

This list of potential funding sources is compiled from a variety of sources. Funding and program availability are contingent upon federal, state, and local budgets and appropriations for the budget year in which funding is being sought, so changes may have occurred that are not reflected in the list. Contact the program representative or funding agency for updates or changes to program details. Watershed-specific funding sources are identified where appropriate.

Reference Sources	
Several grant search engines and organizations exist to help identify funding sources. Fees for services or products may be charged by these organizations. When searching, be sure to clarify whether charges will be incurred. For "do-it-yourselfers," local grant data collection centers are available throughout Illinois.	
Resources	Reference information
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) listed through the System for Award Management (SAM)	https://sam.gov/content/assistance-listings The catalog lists all federal funding programs available, including those for conservation. All organizations applying for federal funding must have a Unique Entity ID, a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned by SAM.gov.
Federal Tax Incentives for Conservation	Owners of environmentally sensitive land that has been donated for conservation purposes, or has been placed in a conservation easement, or simply managed for conservation. Individuals, organizations, and others are all eligible. Websites: https://www.irs.gov/ , https://aitl.org/ , https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-04-41.pdf , https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-utl/introduction-to-conservation-easements.pdf , and https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-soi/17resconlooney.pdf . You can also contact the Illinois EPA, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois, 62794-9276. Phone: 217-782-3397.
Illinois Catalog of State Financial Assistance	https://gata.illinois.gov/grants/csfa.html The Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA) is a single, authoritative, statewide, comprehensive source document of State financial assistance program information.
USEPA Green Infrastructure Funding Opportunities	https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/green-infrastructure-funding-opportunities
Environmental Grantmakers Association	Provides a list of environmental grant foundations. https://ega.org/collaborate/grant-seekers
Forefront (formerly the Donors Forum of Chicago)	200 W. Madison St., 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60606. Phone: 312-578-0090. Website: https://myforefront.org/ E-mail: info@myforefront.org
eCivis Grants Network	Assistance for local governments to improve their grants success through expert grant research, information, grant training, and technology. eCivis, Inc. 3452 E. Foothill Blvd, Floor 9, Pasadena, CA 91107. Website: http://www.ecivis.com/ Phone: 877-232-4847. Email sales@ecivis.com or fill out the following contact form: https://ecivis.com/contact-us/

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<p>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) - issues federal environmental regulations, enforces federal environmental law, and manages many grant programs. (https://www.epa.gov/grants)</p>					
<p>Brownfields Grants – Assessment Grants, Revolving Loan Fund Grants, Cleanup Grants, Multipurpose Grants, Job Training Grants</p>	<p>EPA's Brownfields program provides direct funding for Brownfields assessment, cleanup, revolving loans, environmental job training, technical assistance, and research. EPA's Brownfields Program collaborates with other EPA programs, other federal partners, and state agencies to identify and make available resources that can be used for Brownfields activities. In addition to direct Brownfields funding, EPA also provides technical information on Brownfields financing matters.</p>	<p>Local governments, private not-for-profit (501C3) groups, and others</p>	<p><u>Assessment:</u> Up to \$500,000 \$2,000,000 <u>Cleanup:</u> Up to \$500,000, up to \$1 million, or up to \$2 million per application <u>Revolving Loan:</u> Up to \$1,000,000 (see website link for more opportunities) <u>Multipurpose:</u> Up to \$800,000 <u>Job Training:</u> For FY 2024 anticipated total estimated funding of \$12 million and an estimated 24 grants awarded</p>	<p>https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/types-epa-brownfield-grant-funding</p>	<p>EPA Region 5 John Jurevis 77 West Jackson Boulevard Mail Code SB-5J Chicago, IL 60604-3507 312-886-1446 Jurevis.John@epa.gov</p>
<p>Environmental Education (EE) Grants</p>	<p>The EE Grants Program funds environmental education projects that promote awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. This program supports projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques.</p> <p>The EPA's ability to fund EE grants depends on budget appropriations. To stay up to date on when funding becomes available and on other EPA Environmental Education information, subscribe to the EE Grants Listserv; under "All Topics", click on "Interest" and select "Environmental Education": https://www.epa.gov/newsroom/email-subscriptions-epa-news-releases</p>	<p>Local and state educational organizations, private not-for profit groups, and local governments</p>	<p>3-4 annual grant projects chosen for \$50,000 - \$100,00 grant funding; cost Sharing requirement of at least 25% of total costs from non-federal matching funds</p>	<p>https://www.epa.gov/education/grants</p>	<p>Megan Gavin U.S. EPA, Region 5 77 West Jackson Boulevard Mail Code AT-18J Chicago, IL 60604 gavin.megan@epa.gov</p>

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Environmental Justice (EJ) Grants, Funding, and Technical Assistance	The Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking (EJ TCGM) Program is a competition to select multiple Grantmakers around the nation to reduce barriers to the application process communities face and increase the efficiency of the awards process for environmental justice grants.	Varies	Varies	https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-grants-funding-and-technical-assistance EJ TCGM Webinar Slides: https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-05/EJ%20TCGM_%20Webinar_FINAL_5.30.23.pdf	US EPA, REGION 5 Kathy Triantafillou triantafillou.kathy@epa.gov 77 West Jackson Blvd. (E-19J) Chicago, IL 60604-3507 312-353-4293
	The Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ) Block Grant Program provides funding for financial and technical assistance to carry out environmental and climate justice activities to benefit underserved and overburdened communities.				
	The Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement Program provides funding for projects that address local environmental and public health issues within an affected community.				
	The Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program provides funding to governmental entities at the state, local, territorial, and tribal level to support and/or create model government activities that lead to measurable environmental or public health results in communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms and risks.				
	The Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (EJ TCTAC) Program aims to establish technical assistance centers across the nation providing technical assistance, training, and related support to communities with environmental justice concerns.				
	The Small Grants (EJSG) Program supports and empowers communities working on solutions to local environmental and public health issues. The program is designed to help communities understand and address exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks.				
Smart Growth Technical	Offers grants to support activities that improve the quality of development and protect human health and the environment	Local governments, private not-for-profit groups, and others	In-kind contributions with assistance preferred	https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/epa-smart-	Office of Community Revitalization (MC 1807T) U.S. EPA

