



A Hitch-Hiker's Guide to Navigating Grant Funding Opportunities

With a myriad of funding opportunities currently available, it can be difficult to identify the right grant program to meet your project needs. This half-day workshop aims to bring together various federal, state, and philanthropic partners who will share important details about upcoming conservation grant announcements that will support project work in the Connecticut River Valley watershed of Vermont. You will hear directly from funders, learn important tips for creating a competitive proposal, find ways to connect with potential match, and have a chance to talk about specific project ideas with funders.

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9 AM - 12:30 PM

*Cornerstone
Community Center,
14 Elk Street,
Hartford, VT 05047*

Connecticut River Valley Grant Funding Workshop

Navigating conservation funding opportunities in Vermont's Connecticut River Valley

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For more information

To learn more about the upcoming workshop please contact Joanne Throwe, President, Throwe Environmental, LLC, at Joanne@throwe-environmental.com.



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Workshop Agenda

9:00-9:15: Welcome Remarks from Keynote Speaker Julie Moore - “Addressing the Connecticut River Valley Watershed Challenges with the Multitude of Funding Sources.” Overview of some known challenges Vermonters are currently facing, followed by steps that the State and other funders are taking to coordinate the various sources of funding now available. This is an introductory session to acknowledge some of the confusion being felt with so many funding sources being available at once, and to set the stage for the rest of the workshop.

Keynote Speaker Bio: Julie Moore has been the Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) since January 2017. In this role, Moore uses her expertise in watershed planning and water resources conservation to shape Vermont’s environmental agenda, focusing on water quality, the forest economy, and the importance of conservation. Moore currently serves on multiple boards, including for the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, the Vermont Council on Rural Development, and ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center. To learn more about ANR Secretary Julie Moore, please click [here](#).

9:15-10:05: “Navigating State Programs, Resources, and Funding.” VT representatives talk briefly about their resources and program funding. This panel discussion will offer details on structure, timelines, and use for potential match. The following agencies will be represented during the funding session.

- VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation
- VT Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets
- VT Agency of Transportation
- VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development
- VT Housing and Conservation Board
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- US Fish and Wildlife Service

10:05-10:45: Grant Funding Spotlight - “The Long Island Sound Futures Fund – Tips for Creating a Competitive Proposal.” Field Liaisons for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s (NFWF) Long Island Sound Futures Fund and NFWF Program Director will offer an insider’s perspective on the “do’s and don’ts” of creating a compelling proposal.

10:45-11:30: “Understanding and Accessing Historic Levels of Federal Funding.” With unprecedented amounts of funding coming from federal programs like the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act, federal agencies such as USDA, EPA, and FEMA are trying to align efforts to make funding readily available and easily accessible in 2023, regardless of what stage you are at on the path towards project implementation.

11:30-12:30: “Meet the Funders.” Have one-on-one time with federal, state, and philanthropic funders. Funders will be on site to answer specific questions about a grant mentioned during the workshop, share more details about grant programs, discuss proposal ideas, or think through match requirements to help prepare for proposal submission. – Tables will be set up around the room with outreach materials provided and one or two representatives from each program will be available to meet with workshop participants one-on-one.

