

Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund

Grant Awards Round 231

Grants Awarded on May 4, 2023

Category 1 Fisheries & Wildlife & Habitat Conservation

231-01-01	SWCD	Agroforestry and Climate Resiliency Demonstration Project Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District <i>This project will provide demonstrations of agroforestry practices, forest stand improvement, and soil health enhancement that increase climate resiliency, sequester carbon, increase biodiversity and improve wildlife habitat.</i>	Funded: \$17,000 Requested: \$17,000	Oxford County
231-01-02	DMR	Drone for Medomak River Monitoring Town of Waldoboro <i>Funds will purchase a drone to primarily monitor the Medomak River for natural and man-made negative effects on the watershed. Funds will also pay for associated training for Waldoboro officers.</i>	Funded: \$5,625 Requested: \$5,625	Waldoboro
231-01-03	ACF	Seeing the Green Light: Native Plant and Habitat Education Film Moosey Productions <i>This film will address the ways native plants and the habitats they create are critical elements of our life sustaining environment and will teach viewers ways they can help protect them.</i>	Funded: \$14,440 Requested: \$14,440	Statewide
231-01-04	DMR	Shellfish Restoration Town of Brunswick <i>Shellfish upweller to help conserve, protect and enhance wild shellfish stocks facing threats from climate change and over harvesting.</i>	Funded: \$15,000 Requested: \$15,000	Gurnet Straits
231-01-05	DEP	Maine Aquatic Plant eDNA Metabarcoding Library Lake & Watershed Associates <i>New genetic tools for detecting invasive aquatic plants and monitoring native plant communities</i>	Funded: \$15,000 Requested: \$15,000	Statewide
231-01-06	ACF	Saving All the Parts: A Citizen's Guide to Maine's Most Ecologically Significant Places Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-& Forestry- MNAP <i>The Maine Natural Areas Program will lead the development of informative, current, and action-oriented descriptions for a new and updated generation of Beginning with Habitat Focus Areas of Statewide Ecological Significance.</i>	Funded: \$20,121 Requested: \$20,121	Statewide
231-01-08	ACF	Maine Outdoor Career Guide Maine Tree Foundation <i>The Maine Outdoor Career guide will be a resource for Maine teachers, guidance counselors, and students to raise awareness of outdoor career opportunities</i>	Funded: \$15,000 Requested: \$15,000	Statewide
231-01-09	ACF	Combating Climate Change One Conservation Handbook at a Time Central Aroostook SWCD <i>CASWCD's manager has written several conservation handbooks that we distribute free of charge at our events. Printing costs have limited how many of these handbooks that we can hand out.</i>	Funded: \$11,000 Requested: \$11,000	Aroostook County

Total Amount Funded for Category: 1 \$113,186

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

231-02-01	SWCD	Connecting to Community Forests - Trail Expansion, Stewardship & Accessibility Town of Thomaston <i>This project will develop new and upgrade existing community trails, resulting in strengthened partnerships, connectivity between neighboring community forests, and increased trail user group.</i>	Funded: \$20,936 <i>Requested: \$20,936</i>	Thomaston
231-02-02	ACF	Haystack Mountain Midcoast Conservancy <i>Acquire and conserve 57 acres of Haystack Mountain in Montville to protect wildlife habitat and ensure continued recreational access.</i>	Funded: \$25,000 <i>Requested: \$25,000</i>	Montville
231-02-03	IFW	Land Purchase Bryant Pond Learning Center <i>Purchase 145 acre property that abuts property owned by the Bryant Pond Learning Center</i>	Funded: \$25,000 <i>Requested: \$44,250</i>	Greenwood
231-02-04	ACF	Quarry Hill Multi-Use Trail Development Town of Waldoboro <i>Developing multi-use trails at the Quarry Hill Preserve aimed at creating pedestrian and mountain biking opportunities in an underutilized area.</i>	Funded: \$21,464 <i>Requested: \$26,000</i>	Waldoboro
231-02-05	DMR	Acquisition to Protect Harvester Access to Long Cove Mud Flats in Sullivan, Maine Frenchman Bay Conservancy <i>FBC and MCHT are acquiring a 1.15 acre parcel with safe access to the Long cove mud flats, a highly productive harvesting area. This access is currently used by harvesters, but is privately owned. There are two unsafe structures on the property that need removal before this becomes a public access point, and we would like MOHF to support the stewardship costs on this acquisition project including building demolition</i>	Funded: \$19,700 <i>Requested: \$19,700</i>	Sullivan
231-02-06	IFW	Ragged Mountain Rehabilitation Georges River Land Trust <i>The Ragged Mountain Trail project addresses deferred maintenance on a popular Midcoast Maine hiking trail while improving the trails vulnerability to erosion, hiker safety and protection of nearby water sources.</i>	Funded: \$7,400 <i>Requested: \$7,400</i>	Rockport
231-02-07	ACF	Skowhegan River Park (Run of River Project) Main Street Skowhegan <i>The park will redevelop an industrial river corridor into an accessible, free outdoor recreation asset.</i>	Funded: \$25,000 <i>Requested: \$25,000</i>	Kennebec River, Skowhegan
231-02-08	IFW	Mailbox Pool Recreational Access Parking Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust <i>To install a parking area on the Mailbox Pool parcel, to allow safe parking/access to the Mag. River.</i>	Funded: \$7,000 <i>Requested: \$7,000</i>	Lincoln Plantation
231-02-09	ACF	Moosehead Lake to the West Branch Penobscot Northern Forest Canoe Trail <i>We seek to establish two new campsites along the western shores of Moosehead Lake, an iconic recreation destination, as well complete overdue maintenance along the historic Northeast Carry connecting Moosehead lake to the West Branch Penobscot.</i>	Funded: \$7,000 <i>Requested: \$7,000</i>	Rockwood & Northeast Carry

