

Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund

Grant Awards Round 232

Grants Awarded on Nov 2, 2023

Category 1 Fisheries & Wildlife & Habitat Conservation

232-01-02 IFW	Monitoring Breeding Landbirds on Maine's Small Forested Islands to Fill Inventory Gaps and Establish a Monitoring Network Maine Natural History Observatory <i>Monitor breeding landbirds with autonomous recording units on small wooded islands. Project will add to second Maine Bird Atlas data by filling inventory gaps in the common habitat type.</i>	Funded: \$18,000 Requested: \$18,000	Casco Bay to Cobscook Bay/Statewide Application
232-01-03 DMR	Assessing Sea-Run Rainbow Smelt Spawning Runs Using eDNA Dept. of Marine Resources- Bureau of Sea Run Fisheries & Habitat <i>This project will employ eDNA sampling and analysis techniques to assess the presence/absence of sea-run Rainbow Smelt spawning populations in rivers and streams along Maine's coastline.</i>	Funded: \$23,876 Requested: \$23,876	Statewide
232-01-04 SWCD	The Future Forest of Maine Viles Arboretum <i>Explore climate-smart solutions for Maine's forests while raising public awareness.</i>	Funded: \$25,850 Requested: \$25,850	Augusta
232-01-05 ACF	Establishing Sasajiscymnus tsugae on Conservation Land Brunswick - Topsham Land Trust <i>Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust and Freeport Conservation Trust are partnering to purchase, release, and monitor Sasajiscymnus tsugae to establish a breeding population on nearby conserved lands as a biocontrol for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.</i>	Funded: \$5,000 Requested: \$5,000	Brunswick
232-01-06 DMR	Training Future Watershed Stewards of the Bagaduce River Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries <i>This project will support the transition from a community led watershed restoration project to a stewardship and sustainability effort that includes development of a K-12 educational curriculum.</i>	Funded: \$25,000 Requested: \$25,000	Bagaduce Watershed

Total Amount Funded for Category: 1 \$97,726

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

232-02-01	ACF	Midcoast Conservancy - Trail Counters and Tools to Aid in Stewardship of Preserves Midcoast Conservancy <i>Purchase six TrafX trail counters and related data processing software, and land stewardship tools and equipment. We will rotate the trail counters and tools throughout our 24 preserves with trail infrastructure, monitoring use and adjusting stewardship activities in order to maintain and ensure safe, enjoyable, year-round access to our public trails and conserved lands.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$5,136 <i>Requested:</i> \$10,615	Lincoln, Knox, Waldo
232-02-02	IFW	Carrabassett Islands Somerset Woods Trustees <i>Somerset Woods Trustees will conserve in perpetuity approx. 70 acres and nearly 3,000 feet on the Carrabassett River with habitat for 4 Endangered, Threatened and Special Concern Species, plus compatible recreation and hunting access.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$25,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$25,000	Anson & Embden
232-02-03	ACF	Increasing Access to Maine Trails Quebec-Labrador Foundation/Center for Community GIS <i>Broadening access to trails and outdoor opportunities, especially for Mainers living with disabilities.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$16,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$16,000	Statewide
232-02-04	IFW	Upper Royal Conservation Project Royal River Conservation Trust <i>This project is comprised of two parcels, a conservation easement and fee simple ownership, totaling 220 acres along the Royal River in New Gloucester.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$25,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$25,000	New Gloucester
232-02-05	ACF	Somers Property Fee Acquisition Coastal Mountains Land Trust <i>Conserve a part of Hills to Sea Trail; outdoor education opportunities for Waldo County Tech Ctr.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$20,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$20,000	Waldo
232-02-06	IFW	Access At Edge Hill and Eggemoggin Reach Blue Hill Heritage Trust <i>Blue Hill Heritage Trust (BHHT) will be creating an accessible path and viewing platform on BHHT's new Edge Hill property in Sargentville, ME. This trail and platform will provide access to the Eggemoggin Reach for community members of all abilities.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$25,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$25,000	Eggemoggin Reach
232-02-07	ACF	Scammon Ridge Project Forest Society of Maine <i>This project will conserve 3,000 acres of undeveloped forestland in Greenville. It includes shoreline, wetlands, cold water streams, and high visibility ridgeline from Moosehead Lake.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$15,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$15,000	Greenville
232-02-08	IFW	Silver Brook Preserve Scarborough Land Trust <i>The purchase of an 18 acre property for watershed protection and provide recreational access.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$23,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$23,000	Scarborough
232-02-09	ACF	Kezar River South - Expanding Landscape-scale Climate Connectivity Greater Lovell Land Trust <i>GLLT will purchase an additional 1,350 acres to create a conserved landscape of over 3,200 contiguous acres with 6 miles of river frontage in the Kezar River Watershed.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$21,500 <i>Requested:</i> \$25,000	Ovell and Sweden

