subdivisions for the purpose of conservation, protection, or restoration of coastal areas including wetlands; mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources; planning assistance and the administrative costs of complying comprehensive conservation management plan; and, mitigation of the impact of outer continental shelf activities through funding of onshore infrastructure projects and public service needs. The award floor is \$1,000 and the award ceiling is 25,000,000. http://www07.grants.gov/search/basic.do (Search for Funding Opportunity Number MMS09HQPA0013.) http://www.mms.gov/offshore/ciapmain.htm
U.S. Department of Interior Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA)	Office of Minerals Management Services	The Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (GOMESA) shares leasing revenues for the four Gulf oil and gas producing states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, and to their coastal political subdivisions. GOMESA funds are to be used for coastal conservation, restoration, and hurricane protection. http://www.mms.gov/offshore/GOMESARevenueSharing.htm

Recreational Trails Program

Recreational Trails Program website: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/rtstate.cfm

The Recreational trails Program (RTP) is funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation and provides funding assistance to federal agencies, states, local governments and nonprofit organizations for the development and improvement of recreational areas such as walking, jogging, cycling, skating, backpacking, off-highway vehicle and horseback riding trails.

The Recreational Trails Program was created in 1998 to assist in acquiring, developing or improving trail and trail-related resources. Eligible applicants include federal and state agencies, local governments and private sector organizations. The Federal share for the program is 80 percent of the total eligible project costs up to either \$50,000 or \$100,000. The non-Federal share (20 percent) may come from state, local or private sources, including volunteer labor and donated materials. Other Federal shares cannot be included unless specific legislation allows funds to be used for the matching share (e.g., HUD Community Development Block Grants, Public Works Employment Act of 1976.) Grant funds are distributed to project sponsors on a cost-reimbursable basis.

Applications may be submitted for the following activities:

- Development of urban trail linkages near homes and workplaces (includes trail linkages to schools, parks, and existing trails)
- Maintenance of existing recreational trails
- Restoration of areas damaged by usage of recreational trails and back country terrain
- The provision of features which facilitate the access and use of trails by persons with disabilities
- The acquisition of easements for trails or for corridors identified in the state trail plan
- The acquisition of fee simple title to property from a willing seller for trail development
- The construction of new trails on state, county, municipal or private lands where a recreational need for such construction is shown
- Development of trail-side and trail-head facilities that meet goals identified by the National Recreational Trails Advisory Committee (This includes trail components or associated facilities which serve the purpose and safe use of the recreational trail and may include but are not limited to the following: 1) Drainage, 2) Crossing, 3) Stabilization, 4) Parking, 5) Signage, 6) Controls, 7) Shelters, and 8) Water, Sanitary, and Access Facilities.) Purchase of trail maintenance equipment (certain

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restrictions apply)

- Only as otherwise permissible, and where necessary and required by the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), construction of new trails crossing federal lands, where such construction is approved by the administering agency of the state, and the federal agency or agencies charged with management of all impacted lands, such approval to be contingent upon compliance by the federal agency with all applicable laws.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Land and Water Conservation Fund website: <http://www.yourtownalabama.com/fy-2013-land-and-water-conservation-fund-lwcf-and-recreational-trails-program-rtp-grants/>

The U.S. Department of Interior, Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) provide funding to Alabama cities and counties for the development or establishment of outdoor recreational areas. Projects include parks, playgrounds, forest and wildlife refuges, recreational lakes and ponds, outdoor playing fields, and picnic and camping areas.

The LWCF Program was created in 1965 “...to assist in preserving, developing and assuring accessibility to all citizens of the United States of America of present and future generations...such quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as may be available and are necessary and desirable for individual active participation...” The program provides matching grants to states, and through the states to local governments, for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

All political subdivisions of the state are eligible to participate in the LWCF program. As such, municipalities, counties, state agencies and state authorities created by the legislature may apply for LWCF

LWCF assistance can be used to acquire land and water interests for park purposes, develop new outdoor recreation facilities, and in certain instances renovate existing recreational facilities.

Virtually all public outdoor recreation activities are eligible for assistance under the program including playgrounds, ball fields (including lights [concrete poles only]), court sports, picnic areas, camping areas, tracks, trails, swimming facilities, etc. In addition, support facilities such as concession stands, comfort stations, park access roads, parking areas, utilities and site preparation necessary to make a recreation activity area usable may qualify for assistance. The project sponsor must either own

or have a perpetual interest in land that is developed with LWCF assistance.

The LWCF program provides 50 percent matching assistance to project sponsors. The project sponsor may provide the remaining 50 percent of the project cost in the form of cash or in-kind/donated services. Grant funds are distributed to project sponsors on a cost-reimbursable basis.

The following program criteria apply to all applicants seeking LWCF assistance:

- Existing outdoor recreation facilities must be owned and managed by eligible project sponsor; be well maintained, and the need for LWCF assistance documented in [Alabama's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan \(SCORP\)](#).
- The project sponsor must agree to manage and operate its LWCF assisted site for outdoor recreation purposes *in perpetuity*.
- The project sponsor must agree to comply with all other laws, rules and regulations associated with the LWCF program.