

Grant Awards Summary by Category

Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund - 2014 - Session 1

Grants Awarded on May 8th, 2014

Category 1 Fisheries & Wildlife & Habitat Conservation

Gulf of Maine Research Institute	Vital Communities <i>Create and pilot resources to support youth-led community events to raise awareness and collect data on occurrence of invasive species in service to state agencies and re-energizing citizen science in Maine.</i>	\$15,949	141-01-01
		Kennebec County	DEP
Dept. of Marine Resources	Tracking River Herring Returns to the St. Croix Watershed <i>DMR will be the lead agency in a multi-partner study (federal, Canadian, tribal, and conservation) to track the first returns of river herring to the upper St. Croix watershed in 18 years.</i>	\$4,510	141-01-02
		St. Croix watershed	DMR
Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (KELT)	Green Crab Monitoring and Management in the Kennebec Estuary <i>This project will develop a regional approach to managing green crabs, providing information and equipment resources that make possible the study and control of green crab populations and the protection of soft-shell clams and eelgrass.</i>	\$9,470	141-01-03
		Kennebec Estuary	DMR
University of Maine	Small Mammal Community Stability <i>The project examines the small mammal community's ability to withstand environmental stress, and projects how potential changes may unfold when stress limits are exceeded.</i>	\$12,984	141-01-04
		Statewide	IFW
Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve	Measuring Invasive Green Crab Impacts on Salt Marsh Erosion with the First Documented Use of Computed Tomography in Maine <i>Quantify green crab abundance and measure direct erosional impacts on Maine salt marshes from crab activities using conventional methods and the novel application of computed tomography, a first for the State of Maine.</i>	\$10,752	141-01-05
		York, Cumberland	WNERR
Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-& Forestry - MNAP	Identifying Wetland Restoration and Protection Opportunities in Maine <i>Use outreach, landscape analysis and ecological integrity assessments to identify high quality wetland protection, restoration, or enhancement opportunities and provide technical support towards the identification and evaluation of ecologically meaningful mitigation projects.</i>	\$14,500	141-01-11
		Statewide	ACF
University of Maine	Demography and Population Status of Spruce Grouse in Northern Maine Forests <i>Evaluate the population performance of spruce grouse in northern Maine.</i>	\$17,835	141-01-12
		Northern Maine	IFW

Total Amount Funded for Category: 1 \$86,000

Category 2 Acquisition & Mgmt of Public Lands, Parks, Wildlife Conservation Areas & Public Acc