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Assistance Opportunities				growth-grants-and-other-funding	1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20460smartgrowth@epa.gov
Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program	This program brings together citizen groups, corporations, youth groups and students, landowners, and government agencies to undertake projects that restore streambanks and wetlands. Projects must include a strong wetland or riparian restoration component, and should include education, outreach, and community stewardship.	Non-profit 501(c) organizations, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Tribal Governments and Organizations, and educational institutions Requires at least five or more partnering organizations	\$10,000 - \$40,000 (avg. \$20,000) grant funding	Overview: https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/5-star-wetland-and-urban-waters-restoration-grants Application Information: https://www.nfwf.org/programs/five-star-and-urban-waters-restoration-grant-program	Myra Price price.myra@epa.gov USEPA Wetlands Division Room 7410G (4502 T) 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 202-566-1225 Kristen Faulhaber Region 5 Wetlands Grants 312-353-4378 faulhaber.kristen@epa.gov
USEPA Office of Wastewater Management (OWM)	OWM supports the Clean Water Act by promoting effective and responsible water use, wastewater treatment, disposal and management and by encouraging the protection and restoration of watersheds. OWM provides regulatory standards, voluntary management approaches, and financial and technical assistance to states, Tribes, communities, and regulated entities to protect human health and aquatic ecosystems, reduce flooding, and protect the nation’s infrastructure investment.	Varies	Informational only links available to multiple grant funding opportunities	https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-office-water#wastewater	Environmental Protection Agency OWM (Mail Code: 4201M) 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-564-0748 Andrew Sawyers sawyers.andrew@epa.gov
Wetland Program Development Grants (WPDG)	WPDGs provide eligible applicants an opportunity to conduct projects that promote the coordination and acceleration of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys and studies relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction and elimination of water pollution.	States, tribes, local governments, interstate associations, and intertribal consortia are eligible to apply for the Regional WPDG Request for Proposals (RFPs).	\$75,000 - \$220,000 with 25% local match requirement “WPDG Match Calculator (xlsx)” file is available on the website	https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/wetland-program-development-grants-and-epa-wetlands-grant-coordinators	Dertera Collins collins.dertera@epa.gov EPA Region 5 77 West Jackson Blvd., MC WW16J Chicago, IL 60604 312-353-6291

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		Nonprofits, interstate associations and intertribal consortia are eligible to apply for the National WPDG RFPs.			
<p>Great Lakes Restoration Initiative <i>SPECIFIC TO LAKE MICHIGAN WATERSHED</i></p>	<p>This initiative accelerates efforts to protect and restore the Great Lakes. Since 2010, the multi-agency GLRI has provided funding to 16 federal organizations to strategically target the biggest threats to the Great Lakes ecosystem and to accelerate progress related to fish consumption, safe drinking water, recreational water quality, Areas of Concern, invasive species, harmful algal blooms, and habitat protection.</p>	<p>States, tribes, local governments, universities, nongovernmental organizations</p>	<p>Varies by agency</p>	<p>https://www.glri.us/funding</p>	<p>Michael Russ russ.michael@epa.gov</p> <p>John Haugland haugland.john@epa.gov</p>
<p>Voluntary School and Child Care Lead Testing and Reduction Grant Program</p>	<p>The Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act established this grant program to award funding to states, territories, and tribes to assist local and tribal educational agencies in voluntary testing for lead contamination in drinking water at schools and childcare facilities. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law amended the program and allowed funding for lead remediation in addition to testing. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is implementing the Illinois lead program.</p>	<p>States, the District of Columbia, and territories, and tribes within the U.S. The grant program is a noncompetitive voluntary program.</p>	<p>Funding is awarded to states based on an allocation formula that includes factors such as population including a set-aside for tribal allotments.</p>	<p>https://www.epa.gov/dw-capacity/wiin-grant-voluntary-school-and-child-care-lead-testing-and-reduction-grant-program#state%2%A0</p> <p>https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/environmental-health-protection/lead-poisoning-prevention.html</p>	<p>Kori Johnson-Lane EPA Region 5 johnsonlane.kori@epa.gov</p> <p>IDPH Asbestos and Lead Programs Phone: 217-782-3517</p>
<p>People, Prosperity and the Planet (P3) Student Design Competition</p>	<p>P3 is a competitive grants program that provides teams of undergraduate and graduate students an opportunity to gain invaluable experience through classroom learning, laboratory and field work to address environmental issues. These projects promote a shift towards more environmentally benign products, processes, and systems with the aim of improving quality of life, promoting economic prosperity, and protecting the planet.</p>	<p>Teams of undergraduate and/or graduate students attending U.S. colleges, universities and other post-secondary educational</p>	<p>Two-year award of up to \$75,000</p>	<p>https://www.epa.gov/p3</p>	<p>Angela Page Office of Science Advisor, Policy & Engagement Office of Research and Development Washington, DC 202-564-7957 page.angelad@epa.gov</p>

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		<p>institutions; student team members and faculty advisors must be U.S. citizens or be lawfully admitted to the U.S.</p>			
<p>Source Reduction Assistance (SRA) Grants</p>	<p>SRA grants support research, investigation, experiments, surveys, study, demonstration, education and training using source reduction approaches (also known as P2 or pollution prevention). EPA is particularly interested in projects that promote practical source reduction practices, tools, and training on P2 approaches to measurably improve human and environmental health by reducing the use of hazardous substances, reducing toxic pollutants, reducing resource use (e.g., water and energy) and reducing expenditures and liability costs to businesses, non-profit organizations and/or communities.</p>	<p>States, local, interstate, and intrastate government agencies and instrumentalities, federally recognized tribes, inter-tribal consortia and Section 501 (c)(3) non-profit organizations (not 501(c)(4) organizations that lobby)</p>	<p>\$1,135,000 in federal funds awards ranging from \$40,000 to \$250,000</p> <p>5% match requirement</p>	<p>https://www.epa.gov/p2/source-reduction-assistance-grants</p>	<p>Christine Clark U.S. EPA Region 5 77 West Jackson Boulevard (LM-8J) Chicago, IL 60604-3590 312-886-9749 clark.christine@epa.gov</p>
<p>Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program</p>	<p>The SBIR program funds small businesses to develop and commercialize innovative environmental technologies. The main purpose is to perform research and development – not purchase equipment or commercialize a technology that has already been developed, or one that has very low risk and only needs capital. Broad areas of focus typically include clean and safe water, air quality and climate, land revitalization, homeland security, sustainable materials management, safer chemicals, and risk assessment. More specific topics under each of these broad areas change from year to year.</p>	<p>Company must be for profit, U.S. owned/operated, and under 500 people. Work must be done in the U.S.</p>	<p>Phase I (6 months) -Up to \$100,000</p> <p>Phase II (2 years) -Up to \$400,000 -Funding based on the Phase I results</p> <p>Further Funding for Commercialization -Up to \$100,000 -“Commercialization option” in Phase II for</p>	<p>https://www.epa.gov/sbir</p>	<p>Office of Science Advisor, Policy & Engagement U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Room: 8104R Washington, D.C. 20460 OSAPE_Communications@epa.gov</p>