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232-02-10	ACF	<p>Enhance User Experience in Sebasticook Watershed Working Woodlands & Wildlands</p> <p>Sebasticook Regional Land Trust</p> <p><i>Improve and update our trail maps provided at kiosks and online, further develop a woodlands outreach and education program, volunteer training in mapping, trailwork, and easement monitoring.</i></p>	<p>Funded: \$5,500</p> <p>Requested: \$5,500</p>	Sebasticook River Watershed
232-02-11	ACF	<p>Branch Lake Paddling and Conservation Program</p> <p>Bangor Region YMCA</p> <p><i>We will purchase a fleet of 12 canoes & kayaks so campers can gain experience in paddle sports while learning about the wildlife, fisheries, and conservation efforts at Branch Lake.</i></p>	<p>Funded: \$20,864</p> <p>Requested: \$20,864</p>	Branch Lake, Ellsworth
232-02-12	ACF	<p>Allagash Natural Heritage</p> <p>Allagash Wilderness Waterway Foundation</p> <p><i>The Allagash Natural Heritage project will develop an interpretive guide as a companion-piece to the Allagash Explorer, A take-along companion for Maine's wilderness waterway.</i></p>	<p>Funded: \$20,000</p> <p>Requested: \$20,000</p>	Statewide

Total Amount Funded for Category: 2 \$222,000

Category 3 Endangered & Threatened Species Conservation Projects

232-03-01	IFW	<p>Population Estimate of Arctic Charr Based on Familial Relationships</p> <p>University of Maine</p> <p><i>This project proposes to advance a genetic mark-recapture (g-MCR) method based on a pedigree sample to estimate population size for Arctic charr using one sampling event.</i></p>	<p>Funded: \$24,839</p> <p>Requested: \$24,839</p>	Hancock/Pisacataquis
232-03-02	DMR	<p>Tagging Titans: Advancing Conservation through White Shark Tracking</p> <p>Dept. of Marine Resources</p> <p><i>This research will act as a pilot study for tagging white sharks in coastal Maine, with the goals of investigating the distribution and habitat preferences of an important threatened apex predator.</i></p>	<p>Funded: \$16,550</p> <p>Requested: \$16,550</p>	Mid-Coast Maine
232-03-03	IFW	<p>Repeating Historical Purple Sandpiper Surveys in Maine to Inform Updated Status Listing</p> <p>Maine Natural History Observatory</p> <p><i>Repeating historical surveys for a Priority 1 Species of Greatest Conservation Need to inform updated status listing in Maine before the 2025-2035 State Wildlife Action Plan.</i></p>	<p>Funded: \$21,600</p> <p>Requested: \$21,600</p>	Penobscot and Frenchman Bays
232-03-04	DMR	<p>Trapping Data: Lobstering for Sharks in Muscongus Bay</p> <p>Dept. of Marine Resources</p> <p><i>This project aims to expand white shark acoustic monitoring to the Muscongus Bay region using local fishermen knowledge and lobster trap placement.</i></p>	<p>Funded: \$10,823</p> <p>Requested: \$10,823</p>	Muscongus Bay

Total Amount Funded for Category: 3 \$73,812

Category 4 Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protection of Public Health

232-04-01 IFW	Maine Search and Rescue Dogs Equipment	<i>Funded:</i> \$22,450	Statewide
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	<i>MESARD must upgrade radios for FCC compliance, and needs high visibility K-9 Search uniforms & vehicle decals for public safety..</i>		

232-04-02 SWCD	Strengthening Wabanaki Studies Through Water Quality Monitoring and Education	<i>Funded:</i> \$24,200	Statewide
	Penobscot Nation DNR	<i>Requested:</i> \$24,200	
	<i>Bioaccumulation monitoring in Penobscot Nation waters and Wabanaki studies in K-12 schools.</i>		

Total Amount Funded for Category: 4 \$46,650

of Grants Awarded: 23

Total All Categories: \$440,188