

Funding Sources List – for Cumberland Co. NJ Trails

FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES

Bicycle and pedestrian projects are broadly eligible for funding from almost all major federal-aid highway, transit, safety, and other programs. Bicycle projects must be principally for transportation, rather than recreation purposes and must be designed and located pursuant to the transportation plans required of states and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). Additional federal funding sources not directly related to transportation can be used creatively to enhance and restore open space, wetlands, and wildlife habitat along trails and also to fund interpretation of cultural and natural resources.

Healthy People 2010 Community Implementation Grants Program

The Federal Department of Health and Human Services plans to award hundreds of `micro-grants` to community organizations for activities that support the goals of Healthy People 2010, the nation's public health agenda for the next decade.

Contact: Federal Department of Health and Human Services
Administrative Officer, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Hubert H. Humphrey Building Room 738-G
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC, 20201
(202) 260-7654 <http://www.health.gov/healthypeople/Implementation/>

Federal Public Lands Highways Discretionary Fund

The Public Lands Highways (PLH) Program was originally established in 1930 by the Amendment Relative to Construction of Roads through Public Lands and Federal Reservations. Funding was provided from the General Fund of the Treasury. The intent of the program includes trails (under Provision for pedestrians and bicycles)

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<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21/factsheets/fedland.htm>

Brownfields Redevelopment Initiative

The Brownfields Redevelopment Initiative provides funds and loan guarantees to clean up and redevelop environmentally contaminated industrial and commercial sites, commonly known as brownfields. Funding includes trails

General Services Administration
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<http://bri.gsa.gov/brownfields/home/>

National Scenic Byways Program

National Scenic Byways Program: This component of TEA-21 is designed to protect and enhance America's designated scenic roads. Money is available for planning, safety and facility improvements, cultural and historic resource protection, and tourism information. Projects can include bicycle and pedestrian facilities

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<http://www.byways.org/grants/index.html>

US Dept of Housing & Urban Development Community Development Block Grants (CDBGs)

HUD provides these grants to communities for neighborhood revitalization, economic development and improvement of community facilities and services, especially in low and moderate income areas. These grants require no match of funds or services from the community. HUD provides entitlement to each of these communities annually and the community develops its own programs and sets funding priorities.

Recreation planning and development in low-income urban areas is an acceptable use of these funds. Seattle and Maryland have used these funds to develop rail-trails through urban areas—such trails can greatly enhance the quality of life in these areas and potentially bring new economic vitality to neglected areas.

More information on CDBGs can be found at:

<http://mf.hud.gov:63001/dgms/gpi/display.cfm?program=25>

US Dept of Agriculture Community Programs

Community Programs, a division of the Rural Housing Programs, is part of the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development mission area. Community Programs administers programs designed to develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. These facilities include schools, libraries, childcare, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation. Through its Community Programs, the Department of Agriculture is striving to ensure that such facilities are readily available to all rural communities. Community Programs utilizes three flexible financial tools to achieve this goal: the Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program, the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program, and the Community Facilities Grant Program.

The Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan and Direct Loan Programs can make and guarantee loans to develop essential community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Loans and guarantees are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as to non-profit corporations and tribal governments.

The Community Facilities Grant Program provides grants to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Grants are authorized on a graduated scale. Applicants located in small communities with low populations and low incomes will receive a higher percentage of grants. Grants are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as non-profit corporations and tribal governments.

More information on USDA Community Programs can be found at:

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

The LWCF was established in 1965 to help provide “close-to-home” park and recreation opportunities throughout the nation. Money for the fund comes from the sale or lease of non-renewable resources, primarily federal offshore oil and gas leases and surplus federal land sales. A large portion of the annual LWCF allocation goes toward acquisition of land for federal land management agencies; however, a portion of the money is provided to cities, counties and park districts to acquire land and develop parks. LWCF funds are provided to each state annually by the National Park Service. State funding is based on a population formula. A state administers the program through a State Liaison Officer, who recommends projects to the National Park Service for approval. Local governments are eligible applicants. Communities must be able to match LWCF grants with a 50 percent provision of funding or services.

In order to qualify for funding, a project must meet two criteria. First, the project must be primarily for recreation purposes, not transportation. Second, the organization leading the project must guarantee that the project will be maintained in perpetuity for public recreational use. Any deviation from recreational use must be approved by the National Park Service, and property of at least equal recreational value must be provided to replace the loss.