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			companies that secure third-party investment		
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) administers state and federal environmental programs and regulations.					
Clean Water Act Section 319 Grants	These grants provide funding for implementing corrective and preventative best management practices (BMPs) on a watershed scale, for the demonstration of innovative BMPs on a sub-watershed scale, and the development of information and education nonpoint source pollution control programs.	State and local governments, nonprofits, individuals, businesses	Federal cost share at 60% maximum, 40% local match	https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/nonpoint-sources/grants.html	Illinois EPA, Bureau of Water Watershed Management Section Nonpoint Source Unit 1021 North Grand Avenue East P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276 217-782-3362 epa.bowgrants@illinois.gov
Green Infrastructure Grant Opportunities (GIGO)	The new GIGO Program funds projects to construct green infrastructure best management practices (BMPs) that prevent, eliminate, or reduce water quality impairments by decreasing stormwater runoff into Illinois' rivers, streams, and lakes. Projects that implement treatment trains and/or multiple BMPs within the same watershed may be more effective and efficient than a single large green infrastructure BMP.	State and local governments, nonprofits, individuals, businesses	Up to 75% cost share for approved project costs; 25% local match Assistance may increase up to 85% for disadvantaged areas	https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/grants-loans/water-financial-assistance/gigo.html	Illinois EPA, Bureau of Water Watershed Management Section Green Infrastructure Grant Opportunities 1021 North Grand Avenue East P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276 217-782-3362
Unsewered Communities Construction Grant Program (UCCGP) and Unsewered Communities Planning Grant Program (UCPGP)	The IL EPA is aware of over 200 IL communities that have inadequate or nonexistent wastewater collection and treatment facilities, resulting in illegal surface discharges. To assist in providing solutions to this human health hazard and the adverse environmental impacts these situations harbor, IL EPA is making \$100 million available through the Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan over five years for Construction Grants for wastewater collection and/or treatment facilities and making \$1 million available for the next 4 years for Planning Grants to assist small and disadvantaged communities in developing a Project Plan that identifies a solution to their wastewater collection and treatment needs.	Applicants must be in good standing with the Secretary of State. Eligible proposals will come from a local government unit within the State of Illinois, as defined in Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code Part 365.	Varies; learn more at the following links: https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/grants-loans/unsewered-communities/uccgp.html https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/grants-loans/unsewered-communities/ucpgp.html	https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/grants-loans/unsewered-communities.html	Lanina Clark Unsewered Communities Grant Program Project Manager Lanina.Clark@illinois.gov

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Streambank Cleanup and Lakeshore Enhancement (SCALE)	SCALE provides funds to assist groups that have established a recurring stream or lakeshore cleanup. Funds are typically used for safety attire, dumpster rentals, landfill tipping fees and promotional materials.	Organizations that have an established streambank/ lakeshore cleanup	100% cost share, awards range from \$500 to \$3,500	https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/surface-water/scale.html	Illinois EPA, Bureau of Water Watershed Management Section Green Infrastructure Grant Opportunities 1021 North Grand Avenue East P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276 (217) 782-3362
State Revolving Fund (SRF)	SRF provides financial assistance for the design and construction of projects that protect or improve the quality of Illinois' water resources. It includes two loan programs: the Water Pollution Control Loan Program (WPCLP) which funds both wastewater and storm water projects, and the Public Water Supply Loan Program (PWSLP) for drinking water projects.	State and local governments, nonprofits, individuals, businesses	Funds projects at 100% Loan Interest Rate is adjusted annually and is based on the State of IL Fiscal Year	https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/grants-loans/state-revolving-fund.html	Illinois EPA, Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois, 62794-9276. 217-782-2027
Lake Volunteers Program	Each year, volunteers help the Lake County Health Department monitor the county's numerous lakes. A primary goal of this program is to familiarize volunteers with lake processes and the cause-and-effect relationships that exist between their lake, its watershed, weather and human activities.	Lake owners	Technical assistance; training and equipment available through LCHD	https://www.lakecountyil.gov/2381/Ecological-Services	Alana Bartolai, Lake County Health Department 500 W. Winchester Road, Unit 102 Libertyville, IL 60048 847-377-8009
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) manages programs that assist communities in disaster planning and hazard mitigation					
Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)	FMA helps states and communities identify and implement measures to reduce the risk of flood damage to structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). These projects lessen the frequency or severity of flooding and decrease flood damage.	States, tribes and territories can submit applications on behalf of subapplicants. Homeowners, business operators, and non-profit organizations can be included in a subapplication submitted by an eligible subapplicant.	Federal cost share maximum of 75%, see website for funding caps	https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/floods	FEMA Region 5, 536 South Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60605 312-408-5500

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Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)	HMGP provides funding to state, local, tribal and territorial governments so they can rebuild in a way that reduces, or mitigates, future disaster losses in their communities. Funding assistance for implementing long-term hazard mitigation planning and projects follows a Presidential major disaster declaration.	State and local governments, qualified nonprofit organizations, tribal governments	Funding subject to a sliding scale formula. Federal cost share maximum of 75%.	https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation	Sam M. AL-Basha Illinois Emergency Management Agency 1035 Outer Park Drive Springfield, Illinois 62704 217-785-9942 sam.m.al-basha@illinois.gov
Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program	The PDM grant program provides funding to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to plan for and implement sustainable cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from future natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on federal funding from future disasters.	Only states, territories, or federally recognized tribal governments identified by Congress are eligible to apply; local governments identified in the funding opportunity are considered subapplicants.	Funding varies each year. Federal cost share is generally 75%; small, impoverished communities are eligible for up to 90% federal cost share.	https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/pre-disaster	Sam M. AL-Basha Illinois Emergency Management Agency 1035 Outer Park Drive Springfield, Illinois 62704 217-785-9942 sam.m.al-basha@illinois.gov
National Flood Insurance, Increased Cost of Compliance Program (ICC)	ICC provides flood insurance policyholders with flood damaged homes and businesses in high-risk areas, also known as Special Flood Hazard Areas, with assistance to help pay the costs to bring their home or business into compliance with their community's floodplain ordinance, including building elevation, relocation, demolition, or floodproofing. The buildings must have been substantially or repetitively damaged.	Flood insurance policy holders	Federal assistance up to \$30,000	https://www.fema.gov/floodplain-management/financial-help/increased-cost-compliance	For more information on ICC coverage, call your insurance company or agent, or call the NFIP toll-free at 1-800-427-4661

