

Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund

Grant Awards Round 211

Grants Awarded on May 6, 2021

Category 1 Fisheries & Wildlife & Habitat Conservation

211-01-01	ACF	Allagash Wilderness Waterway - Natural Resource Inventory and Monitoring Allagash Wilderness Waterway Foundation <i>The AWW-NRIM will inventory, assess and report on the natural resources of the AWW.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$15,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$20,000	Allagash
211-01-03	DEP	Valuing the Economic Benefits of Maine's Great Ponds in the 21st Century Maine Lakes Society <i>This project updates past analyses of the economic values of Maine's Great Ponds, in order to raise awareness about the economic importance of clean lakes, promote lake-friendly policies, and motivate behaviors that protect water quality and wildlife habitat.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$7,500 <i>Requested:</i> \$11,629	Statewide
211-01-04	IFW	West Grand Lake Dam Fishway Trap Maine Dept. of IFW <i>Design a fish trap at West Grand Lake Dam to co-manage migratory and resident fish.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$17,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$24,860	Grand Lake Stream
211-01-05	ACF	Improving Fish Passage, Water Quality and Recreational Opportunities in the Dennys River Watershed Maine Forest Service <i>Our project will improve stream connectivity, water quality and recreational opportunities in the Dennys River watershed in the Downeast Region by replacing two undersized and deteriorated stream crossing with larger, more resilient open bottom structures.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$16,500 <i>Requested:</i> \$20,000	Cathance TWP
211-01-06	DMR	Expand Standardized Shellfish Recruitment Monitoring to Better Understand Intertidal Marine Ecosystem Changes and Trends in Shellfish Populations Downeast Institute <i>This project expands an existing network from nine to 12 coastal communities that monitor densities and sizes of commercially-important shellfish (clams, quahogs, razor, clams) recruiting to mudflats to better understand local, regional, and coastwide trends in the dynamics of these wild populations.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$17,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$24,518	Coastal
211-01-07	IFW	Thirty Years of Change in Commercial Forest Management and Bird Populations in Maine Spatial Informatics Group - Natural Capital Lab <i>We propose to quantify how changes in forestry practices have affected bird species abundance and diversity over the last 30 years.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$15,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$25,000	Moosehead Lake
211-01-10	DMR	Alewife Restoration Initiative 2021 Maine Rivers <i>A series of six barriers prevented spawning access to the historical habitat of China Lake for alewives and other migratory species. The goal of this project is to work with dam owners to restore fisheries.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$15,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$15,000	Vassalboro

Total Amount Funded for Category: 1 \$103,000

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

211-02-01	ACF	<p>Sanford Community Forest/Deering Watershed Conservation Area</p> <p>Three Rivers Land Trust</p> <p><i>The Community Forest will encompass 550 acres within 3 miles of the center of the city. Benefits: Recreation, Wildlife habitat, Carbon storage, Water quality protection, and education.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$15,000</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$20,000</p>	Sanford
211-02-03	IFW	<p>Mt. Tuck Conservation Expansion</p> <p>Coastal Mountains Land Trust</p> <p><i>The acquisition of three parcels, totaling - 117 acres, bordering the 100 acre Mt. Tuck Preserve.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$15,000</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$20,000</p>	Stockton Springs
211-02-04	ACF	<p>Dead River's Grand Falls Recreation Area Enhancements</p> <p>Northern Forest Canoe Trail</p> <p><i>Through this project we are upgrading trails, river access steps, and a paddler campsite near Grand Falls, a spectacular waterfalls east of Flagstaff Lake. Work will ease access for all ages and abilities while bring infrastructure up to accepted trail standards.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$5,000</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$6,490</p>	West Forks
211-02-05	ACF	<p>Holt Research Forest - First Year Post Harvest</p> <p>Maine TREE Foundation</p> <p><i>Long-term monitoring is continuing at Holt Research Forest where a partial timber harvest was conducted in the winter of 2020/2021. The first year post-harvest will need maintenance of study components, follow up to the 2020 timber inventory, and installation of deer exclosures.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$10,163</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$16,221</p>	Arrowsic
211-02-06	ACF	<p>Exploring the Rangeley Lakes Region</p> <p>Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust</p> <p><i>Develop and implement a comprehensive wayfinding and information system in the Rangeley region.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$10,000</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$21,500</p>	Rangeley Lakes
211-02-07	ACF	<p>Whole Communities Connected: Developing Models of Collaboration for Multiple-use Trails in Rural Communities</p> <p>High Peaks Alliance</p> <p><i>This project creates a model of collaboration to increase rural town capacity for trail development.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$11,837</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$14,796</p>	Franklin County
211-02-10	BAX	<p>Penobscot Nation Sugar Island Trail Enhancement Initiative</p> <p>Penobscot Indian Nation</p> <p><i>Establish a trail network on Sugar Island that connects key cultural, natural, and historic sites to increase visitor access and enhance the overall experience.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$14,000</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$15,000</p>	Sugar Island

Total Amount Funded for Category: 2 \$81,000

Category 3 Endangered & Threatened Species Conservation Projects

211-03-01	DMR	Develop a Habitat Restoration Plan for the Machias River Corridor Project Share <i>Produce a Atlantic Salmon Habitat restoration plan to compliment the Machias River easement.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$9,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$16,500	Washington & Hancock County
211-03-04	IFW	Addressing Critical Information Gaps for Maine's Upland Sandpiper Population Biodiversity Research Institute <i>A study to understand Upland Sandpiper habitat use, home range, abundance and breeding activity.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$17,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$25,000	Eastern & Southern Maine
211-03-05	DMR	Homeward Bound: Returning Atlantic Salmon to Maine Rivers Using Aquaculture University of Maine <i>This is an integrated research project which investigates the social and biological aspects of the Maine Department of Marine Resource's Salmon for Maine Rivers program.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$9,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$15,350	Orono

Total Amount Funded for Category: 3 \$35,000

Category 4 Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protection of Public Health

211-04-01	ACF	White Shark Safety Preparedness at Coastal State Park Beaches Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-& Forestry-BPL <i>This project will improve water safety at Maine State Park Coastal Beaches where white shark activity is present by improving public awareness, advancing lifeguard equipment and white shark emergency preparedness training and developing emergency response and communication protocols in the event of a shark attack or positive identification of a white shark near or in a designated swimming/recreation area.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$12,778 <i>Requested:</i> \$12,778	Maine State Beaches
211-04-02	DMR	Real-time Monitoring of White Shark (Carcharodon carcharias) Activity Near Popham Beach State Park Dept. of Marine Resources <i>This project will purchase a real-time acoustic receiver system for detection of tagged White Sharks.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$15,275 <i>Requested:</i> \$15,275	Popham Beach State Park

Total Amount Funded for Category: 4 \$28,053

of Grants Awarded: 19

Total All Categories: \$247,053