Americans for Our Heritage and Recreation provides an overview of the LWCF program at http://www.ahrinfo.org/lwcf_overview.html and links to the National Park Service and State Liaison Officers

The National Park Service maintains the LWCF website: <http://www.nrc.nps.gov/wcf/>

National Endowment for the Humanities America's Cultural & Historic Organizations Planning Grants

Public humanities programs promote the experience of lifelong learning in American and world history, literature, comparative religion, philosophy, and other fields of the humanities for broad public audiences. They invite reflection and conversation about important humanities ideas and questions. They offer new insights into familiar subjects and introduce us to unfamiliar ideas. NEH encourages projects that make creative use of new and emerging technologies to enhance the content of programs or to engage audiences in new ways.

Planning grants can be used to plan, refine, and develop the content and interpretive approach of programs that reach broad audiences, including exhibitions, interpretation at historic sites and houses, reading and discussion programs, Web-based or other digital projects, or other public programs that encourage discussion, analysis, and reflection in the humanities. Applicants should have already conducted preliminary consultation with scholars to help shape the humanities content of the project and with other programming advisers appropriate to the project’s format. NEH encourages complex projects that reach exceptionally large audiences.

More information including annual application deadlines, award information, eligibility and how to Prepare and Submit an Application can be found on the NEH website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants>

National Endowment for the Humanities Implementation Interpreting America's Historic Places PLANNING Grants

As part of its *We the People* program, NEH supports public humanities projects that exploit the evocative power of historic places to address themes and issues central to American history and culture, including those that advance knowledge of how the founding principles of the United States have shaped American

history and culture for more than two hundred years. Interpreting America's Historic Places projects may interpret a single historic site or house, a series of sites, an entire neighborhood, a town or community, or a larger geographical region. The place taken as a whole must be significant to American history, and the project must convey its historic importance to visitors. The audience for Interpreting America's Historic Places projects is the general public. (For other public humanities projects that may not focus so closely on historic places, refer to the planning grant guidelines for America's Historic and Cultural Organizations http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/AHCO_PlanningGuidelines.htm)

The goals of Interpreting America's Historic Places are to:

- enhance lifelong learning in American history by connecting nationally significant events, people, ideas, stories, and traditions with specific places;
- foster the development of interpretive programs for the public that address central events, themes, and issues in American history; and
- encourage consultation with humanities scholars and history organizations in the development of heritage tourism destinations

More information including annual application deadlines, award Information, eligibility and how to Prepare and Submit an Application can be found on the NEH website:
<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/historicplanning.html>

National Endowment for the Humanities Implementation Interpreting America's Historic Places IMPLEMENTATION Grants

Implementation grants for Interpreting America's Historic Places enable organizations to install new or enhanced interpretive programs at places of significance in American history or culture. Applicants for implementation grants should have already done most of the planning for their projects, including consultation with scholars and programming advisers, elaboration of the key humanities themes, articulation of program components, and performance of relevant research.

Implementation grants are being offered as part of the Interpreting America's Historic Places program, which supports public humanities projects that exploit the evocative power of historic places to address themes and issues central to American history and culture. Projects may interpret a single historic site or house, a series of sites, an entire neighborhood, a town or community, or a larger geographical region. The place taken as a whole must be significant to American history, and the project must convey its historic importance to visitors.

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<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/historicimplementation.html>

North American Wetlands Conservation Act Small Grants Program

The 1989 North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) promotes long-term conservation of North American wetlands ecosystems and the waterfowl and other migratory birds, fish and wildlife that depend on such habitats. Principal conservation actions supported by NAWCA are acquisition, creation, enhancement and restoration of wetlands and associated habitat. The US Fish and Wildlife Service administers the Small Grants Program, which promotes long-term wetlands conservation through encouraging participation by new grantees and partners who may not be able to compete in the regular grants program. The maximum grant award is \$50,000, and the proposals must represent on-the-ground projects rather than educational, interpretive, or other types of projects. There is a 1:1 non-federal match requirement.

More information on the program can be obtained through the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Division of Bird Habitat Conservation at <http://northamerican.fws.gov/NAWCA/smgrants.html>

Preserve America Grants

Preserve America grants are designed to support a variety of activities related to heritage tourism and innovative approaches to the use of historic properties as educational and economic assets. This matching grants program began October 1, 2005. These grants are intended to complement the bricks and mortar grants available under the Save America's Treasures program, and fund research and documentation, interpretation and education, planning, marketing, and training.

In FY 2006, \$5 million in federal Preserve America grant funding was awarded. Congress has approved up to \$5 million for Preserve America grants to be awarded in FY 2007, and a total of \$10 million has been requested for FY 2008.

Eligible recipients for these matching (50/50) grants include State Historic Preservation Officers, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, designated Preserve America Communities, and Certified Local Governments that are applying for Preserve America Community designation. Individual grants range from \$20,000 to \$150,000.