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<p>Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)</p> <p><i>Replaced the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM)</i></p>	<p>BRIC program aims to categorically shift the federal focus away from reactive disaster spending and toward research-supported, proactive investment in community resilience. FEMA anticipates BRIC funding projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to partnerships, such as shared funding mechanisms, and/or project design.</p>	<p>States, territories and federally recognized tribal governments may serve as applicants; local governments may be included as subapplicants; homeowners, business operators and nonprofit organizations can be included in a subapplication submitted by an eligible subapplicant</p>	<p>Varies by applicant type; cost share required for all subapplications</p> <p>Learn more about funding and cost share requirements on the website.</p>	<p>https://www.fema.gov/g-rants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities</p>	<p>Sam M. AL-Basha Illinois Emergency Management Agency 1035 Outer Park Drive Springfield, Illinois 62704 217-785-9942 sam.m.al-basha@illinois.gov</p>
<p>U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) partners with state conservationist offices and provides funding and technical assistance to landowners to promote soil and water conservation.</p>					
<p>Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)</p>	<p>ACEP helps to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands or protect working farms and ranches through conservation easements. ACEP includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Agricultural Land Easements (ALE) help private and tribal landowners, land trusts, and other entities such as state and local governments protect croplands and grasslands on working farms and ranches by limiting non-agricultural uses of the land through conservation easements. -Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE) help private and tribal landowners protect, restore and enhance wetlands which have been previously degraded due to agricultural uses. -The Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership (WREP) is a voluntary program through which NRCS helps partners to leverage resources to carry out high priority wetland protection, restoration, and enhancement and to improve wildlife habitat. 	<p>Landowners, land trusts, and other entities</p>	<p>Check with the county-based USDA Service Centers for application deadlines and most current information.</p>	<p>https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/acep-agricultural-conservation-easement-program</p>	<p>Paula Setchell Farm Service Agency Office Woodstock Service Center 1648 S. Eastwood Drive Woodstock, IL 60098 815-338-0444 Ext 2 paula.setchell@usda.gov</p> <p>Rebecca Briggs Natural Resources Conservation Service Office Woodstock Service Center 1648 S. Eastwood Drive Woodstock, IL 60098 815-338-0444 rebecca.briggs@usda.gov</p>

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Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) Program	CIG is a competitive program that supports the development of new tools, approaches, practices, and technologies to further natural resource conservation on private lands. A national CIG funding notice is announced each year; funds for single- or multi-year projects, not to exceed three years, will be awarded through a nationwide competitive grants process. The CIG state component emphasizes projects that benefit a limited geographical area. Participating states announce their funding availability for CIG competitions through their state NRCS offices.	State or local governments, federally-recognized American Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations, and individuals in all 50 states, District of Columbia, Caribbean Area, and Pacific Islands Area	Check with the county-based USDA Service Centers for application deadlines and most current information.	https://cig.sc.egov.usda.gov/?utm_source=nrcs-cig&utm_medium=site&utm_campaign=obv-redirect	Paula Setchell Farm Service Agency Office Woodstock Service Center 1648 S. Eastwood Drive Woodstock, IL 60098 815-338-0444 Ext 2 paula.setchell@usda.gov Rebecca Briggs Natural Resources Conservation Service Office Woodstock Service Center 1648 S. Eastwood Drive Woodstock, IL 60098 815-338-0444 rebecca.briggs@usda.gov
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	CRP is a land conservation program administered by FSA. In exchange for a yearly rental payment, farmers enrolled in the program agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant species that will improve environmental health and quality. Through the State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative, landowners restore vital habitat in alignment with high-priority state wildlife conservation goals.	Non-federal landowners engaged in farming or ranching	Annual rental payments, as well as certain incentive payments and cost share assistance	https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/	
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	CSP promotes the conservation of soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life located on working lands. This program can help identify natural resource problems in your farming operation and provide technical and financial assistance to solve those problems or attain higher stewardship levels in an environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner.	Individuals, organizations, and others	Check with the county-based USDA Service Centers for application deadlines and most current information. In-kind services or operations are required	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/csp-conservation-stewardship-program	
Conservation Partners Program (CPP)	CPP provides competitive grants that support the adoption of conservation practices and regenerative agriculture principles on working lands. Some of these principles include: 1) minimizing chronic disturbances to the soil and biological community; 2) enhancing wildlife habitat; 3) maximizing crop diversity; 3) keeping the soil covered; 4) keeping a living root in the ground at all times; 5) efficiently managing water	Non-profit 501(c) organizations, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, tribal governments and organizations, and	\$100,000 - \$600,000 Matching contributions are not required, but projects that offer higher match ratios may be more competitive.	https://www.nfwf.org/programs/conservation-partners-program#:~:text=The%20Conservation%20Partners%20Program%20provides,Bill%20programs%20on%20working%20lands.h	Todd Hogrefe Central Regional Office 612-564-7286 todd.hogrefe@nfwf.org

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	resources; and 6) integrating livestock into agricultural systems.	educational institutions			
Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP)	EWP provides assistance to relieve imminent threats to life and property caused by floods, fires, windstorms and other natural disasters that impair a watershed. May be used to establish vegetative cover, open restricted channels, repair diversions and levees, and purchase floodplain easements on flooded land in non-urban areas. Formal requests for assistance are due 60 days from the disaster or 60 days from when the site becomes accessible.	Public and private landowners with a project sponsor, i.e., a state or local government or special government district	Up to 75% federal cost-share for projects; Up to 90% cost-share for locations that meet the limited-resource areas (LRA) criteria as determined by the NRCS Find the LRA definition and map here: https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/ewp-emergency-watershed-protection/ewp-floodplain-buyout-option-for-limited	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/ewp-emergency-watershed-protection	Emergency Watershed Protection Program State Points of Contact: Paula Hingson 217-353-6602 paula.hingson@usda.gov
Rural Development Water & Environmental Programs	WEP provides funding for the construction of water and waste facilities in rural communities and is proud to be the only Federal program exclusively focused on rural water and waste infrastructure needs. WEP also provides funding to organizations that provide technical assistance and training to rural communities in relation to their water and waste activities.	Rural communities with populations of 10,000 or less	Varies	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs	Betsy Dirksen Londrigan 2118 West Park Court, Suite A Champaign, IL 61821 217-403-6200
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	EQIP provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers and forest landowners through contracts up to a maximum term of ten years in length. Funding can help plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns and for opportunities to improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.	Non-federal landowners engaged in farming or ranching	Federal share maximum of 75%; some exemptions may qualify for a 90% cost-share.	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/eqip-environmental-quality-incentives	Paula Setchell Farm Service Agency Office Woodstock Service Center 1648 S. Eastwood Drive Woodstock, IL 60098 815-338-0444 Ext 2 paula.setchell@usda.gov Rebecca Briggs Natural Resources Conservation Service Office

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					Woodstock Service Center 1648 S. Eastwood Drive Woodstock, IL 60098 815-338-0444 rebecca.briggs@usda.gov
National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI)	NWQI is a partnership among NRCS, state water quality agencies and the U.S. EPA to identify and address impaired water bodies through voluntary conservation. NRCS provides targeted funding for financial and technical assistance in small watersheds most in need and where farmers can use conservation practices to make a difference. Conservation systems include practices that promote soil health, reduce erosion and lessen nutrient runoff. These practices also enhance agricultural productivity and profitability. State water quality agencies and other partners contribute additional resources for watershed planning, implementation, outreach, and monitoring.	Landowners	Check with the county-based USDA Service Centers for application deadlines and most current information.	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/initiatives/national-water-quality-initiative	John Bullough Conservation Initiatives Coordinator: Water Quality john.bullough@usda.gov
Streambank Stabilization and Restoration Program	The Streambank Stabilization and Restoration Program is designed to demonstrate effective, inexpensive vegetative and bio-engineering techniques for limiting stream bank erosion. Program monies fund demonstration projects at suitable locations statewide and provide cost-share assistance to landowners with severely eroding stream banks.	All landowners and project sites (rural and urban) in each Illinois county	Check with the McHenry-Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District for details	https://agr.illinois.gov/resources/conservation.html	McHenry-Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District Spring Duffey Executive Director Spring.Duffey@il.nacdnet.net 1648 S. Eastwood Drive Woodstock, IL 60098 815-338-0444 x3
Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program (WFPO)	The WFPO Program provides technical and financial assistance to States, local governments and Tribes (project sponsors) to plan and implement authorized watershed project plans.	Public sponsorship Watershed projects up to 250,000 acres Agricultural benefits, including rural communities, must be ≥ 20% of the total benefits for the project	Varies	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/initiatives/watershed-and-flood-prevention-operations-wfpo-program	Matt Robert NRCS Illinois Watershed Program Manager 217-353-6629 matthew.robert@usda.gov