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231-02-10	IFW	Beaver Brook Preserve Scarborough Land Trust <i>The purchase of an 30-acre property for watershed protection and provide recreational access.</i>	Funded: \$20,000 Requested: \$20,000	
231-02-15	ACF	Outdoor Recreation and Under-represented Groups in Maine Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-& Forestry-BPL <i>Outdoor recreation-oriented focus group research into under-represented populations in Maine</i>	Funded: \$7,500 Requested: \$7,500	Statewide

Total Amount Funded for Category: 2 \$186,000

Category 3 Endangered & Threatened Species Conservation Projects

231-03-01	DMR	Enhancing Saco River Salmon Restoration and Education Efforts University of New England <i>A backpack electrofishing unit will be acquired to increase efficiency of Saco River Salmon parr capture to support conservation efforts and enhance experiential learning of students at UNE.</i>	Funded: \$6,700 Requested: \$6,700	Saco River
231-03-02	ACF	Preparing for the Future of Plant Conservation in Maine Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens (CMBG) <i>Conduct the first conservation and threat assessment for all plant species in Maine's native flora to prioritize conservation and research, with attention to new threats posed by climate change.</i>	Funded: \$25,000 Requested: \$25,000	Statewide
231-03-03	DMR	Improving Connectivity for Atlantic Salmon, Brook Trout, and Wildlife in the Sandy River Atlantic Salmon Federation <i>Four road-stream crossings will be replaced to restore 3.92 miles of cold-water resilient habitat.</i>	Funded: \$25,000 Requested: \$25,000	Phillips and Temple
231-03-04	IFW	Documenting Travel Routes and Migratory Connectivity of Maine's Upland Sandpiper Population Biodiversity Research Institute <i>Improving understanding of movement patterns, travel routes and migratory connectivity of UPSA's.</i>	Funded: \$15,500 Requested: \$15,500	Eastern & Southern Maine
231-03-05	IFW	Genetics in the Snow: Developing eDNA for Monitoring Mammals from Snow Tracks University of Maine System Acting Through the University of Maine <i>This project will seek to develop a technique to gather genetic information from mammal tracks.</i>	Funded: \$19,816 Requested: \$19,816	Statewide
231-03-06	ACF	Beacons of Change: Vegetation Monitoring on Saltmarsh Sentinel Sites Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-& Forestry- MNAP <i>Coastal tidal marshes and the suite of species that depend on them are at-risk due to sea level rise. This project will result in long-term monitoring of vegetation and plant community shifts, which, paired with other indicators, are a primary tool set for identifying trends in habitat response, identifying vulnerabilities, and planning for saltmarsh habitat protection or restoration.</i>	Funded: \$28,294 Requested: \$28,294	Statewide

Total Amount Funded for Category: 3 \$120,310

Category 4 Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protection of Public Health

231-04-01	ACF	Shark Initiative: Public Education and Safety Through Life-sized Display Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-& Forestry-BPL <i>The DACF proposes to create and display life-sized replicas of sharks and associated sea life. This will familiarize the beachgoing public with shark species, traits, and basic habits, with the goal of enhancing the public's mental health and physical safety.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$8,344 <i>Requested:</i> \$8,344	Ferry Beach State Park
231-04-02	IFW	Operations and Training Support of North Search and Rescue North SAR <i>Support for Training and operation of North Search and Rescue (NorthSAR.org)</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$18,739 <i>Requested:</i> \$18,739	Old Town
231-04-03	DMR	Public Health Real-Time Coliform Sensor Pilot Study Maine Department of Marine Science - Bureau of Public Health <i>The Department of Marine Resources, Bureau of Public Health is seeking funding for the purchase of real-time sensor to initiate a pilot project to test for fecal coliform in shellfish growing area waters.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$26,946 <i>Requested:</i> \$26,946	Boothbay Harbor
231-04-04	DEP	Determining Need and Feasibility for a Public Freshwater Swim Area Bacteria Monitoring Program Maine Lakes Society <i>Need & feasibility study for establishing a bacteria monitoring program for freshwater swim areas.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$15,065 <i>Requested:</i> \$15,065	Statewide
231-04-05	ACF	Maine Forest Service - Ranger Cellular Game Cameras Maine Forest Service <i>Supplying Rangers with cellular game cameras for timely and efficient surveillance. To be used to monitor logging equipment/gate vandalism, timber trespass, litter, arson and other investigations.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$5,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$5,000	Statewide
231-04-06	DEP	A Regional Environmental Vulnerability Assessment & Septic System Database to Protect Water Quality 30 Mile River Watershed Association <i>Improving septic management by 1)identifying where septic pose the largest threat to water quality and 2)developing a septic database to better understand system conditions in high risk areas.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$20,788 <i>Requested:</i> \$20,788	30 Mile River Watershed

Total Amount Funded for Category: 4 \$94,882

of Grants Awarded: 31

Total All Categories: \$514,378