Further information on the application process and other details of the Preserve America grants program may be found at the National Park Service website :

<http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/preserveamerica/application.htm>, or at
<http://www.preserveamerica.gov/federalsupport.html>

SAFETEA-LU

(Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users)

On August 10, 2005, President George W. Bush signed the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). SAFETEA-LU authorizes the Federal surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety, and transit for the 5-year period 2005-2009.

With guaranteed funding for highways, highway safety, and public transportation totaling \$244.1 billion, SAFETEA-LU represents the largest surface transportation investment in our Nation's history. The two landmark bills that brought surface transportation into the 21st century—the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)—shaped the highway program to meet the Nation's changing transportation needs. SAFETEA-LU builds on this firm foundation, supplying the funds and refining the programmatic framework for investments needed to maintain and grow our vital transportation infrastructure.

SAFETEA-LU addresses the many challenges facing our transportation system today – challenges such as improving safety, reducing traffic congestion, improving efficiency in freight movement, increasing intermodal connectivity, and protecting the environment – as well as laying the groundwork for addressing future challenges. SAFETEA-LU promotes more efficient and effective Federal surface transportation programs by focusing on transportation issues of national significance, while giving State and local transportation decision makers more flexibility for solving transportation problems in their communities.

SAFETEA-LU continues a strong fundamental core formula program emphasis coupled with targeted investment.

For more information about SAFETEA-LU go to the US Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration's website at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/safetealu/summary.htm>

Contacts are also available for every metropolitan or county planning organization nationwide.

In the Philadelphia metro region contact:

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The Bourse Building
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Philadelphia, PA 19106
215-592-1800

SAFEEA-LU Surface Transportation Program

The Surface Transportation Program within SAFEEA-LU provides flexible funding that may be used by States and localities for projects on any Federal-aid highway, including the NHS, bridge projects on any public road, transit capital projects, and intracity and intercity bus terminals and facilities.

For detailed information on funding per year 2005-2009 and fact sheets on individual programs see US Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration's website at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/safetealu/factsheets/stp.htm>

SAFEEA-LU Transportation Enhancements Program

Transportation Enhancement Activities offer communities the opportunity to expand transportation choices. Activities such as safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities, scenic routes, beautification, and other investments increase opportunities for recreation, accessibility, and safety for everyone beyond traditional highway programs.

US Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration's website serves as a resource to States providing official legislation and guidance documents: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/te/>

The National Transportation Enhancements Clearinghouse (NTEC) website provides a very good can get an introduction to TE, allows you to access a database of TE projects, to find your state TE contacts, to order TE related documents, and more. Go to: <http://www.enhancements.org/>

SAFEEA-LU Safe Routes To School Program

Many of us remember a time when walking and bicycling to school was a part of everyday life. In 1969, about half of all students walked or bicycled to school. Today, however, the story is very different. Fewer than 15 percent of all school trips are made by walking or bicycling, one-quarter are made on a school bus, and over half of all children arrive at school in private automobiles.

This decline in walking and bicycling has had an adverse effect on traffic congestion and air quality around schools, as well as pedestrian and bicycle safety. In addition, a growing body of evidence has shown that children who lead sedentary lifestyles are at risk for a variety of health problems such as obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. Safety issues are a big concern for parents, who consistently cite traffic danger as a reason why their children are unable to bicycle or walk to school.

The purpose of the Federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program is to address these issues head on. At its heart, the SRTS Program empowers communities to make walking and bicycling to school a safe and routine activity once again. The Program makes funding available for a wide variety of programs and projects, from building safer street crossings to establishing programs that encourage children and their parents to walk and bicycle safely to school.

This website provides an overview of the Program, as well as specific Program Guidance to the States in the administration of SRTS funds. <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/>

Also see the National Safe Routes To School Clearing House, a centralized resource of information on successful Safe Routes to School programs, strategies and State specific information:

<http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/>

Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program (TCSP)

The Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) Program is a comprehensive initiative of research and grants to investigate the relationships between transportation, community, and system preservation plans and practices and identify provide sector-based initiatives to improve such relationships. States, metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, and tribal governments are eligible for discretionary grants to carry out eligible projects to integrate transportation, community, and system preservation plans and practices that:

- Improve the efficiency of the transportation system of the United States.
- Reduce environmental impacts of transportation.
- Reduce the need for costly future public infrastructure investments.
- Ensure efficient access to jobs, services, and centers of trade.
- Examine community development patterns and identify strategies to encourage private sector development patterns and investments that support these goals.

Section 1117 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFTEA-LU, Public Law 109-203) authorized the TCSP Program through FY 2009. A total of \$270 million is authorized for this Program in FY's 2005-2009.