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<p>U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USDA-FS) manages programs that promote forestry and natural enhancement of urban areas through urban forestry programs.</p>					
<p>Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Program and Inflation Reduction Act Grants</p>	<p>The UCF program provides technical, financial, and educational assistance, delivering nature-based solutions for climate and environmental justice, and green jobs where more than 84% of Americans live, work, and play. Some of the program goals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conserving working forest landscapes • Protecting forests from harm • Enhancing benefits associated with trees and forests • Advancing environmental justice • Training the future workforce for green jobs <p>Under the Inflation Reduction Act, the UCF Program received a historic \$1.5 billion to support urban tree-planting, urban forest planning and management, and related activities, particularly in disadvantaged communities. Learn more at the website.</p>	<p>Local governments, educational organizations, individuals, and others</p>	<p>Varies</p>	<p>https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/urban-forests/ucf</p>	<p>Michael Brunk Illinois Urban Forestry Administrator Illinois Department of Natural Resources One Natural Resources Way Springfield, IL 62702 217-558-2517 Michael.Brunk@illinois.gov</p>
<p>U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) compiles and distributes a list of monthly funding opportunities relating to energy and the environment. Go to https://www.energy.gov/eere/office-energy-efficiency-renewable-energy and click on “Clean Energy Funding”.</p>					
<p>U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) manages programs to protect wildlife and habitat by means such as issuing rules for hunters and anglers, administering the Endangered Species Act, and awarding grants for environmental restoration.</p>					
<p>Chi-Cal Rivers Fund <i>SPECIFIC TO CHICAGO RIVER WATERSHED</i></p>	<p>The Chi-Cal Rivers Fund is a public-private partnership working to restore the health, vitality and accessibility of the waterways in the Chicago and Calumet region by supporting green stormwater infrastructure, habitat enhancement, and public-use improvements.</p>	<p>Local, state, federal, and tribal governments and agencies, special districts, non-profit</p>	<p>\$150,000 -\$350,000; No match required but projects providing some match are more competitive</p>	<p>https://www.nfwf.org/programs/chi-cal-rivers-fund</p>	<p>Traci Giefer Great Lakes Prgm. Sr. Manager 612-564-7296 traci.giefer@nfwf.org</p>
<p>Bring Back the Natives (BBN)</p>	<p>BBN seeks to restore, protect and enhance native fish species of conservation concern nationwide, especially in areas on or adjacent to federal agency lands. BBN awards grants to projects that address the leading</p>	<p>501(c) organizations, and educational institutions Chi-Cal Grant: <i>Only Chicago & Calumet</i></p>	<p>Up to \$510,000; 1:1 non-federal cash, in-kind donations, and/or volunteer labor</p>	<p>https://www.nfwf.org/programs/bring-back-native-fish?activeTab=tab-1</p>	<p>Kirstin Neff Southwest Rivers Program Manager 303-222-6485 kirstin.neff@nfwf.org</p>

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	factors in native fish species decline such as habitat alteration, environmental change, and invasive species.	<i>region (watersheds) applicants eligible</i>			
Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund	The Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund helps to protect, conserve and increase habitat for the monarch butterfly and other pollinators. This program supports implementation of technical assistance to increase pollinator conservation practices on private working lands and improves the availability of high-quality pollinator habitat.	<i>BBN: Priority Projects to Great Lakes native fishes</i>	\$150,000 - \$300,000; Matching requirements vary, see website for details	https://www.nfwf.org/programs/monarch-butterfly-and-pollinators-conservation-fund	Crystal Boyd Pollinator Programs Senior Manager crystal.boyd@nfwf.org
Partners for Fish and Wildlife Programs	The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provides technical and financial assistance to landowners interested in restoring and enhancing wildlife habitat on their land. Projects are custom designed to meet landowners' needs.	Non-state and non-federal landowners, individuals, local government, and non-government organizations	Varies	https://www.fws.gov/program/partners-fish-and-wildlife	Michael Redmer One Natural Resources Way Springfield, IL 62702 217-557-4474 michael_redmer@fws.gov
Resilient Communities Program	The program emphasizes community inclusion and assistance to traditionally underserved populations in vulnerable areas. Regional awards will provide both natural habitat enhancement and improved protections afforded by natural resources.	Non-profit 501(c) organizations, local governments, state government agencies, and federally recognized tribes in the US	\$100,000 - \$500,000	https://www.nfwf.org/programs/resilient-communities-program/resilient-communities-2020-request-proposals	Carrie Clingan Program Director, Community Stewardship and Youth 202-595-2471 carrie.clingan@nfwf.org
National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants	The program supports long-term wetland conservation by awarding up to \$1 million for wetland conservation projects. Between \$18 million and \$23 million are available for projects annually. Funding for the grant program is provided by the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. Priority is given to projects that: support the goals of the National Wetlands Priority Conservation Plan, provide long-term conservation, conserve maritime forest on coastal barrier islands, benefit threatened and endangered species, encourage public-private partnerships, or complement other conservation projects.	Coastal and Great Lakes states, U.S. commonwealths, and territories; Tribes, local governments, conservation organizations, and private landowners are encouraged to work with state agencies to develop a project and apply.	States provide 50% of the project cost or 25% if the state has a land conservation program. Match can be provided by the state or partners and may include the value of previously conserved land and in-kind contributions.	https://www.fws.gov/story/national-coastal-wetlands-conservation-grants	Christie Deloria-Sheffield Great Lakes Coastal Program Coordinator Contact Form: https://www.fws.gov/staff-profile/christie-deloria-sheffield

