

Funding Opportunities for New Hampshire's Connecticut River Valley and Coastal Communities

There are a myriad of upcoming grant funding opportunities available right now making it difficult to understand and navigate to the right grant program to meet your project needs. This half-day workshop will provide a preview of current state funding and federal funding opportunities, as well as highlight two National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) grant announcements that support project work in coastal New Hampshire and the Connecticut River Valley. 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 through specific project ideas with funders and NFWF's Field Liaison team at Throwe Environmental.

*This workshop has been approved for 3 technical contact hours (TCHs), 0.3 continuing education credits (CEUs).

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March

23 2023 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Edward Cross Training Center Complex, Multipurpose Room 722 Riverwood Drive, Pembroke NH 03301**

New Hampshire Grant Funding Workshop

Navigating the multitude of funding opportunities available to New Hampshire's Connecticut River Valley and Coastal Communities

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For more information

To learn more about the upcoming workshop please contact Kimberly Groff, Project Partner, <u>Throwe Environmental, LLC</u>, via email at <u>Kim@throwe-environmental.com</u>.







Workshop Agenda

8:30-9:00AM: Coffee and Networking (Optional) - Refreshments provided by Panera Bread.

9:00-9:10AM: Welcome and Introductory remarks - Addressing New Hampshire's Challenges with the Multitude of Funding Sources - Identifying the appropriate funding source with so many currently available is challenging in and of itself — and competing priorities make fleshing out a specific project even more challenging. This introductory overview provided by Ted Diers, Assistant Director, NHDES Water Division, will set the stage for the rest of the workshop.

9:10-9:30 Trends in Funding and Financing - Unprecedented levels of funding are currently available through a variety of sources. This panel discussion with Martha Sheils, Director, New England Environmental Finance Center (NEEFC) and Dan Nees, Director of Policy and Finance, Throwe Environmental, will help you understand ways to build local capacity to pay for the growing cost of protecting critical environmental resources and foster resilient communities. You will learn how to better position yourself to gain access to funding you need for project implementation.

9:30-9:40 AM: Navigating Water and Wastewater in NH State Programs: Resources, and Funding - The NHDES Wastewater Engineering Bureau is responsible for oversight of the CWSRF program. This talk by Tracy Wood, P.E., Administrator, Wastewater Engineering Bureau, Water Division, NHDES, will provide a preview of the CWSRF program including basic overview, funding available, BIL, CDS etc, and an introduction to NHDES SRF Workshop.

9:40-9:50 AM: Demystifying Resources through NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management Resource Center (HSEM) - Ethan Widrick, Resilience & Adaptation Manager for both the NHDES Wastewater Engineering Bureau and the Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau, will provide a brief overview of potential HSEM funding sources for resilience projects, including but not limited to emergency generators for critical infrastructure.

9:50-10:00 AM: Linking Funding to Address Nonpoint Source Pollution through Development and Implementation of Watershed-Based Plans - Steve Landry, Supervisor, Watershed Assistance Section, Water Division, NHDES, and Deb Loiselle, NHDES Stormwater Coordinator, will discuss Watershed Assistance Implementation Grants, Water Quality Planning Grants, and CWSRF Stormwater Planning loans managed by staff within the New Hampshire Nonpoint Source Management Program.

10:00-10:10 AM: Opportunities for Land Preservation, Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund - Molly Thunberg, DWGTF Source Water Protection Grant Program Coordinator, Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau, NHDES, provides an overview of available funding opportunities.







Workshop Agenda Continued

10:10-10:25 AM: Break

10:25-10:35 AM: Navigating Department of Agriculture Funding - Donald Keirstead, US Department of Agriculture, NRCS, State Resource Conservationist - State Soil Scientist on USDA funding.

10:35-11:00 AM: Grant Funding Spotlight - The Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF) and the New England Forest and Rivers Fund – Tips for Creating a Competitive Proposal -Lynn Dwyer, Program Director, Northeast, Coastal National Fish and Wildlife Foundation discusses the Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF) and other NFWF funding opportunities. LISFF will be seeking proposals to restore the health and living resources of Long Island Sound ("the Sound"). The program is managed by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) in collaboration with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Long Island Sound Study (LISS). This speaker will provide an overview of the grant program and offer an insider's perspective on the "dos and don'ts" of creating a compelling proposal.

11:00-11:15 AM: Grant Funding Spotlight - The National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF) - Kyle Gray, CC-P®, Manager Program and Engagement, Throwe Environmental (15 minutes)-Coastal communities and ecosystems are under threat from rising sea-levels, more intense storms, and changing rainfall patterns. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) will be issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF) in the spring of 2023. The fund will make investments in planning, design, and restoration projects that use natural and nature-based solutions to help protect coastal communities from the impacts of storms, floods and other natural hazards and enhance habitats for fish and wildlife. This session will describe who is eligible for funding under this program and share strategies for developing a competitive proposal.

11:25-11:30 AM: Morning Session Remarks and Break

11:30-12:00 PM: Meet the Funders - Potential applicants will have the opportunity to meet with funders who will be on site to answer specific questions, share more details about grant programs, discuss proposal ideas, and think through match requirements to help prepare for proposal submission.