Casco Bay Estuary Partnership	Paddling Guide to the Presumpscot River <i>Create a fold-up waterproof map & guide to the Presumpscot River and its primary tributaries.</i>	\$6,000 Presumpscot River	141-02-01 ACF
Natural Resource Education Center at Moosehead	Restoration of the Big Moose (Squaw) Mountain Fire Tower <i>Restore the first manned fire tower in the United States.</i>	\$8,500 Greenville	141-02-02 ACF
Vaughan Homestead Foundation	Vaughan Woods Trail Maintenance <i>Perform trail maintenance in the Vaughan Woods this summer to ensure the public will continue to have safe access to the Woods' three miles of unique, picturesque walking trails.</i>	\$4,800 Hallowell	141-02-03 ACF
Sheepscot Wellspring Land Alliance	Sheepscot Headwaters Wildlands Project <i>Acquire 3 properties totaling 141 acres, all with frontage on the Sheepscot River in the towns of Liberty and Palermo. The land is in a priority focus area from a 2008 conservation plan for the Sheepscot River Watershed.</i>	\$15,000 Waldo County	141-02-04 ACF
Southern ME Reg'l Planning Comm.	Creating an Integrated Multi-Use Recreational Trail in York County <i>Creation of a mulit-purpose recreational trail extending from northern York County to the coast, utilizing existing trails, examining potential new links and working with property owners to formalize those links.</i>	\$12,000 York County	141-02-05 ACF
Mount Blue State Park	Mount Blue Nature Center Upgrade and Program Expansions <i>Upgrade and expand educational displays, materials, equipment and supplies at the Park Nature Center</i>	\$5,533 Mt Blue State Park	141-02-06 ACF
Dept. of IF&W	Maine's Hatchery Heritage <i>Educational video promoting the history and importance of the state's hatchery system, as well as the lifecycle of the eastern brook trout, Maine's heritage fish.</i>	\$1,613 Statewide	141-02-07 IFW
Dept. of IF&W	Enhancement of Educational and Outdoor Programs on Swan Island <i>Create hooked on fishing not drugs opportuntiy on Swan Island to promote family togetherness through fishing and adding an aquatic program to the educational programs available to a variety of public and private groups.</i>	\$6,470 Swan Island	141-02-08 IFW
Androscoggin Land Trust	Youth Land Stewards: Hands-on & High Tech <i>Consistent, quality environmental appreciation programming for youth agency partners in Lewiston/Auburn that offers opportunities to hike, fish, paddle and achieve land stewardship projects in the downtown with the chance to share the experience on a mobile application.</i>	\$10,000 L/A	141-02-09 IFW
St. Croix International Waterway Commission	A New Integrated Management Plan for the St. Croix Waterway <i>Update the SCIWC's 1993 international management plan for the St. Croix boundary corridor which will be done via a series of public education and feedback meetings, and a scientific conference.</i>	\$7,500 St. Croix Corridor	141-02-10 SCIW

Total Amount Funded for Category: 2 \$77,416

Category 3 Endangered & Threatened Species Conservation Projects

Dept. of Marine Resources	Seafloor Mapping to Enhance the Management & Recovery of Endangered North Atlantic Whales	\$15,910	141-03-01
	<i>To enhance bathymetric and habitat mapping capabilities in areas of overlap between the endangered Northern Atlantic Whales and fixed gear fisheries near Coastal Maine.</i>	Statewide	DMR
Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-& Forestry- MNAP	Integrating 21st Century Science into Maine's State Wildlife Action Plan	\$15,690	141-03-03
	<i>Revise and update Maine's 2005 State Wildlife Action Plan to include current information on wildlife habitats, species of greatest conservation need, habitat connectivity, and resilience.</i>	Statewide	ACF
Brunswick Parks & Recreation Department	Captain Fitzgerald Conservation and Recreation Area Sandplain Grassland Restoration Project	\$5,400	141-03-04
	<i>Restore 66 acres of Little Buestem-Lowbush Blueberry Sandplain Grassland (S1 natural Community) through prescribed burning, and install interpretive signage for visitors.</i>	Brunswick	ACF

Total Amount Funded for Category: 3 \$37,000

Category 4 Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protection of Public Health

Department of Marine Resources Marine Patrol	Digital Side Scan Sonar Unit	\$23,542	141-04-02
	<i>To procure a new Digital Side Scan Sonar Imaging Unit to replace an existing analog unit that has become obsolete and unreliable.</i>	Statewide	DMR
Maine Warden Service	Heat Alarms for Warden Service K9 Vehicles	\$7,308	141-04-04
	<i>Install K9 Heat Alarms in the Warden Service K9 patrol vehicles to help ensure the safety of the canines in case the cooling system fails.</i>	Statewide	IFW
Dept. of IFW	Black Bear Deterrent Tool - Minimizing Human and Bear Interactions	\$2,150	141-04-05
	<i>Acquire two projectile guns for use by trained MDIFW wildlife and law enforcement staff to be used to fire oleoresin capsicum (OC or pepper spray) to humanely deter repeat nuisance bears or paint balls which would be used to identify animals as habitual offenders that may present a danger to the public.</i>	Ashland	IFW

Total Amount Funded for Category: 4 \$33,000

Total All Categories: \$233,416 # of Grants Awarded: 23