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<p>National Park Service (NPS) manages the nation’s system of national parks, historic sites, etc. and serves as a conduit for some recreation-related conservation funding. (https://www.nps.gov/index.htm)</p>					
<p>Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA)</p>	<p>NPS-RTCA provides planning, design, and technical expertise for conservation and outdoor recreation projects. The program strives to build healthy communities, conserve lands and waters, develop organizational capacity, support public land management collaboration, and engage youth. While NPS-RTCA does not provide financial assistance or monetary grants, the program can help organizations identify potential funding sources for their projects.</p>	<p>Nonprofit organizations, community groups, tribal governments, national parks, and local, state, and federal government agencies</p>	<p>Technical Assistance</p>	<p>https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm</p>	<p>David Thomson Midwest Program Manager MWR_RTCA@nps.gov</p>
<p>U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulates the federally mandated metropolitan planning process and administers federal transportation funding.</p>					
<p>Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)</p>	<p>ITEP allocates resources to well-planned projects that provide and support alternate modes of transportation, enhance the transportation system through preservation of visual and cultural resources, and improve the quality of life for members of the communities. These set-aside funds include projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, streetscapes, conversion of abandoned railroad corridors to trails, historic preservation, vegetation management, stormwater management, and habitat connectivity.</p>	<p>Local entities with taxing authority</p>	<p>80% federal share of project costs in general, 50% for acquisition Awards up to \$3 million</p>	<p>https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/county-engineers-and-local-public-agencies/funding-opportunities/ITEP</p>	<p>General Contact: Illinois Department of Transportation Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Room 307 2300 South Dirksen Parkway Springfield, Illinois 62764 DOT.ITEP@illinois.gov Bureau of Programming Contact: Brian McCoy Program Manager 217-782-5482 Brian.McCoy@illinois.gov District 1 (Lake County) Contact: Charles Riddle 847-705-4201</p>
<p>Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) manages, conserves and protects Illinois' natural, recreational and cultural resources, further the public's understanding and appreciation of those resources, and promotes the education, science and public safety of Illinois' natural resources for present and future generations.</p>					

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IDNR Grant Opportunities	The IDNR offers multiple funding opportunities. All grants administered by the department are subject to available funding.	Varies	Varies	https://dnr.illinois.gov/grants.html	Illinois Department of Natural Resources One Natural Resources Way Springfield, IL 62702 217-782-6302 DNR.Grants@illinois.gov
Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	This program provides funding assistance for acquisition, development, rehabilitation and maintenance of both motorized and non-motorized recreation trails. By law, 30% of each state's RTP funding must be earmarked for motorized trail projects, 30% for non-motorized trail projects and the remaining 40% for multi-use (diversified) motorized and non-motorized trails or a combination of either.	Federal, state and local government agencies, not-for-profits organizations and private operators of motorized recreational facilities open to the public	Up to 80% project funding Max. grant of \$200,000 per application for nonmotorized development projects (represents a total min. project cost of \$250,000 per application) No max. grant award amount for acquisition projects and for motorized projects	https://dnr.illinois.gov/agency/federalrecreationaltrailsprogram.html	Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Grant Management and Assistance One Natural Resources Way Springfield, Illinois 62702 217-782-7481 DNR.Grants@illinois.gov
Illinois Habitat Fund	The Illinois Habitat Fund Grant Program includes projects that are seeking to preserve, protect, acquire or manage habitat (all wetlands, woodlands, grasslands, and agricultural lands, natural or altered) in Illinois that have the potential to support populations of wildlife in any or all phases of their life cycles.	Not-for-profit organizations or government agencies that have the expertise, equipment, and permission from landowners (if applicable) to develop and/or manage habitat	\$10,000 - \$300,000, no match requirement	https://dnr.illinois.gov/grants/habitat-funding-opportunity.html	Susan Duke, IDNR One Natural Resources Way Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271 217-785-4416 susan.duke@illinois.gov
Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Program	OSLAD is a state-financed grant program that provides funding assistance to local government agencies for acquisition and/or development of land for public parks and open space. LWCF is a similar program with	Local units of government	Up to 50% of approved project costs; grant amount varies depending	https://dnr.illinois.gov/grants/openspacelandsacquisitiondevelopmentgrant.html	Illinois Department of Natural Resources One Natural Resources Way Springfield, IL 62702-1271

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Land & Water Conservation Fund program (LWCF)	similar objectives. Projects vary from small neighborhood parks or tot lots to large community and county parks and nature areas.		on project type and number of residents		217-782-7481 DNR.Grants@illinois.gov
Schoolyard Habitat Action Grants	Support enhancement of wildlife habitat, with emphasis on youth involvement and education	Teachers, nature center personnel and adult youth group leaders	Maximum annual award of \$2,000 per project	https://dnr.illinois.gov/education/grants/grantsshag.html	Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Division of Education One Natural Resources Way Springfield, IL 62702-1271 217-524-4126 dnr.teachkids@illinois.gov
Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grants & Free Educational Materials	This program supports field trips for students to visit natural areas, natural history museums, and other natural resource related activities, so they can study some aspect of Illinois' biodiversity. Conservation education materials, including lesson plans, can be used separately.	Teachers of grades prekindergarten – 12 (including home-schooling teachers)	\$500 limit per teacher	https://dnr.illinois.gov/education/grants/grantsibfg.html	
Illinois Coastal Management Program (CMP) Grants <i>SPECIFIC TO LAKE MICHIGAN WATERSHED</i>	CMP grants protect, preserve, and restore the natural and cultural resources along the Illinois Lake Michigan shoreline. Funding is administered by CMP through a cooperative agreement between IDNR and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)'s Office for Coastal Management. To receive funding, a project must advance CMP's priorities within the coastal area boundary. Habitat and low-cost construction projects (including signage) must be located entirely within the coastal area.	Local governments, universities, and non-profit organizations Habitat and construction projects must be located within the Illinois Coastal Zone.	\$1,000 - \$150,000 (2021)	https://dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/grants.html	Ania Bayers Acting Program Director 312-814-6384 Ania.Bayers@Illinois.gov DNR.CMP@illinois.gov
Illinois Natural Areas Stewardship Grant Program	This program provides grants to Conservation Land Trusts to 1. increase stewardship on dedicated Illinois Nature Preserves and registered Land and Water Reserves and 2. increase stewardship capacity within Conservation Land Trusts. Funding for this grant program is derived from the Illinois Natural Areas Acquisition Fund (NAAF) and must be used by the Department of Natural Resources for the acquisition, protection, and stewardship of natural areas, including habitats for endangered and threatened species.	Conservation Land Trusts exempt from taxation under Section 501 (c) (3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code and include in purposes the restoration and stewardship of land for conservation	Up to \$100,000 Match of 5% or \$1000, whichever is less	https://dnr.illinois.gov/grants/stewardshipgrants.html	Susan Duke Department of Natural Resources Office of Grant Management and Assistance One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271 217-785-4416 susan.duke@illinois.gov
Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)					

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Sustainable Agriculture Grant Program	This grant program supports practices that maintain producers' profitability while conserving soil, protecting water resources and controlling pests through means that are not harmful to natural systems, farmers or consumers. The grant program funds sustainable agriculture research, education and demonstration through conferences, training, on-farm research and educational outreach.	Organizations, governmental units, educational institutions, non-profit groups and individuals	Varies	https://agr.illinois.gov/resources/conservation.html	Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Land and Water Resources State Fairgrounds P.O. Box 19281 Springfield, IL 62794-9281 217-785-5593
Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Useful website to search for educational grants: https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Grants.aspx					
Lake County: https://www.lakecountyiil.gov/553/Stormwater-Management-Commission					
Lake County SMC Watershed Management Board (WMB) Watershed Management Assistance Grant (WMAG) Stormwater Infrastructure Repair Fund (SIRF)	<p>Watershed Management Board (WMB) grants provide up to 50% cost-share for projects that address flood damage mitigation, water quality improvement and natural resources enhancement within Lake County (includes green infrastructure). Flood mitigation/reduction criteria receive the greatest weight in determining funding awards.</p> <p>WMAG supports the growth and sustainability (i.e., organizational capacity) of local watershed partnerships in Lake County. For this program, a "watershed partnership" is defined as an inclusive, enduring, diverse, community-based group organized to identify and resolve watershed problems and issues.</p> <p>The \$100,000/year SIRF can assist local units of government in resolving interjurisdictional drainage and flooding related problems (i.e., stormwater management system infrastructure needs). The SIRF program is a 50/50 cost share match for SIRF eligible projects in Lake County.</p>	WMB/WMAG/SIRF: All project proposals must be signed and supported by a WMB member. A WMB Board Member can be a Chief Elected Official of any Lake County Municipality, a Lake County Township Supervisor, the President of an Active Lake County Drainage District, a Lake County Board Member, or a Delegate of one of the above.	<p>Cost-share at least 50% with funds or in-kind services or a combination of both</p> <p>\$12,000 set aside for WMAG applications; no cost-share requirement</p> <p>\$100,000 - \$150,000 available each year for planning, engineering analysis, alternate solution evaluation, design, capital construction, maintenance and repairs projects</p>	<p>https://www.lakecountyiil.gov/3635/Watershed-Management-Board-WMB</p> <p>https://www.lakecountyiil.gov/2308/Flooding-Flood-Protectionhttp</p>	Lake County Stormwater Management Commission 500 W Winchester Road Libertyville, IL 60048847-377-7700 stormwater@lakecountyiil.gov

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Stream & River Clean Up Projects	SMC offers small grants for stream and river clean-up projects.		Up to \$500 for stream and river clean-up projects		
Lake County Deicing Workshop	The Annual Lake County Deicing Workshop provides an opportunity to focus on sensible salting practices for roadways, parking lots and sidewalks. This workshop’s snow and ice removal presentations include the effects of weather conditions & storing materials, surface safety, environmental effects (chloride use), materials selection, maintenance best management practices and application rate & calibration.	All winter maintenance operators, planners, supervisors, product distributors, and maintenance personnel	Technical and informational assistance	https://www.lakecountyl.gov/2284/Winter-Maintenance-Best-Practices	Alana Bartolai 847-377-8009 ABartolai2@lakecountyl.gov
Lake County Voluntary Buyout Program	Using federal and state matching grants, SMC offers a voluntary buyout program for repetitively flood damaged structures in Lake County.	SMC maintains a list of properties that are candidates for buyouts when funds become available.	Buyouts are typically 75% federal and 25% local cost share for qualified structures	https://www.lakecountyl.gov/DocumentCenter/View/20510/Voluntary-Floodplain-Buyout-Program-Brochure-PDF?bidId=	Sharon Osterby 847-377-7706 sosterby@lakecountyl.gov
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAQ)					
Local Technical Assistance Program (LTA)	LTA addresses local issues at the intersection of transportation, land use, and housing, including the natural environment (including green infrastructure components), economic growth, and community development. The program provides assistance to communities across the Chicago metropolitan region to undertake planning projects that advance the principles of GO TO 2040.	Local governments, nonprofits, and intergovernmental organizations	<p>Technical Assistance & CMAP recommendations</p> <p>Local match between 5-20% of the value of the assistance for larger planning projects</p> <p>Contribution depends on the type, size, and community cohort</p>	https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs/lta	<p>Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning 433 West Van Buren Street, Suite 450 Chicago, Illinois 60607 312-454-0400</p> <p>Can also contact applications@cmap.illinois.gov for questions about the application process</p>
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)	CMAQ is a federally funded program of surface transportation improvements designed to improve air quality and mitigate congestion. The primary consideration for CMAQ projects is the cost-effectiveness of their air emissions reductions, measured as either the cost per kilogram of volatile organic compounds (VOC) reduced or the cost per	Any state agency or unit of government having the authority to levy taxes and those agencies authorized to	80% federal / 20% local match	https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/mobility/strategic-investment/cmaq	Refer to the Project Contacts webpage: https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/mobility/strategic-investment/cmaq/project-contacts

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	kilogram of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) reduced.	receive FTA Section 5307 funding Private for-profit and non-profit organizations are required to partner with a public sponsor.			
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L)	The locally programed TAP-L is a federally funded program of surface transportation improvements designed to support non-motorized transportation. The TAP-L program is designed to fund non-motorized transportation projects and in northeastern Illinois those funds are focused on the completion of the Regional Greenways and Trails Plan. For TAP-L funding, only bicycle facility projects are eligible.	Regional trans. authorities, transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies, school districts, & local or regional gov't entities	65-80% federal funding The local match does not necessarily have to be provided directly by the sponsor but must be a non-federal funding source to qualify. Learn more here: https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/documents/10180/1512766/CMAQ_TAP_CR_P_24-28_App_Booklet.pdf/a4315f12-be1a-4375-f391-1dab300939a4?t=1673962249591	https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/mobility/strategic-investment/transportation-alternatives	CMAP Program Manager Doug Ferguson 312-386-8824 dferguson@cmap.illinois.gov
Surface Transportation Program (STP)	STP supports larger-scale regional projects that address regional performance measures and the goals of ON TO 2050. Project eligibility is focused on projects of significant cost and multijurisdictional projects in eight categories that address federal performance measures and priorities of ON TO 2050: bicycle and pedestrian barrier elimination, bus speed improvements, bridge rehabilitation or reconstruction, highway/rail grade crossing improvements, road reconstruction, road expansion, corridor or small area safety, transit station improvements, and truck route improvements.	Any state agency or unit of government having the authority to levy taxes	Lake County: 80% federal/20% local STP funding match Jurisdictions in the highest need group (Cohort 4) are considered eligible to utilize TDCHs as local match for STP-L.	https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/committees/advisory/council-of-mayors/stp	Mike Klemens, 847-377-7455 mklemens@lakecountyil.gov

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Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) – Eligible for Cook County Applicants Only					
Green Infrastructure Partnership Opportunity Program	The MWRD’s goals for the Green Infrastructure Partnership Opportunity Program include: build GI to reduce stormwater flows to local sewer systems and prevent combined sewer overflows; use GI to address local flooding and draining problems; promote GI as a complimentary way to manage stormwater with natural systems; aesthetically enhance public areas and increase a community’s “green space”; and provide improvements in water quality.	Public entity able to enter into an IGA with the MWRD	Varies, depends on the effectiveness of the proposed green infrastructure	https://mwrdd.org/green-infrastructure-partnership-opportunity-program-0	Holly Sauter Principal Civil Engineer Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago 312-286-6023 SauterH@mwrdd.org
Stormwater Partnership Program	The Stormwater Partnership Program funds projects in Cook County that address flooding and drainage concerns. These projects utilize a variety of traditional engineered solutions such as localized detention, upsizing critical storm sewers and culverts, pumping stations, and establishing drainage ways, alongside green infrastructure.		Reimbursement of construction related costs only. Amount of funding based on stormwater benefits of the proposed project, the social-economic need of the community, & availability of funding	https://mwrdd.org/storm-water-partnership-program	
Flood-Prone Property Acquisition	This program is comprised of three distinct components: Local Sponsor Assistance Program - MWRD’s top priority will be to facilitate the Illinois Emergency Management Agency’s federally funded program by assisting Local Sponsor communities in providing their share of the cost for property acquisition; MWRD Initiated Program - in communities where MWRD’s Board of Commissioners approved capital projects from MWRD’s Detailed Watershed Plans, should the cost of a property acquisition alternative be less than the capital project and provide equivalent benefits, the acquisition alternative will be pursued; Local Government Application Program - MWRD will consider applications directly from local governments requesting acquisition of specific flood-prone structures.		MWRD will provide reimbursement for an agreed upon percentage of the purchase price only. MWRD will not reimburse for closing costs, attorneys’ fees, demolition or other costs.	https://mwrdd.org/flood-prone-property-acquisition	Richard Fisher Principal Civil Engineer Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago stormwater@mwrdd.org

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Other Public & Private Organizations					
Section 4 Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Program	The Section 4 Program strengthens the nation’s lower-income rural and urban communities by bolstering non-profit community developers that build and invest in those neighborhoods. Section 4 provides grants on a competitive basis to national intermediary community development organizations, which in turn provide training, education, financial support and development assistance to local organizations throughout the country.	Community Development Corporations (CDCs), Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), Tribes, Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs), Tribal Housing Authorities (THAs), and Native CDFIs Learn more on page 10 of this document: https://www.enterprisecommunity.org/sites/default/files/2023-03/fy21-s4-rfp-rural-tribal-3-29-23.pdf	Varies	https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/section-4-capacity-building/ https://www.enterprisecommunity.org/news/hud-section-4-capacity-building-grants	Office of Policy Development and Coordination in HUD’s Office of Community Planning and Development capacitybuilding@hud.gov Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. 70 Corporate Center 11000 Broken Land Parkway, Suite 700 Columbia, MD 21044 rfp@enterprisecommunity.org
Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation	This program’s mission is to improve energy efficiency, advance the development and use of renewable energy resources, and protect natural areas and wildlife habitat in communities across Illinois.	Private not-for-profit organizations, educational organizations, local governments	Call for details, which change year to year	https://www.illinoiscleanenergy.org/	Contact Form: https://www.illinoiscleanenergy.org/contact-us/ Gabriela Martin Program Director Illinois Clean Energy 2 N. LaSalle St., Suite 1140 Chicago, IL 60602 312-372-5191 gmartin@illinoiscleanenergy.org
RiverWatch	RiverWatch is a volunteer-driven effort to collect stream data from Illinois streams and submit the data to the Illinois Natural History Survey. RiverWatch	All Illinois streams	Monitoring training, forms, and kits	http://www.ngrrec.org/riverwatch/about/	Danelle Haake, RiverWatch Director and Stream Ecologist NGRREC/L&C

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	utilizes trained volunteers to collect quality assured data on wadeable streams and fosters coordination among groups involved in similar monitoring efforts.				One Confluence Way East Alton, IL 62024 618-468-2784 dhaake@lc.edu
Trust for Public Lands (TPL)	From helping to raise funds for conservation; to protecting and restoring natural spaces; to collaborating with communities to plan, design, and create parks, playgrounds, gardens, and trails; TPL works with communities to ensure that development happens for them, and not to them. For example, TPL created the “Natural Solutions Tool Greater Chicago: A Watershed Approach” to guide green infrastructure investment in portions of Cook, Will, and DuPage Counties: https://www.tpl.org/resource/natural-solutions-tool-greater-chicago	Local government, private not-for-profit organizations, educational organizations, and others	Technical and informational assistance to identify lands to be protected and assist in financing and land transactions	https://www.tpl.org/	The Trust for Public Land Chicago Office 120 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 2000 Chicago, Illinois 60603 312-750-9820 chicago@tpl.org
Great Lakes Commission <i>SPECIFIC TO LAKE MICHIGAN WATERSHED</i>	Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program provides grants to reduce nutrients and sediments entering the Great Lakes.	Non-federal units of government or incorporated non-profit organizations	\$300,000 cap per project	https://www.glc.org/work/sediment	Nicole Zacharda Program Manager 734-396-6084 nzacharda@glc.org
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation <i>SPECIFIC TO LAKE MICHIGAN WATERSHED</i>	Sustain Our Great Lakes (SOGL) is a public–private partnership designed to sustain, restore and protect fish, wildlife and habitat in the basin by leveraging funding, building conservation capacity, and focusing partners and resources toward key ecological issues.	Non-profit 501(c) organizations, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Tribal governments and organizations, and educational institutions	Varies, \$100,000 - \$1,000,000 Matching contributions are not required for funding categories 1, 2, and 3, but projects that offer a 1:1 match ratio will be more competitive. A match ratio of at least 1:1 is required for funding category 4.	https://www.nfwf.org/programs/sustain-our-great-lakes-program	Aislinn Gauchay Program Director 612-564-7284 Aislinn.Gauchay@nfwf.org
Illinois American Water Environmental Grant Program	This program offers funding for innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect the watersheds, surface	A proposed project must be located within an American Water service area,	Maximum grant amount of \$5,000	https://www.amwater.com/ilaw/News-Community/environmental-grant-program/	Mike Jones Illinois American Water mike.jones@amwater.com

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	water and groundwater supplies in Illinois American Water’s local communities.	completed between May and November of the grant funding year, and be a new or innovative community initiative or serve as significant expansion to an existing program.			
Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant (IISG)	IISG aims to bring the latest science to those who can best use the information and serves a critical role in empowering people to solve problems in sustainable ways. The program is funded through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the University of Illinois and Purdue University, but IISG also works in partnerships with key organizations, institutions, and agencies in the region to reach more audiences and multiply opportunities for success. IISG brings together scientists, educators, policy makers, community decision makers, outreach specialists, business leaders, and the general public to work towards a healthy environment and economy.	Focus on the southern Lake Michigan region	The program offers several educational and training resources regarding stormwater and green infrastructure. IISG also provides funding to researchers in Illinois and Indiana who are working on issues of importance to the southern Lake Michigan region.	https://iiseagrant.org/work/stormwater-green-infrastructure/ https://iiseagrant.org/research/funding-opportunities/	Eliana Brown Stormwater Specialist 217-265-0760 brown12@illinois.edu Carolyn Foley Research Coordinator 765-494-3601 cfoley@purdue.edu