For more information, go to the Federal Highway Administration's TCSP website:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tcsp/>

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program

Congestion mitigation and air quality improvement funds are authorized for transportation projects within non-attainment areas, such as Philadelphia, defined by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. To be funded, projects must contribute to attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Funds may be used for either the construction of bicycle transportation facilities and pedestrian walkways or non-construction projects (such as maps, brochures, and public service announcements) related to safe bicycle use. Funding is provided through an 80 percent federal and 20 percent state or local match.

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics provides a guide to CMAQ funding as part of its Internet library, see: <http://ntl.bts.gov/data/energy-env/air/00489.html>

See also the Federal Highway Administration's website regarding CMAQ:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/cmaq.htm>

National Highway System (NHS)

Funds may be used to construct bicycle transportation facilities and pedestrian walkways on land adjacent to any highway on the National Highway System, including Interstate highways. The facilities must be principally for transportation. Funding is provided through an 80 percent federal and 20 percent state or local match.

General information on this program is available at the Federal Highway Administration's website:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/fundrec.htm>

Recreational Trails Program

Funded through the Highway Trust Fund, the program is related to the Symms National Recreational Trails Act of 1991 and was originally created as the National Recreational Trails Trust Fund to provide for and maintain recreational trails that are part of Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORP). Pennsylvania's SCORP program is titled the "Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Program." Funds under this program may be used for all kinds of trail projects, including trail maintenance, acquisition and development, and for improving access to and use of trails by persons with disabilities. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources administers the program, which is described more fully below under "State Grant Programs." National mandates require that, of funds apportioned to a state, 30 percent be used for motorized trail uses, 30 percent for non-motorized trail uses, and 40 percent for diverse trail uses. The latter funds are allocated at the state's discretion, but preference is given to projects with the greatest number of compatible recreational purposes or to those that provide for innovative recreational trail corridors used for motorized and non-motorized recreation.

Information on this program is available through the Federal Highway Administration's website:
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21/factsheets/rec-trl.htm>

Federal Lands Highway Program

Provisions for pedestrians and bicyclists are eligible under the various categories of the program in conjunction with roads, highways, and parkways. Priority for funding projects is determined by the appropriate Federal Land Agency or Tribal government. These funds are used at the discretion of a state's department of transportation. Local municipalities may petition PennDOT to obtain funding. Bicycle facilities must be principally for transportation rather than recreation. Projects are 100 percent federally funded.

A new program category for refuge roads was added to FHLP. This program provides funds that may be used by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the FHWA for the maintenance and improvement of federally owned public roads that provide access to or within a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Refuge Roads funds may be used for:

- Maintenance and improvement of refuge roads;
- Maintenance and improvement of adjacent vehicular parking areas, provision for pedestrians and bicycles, and construction and reconstruction of roadside rest areas including sanitary and water facilities that are located in or adjacent to wildlife refuges;
- Administrative costs associated with such maintenance and improvements.

More information is available through the Federal Highway Administration's website:
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21/factsheets/fedland.htm>

Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)

The WRP program, operated by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), is available to help restore wetlands on non-federal lands. Private landowners and state, county and local governments can get the cost share funds to pay 75 percent of the restoration costs by agreeing to maintain the restoration for at least 10 years. To sign up or get more information, contact the local NRCS or conservation district office. Conservation Districts are listed in the "county government" section of most phone books. In many states, they are called Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

For more information on the program, see the Farm Bill Network website: <http://www.fb-net.org/wrp.htm>

Save America's Treasures

The Federal Save America's Treasures program is one of the largest and most successful grant programs for the protection of our nation's endangered and irreplaceable and endangered cultural heritage. Since 1999, Congress has appropriated more than \$200 million for the physical preservation and conservation of the nation's most significant collections, sites, structures, and buildings.

Established in 1998 with an eye toward the arrival of the new millennium the grants were created as a unique opportunity to take stock of who we are as Americans...and to asses what we want to carry into the 21st century. From the Star-Spangled Banner, to the ancient cliff dwellings at Mesa Verde National Park, to historic monuments in our hometowns, the testaments to our diverse American experience can be found in communities across the country. Unfortunately, too many of the historic sites, monuments, artifacts and documents that tell America's story are deteriorating and in danger of being lost forever. These treasures urgently require conservation and preservation to survive into the next millennium. To focus public attention on the importance of our national heritage and the need to save our treasures at risk, the White House Millennium Council teamed with the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1998 to establish Save America's Treasures.

Dedicated to the preservation and celebration of America's priceless historic legacy, Save Americas Treasures works to recognize and rescue the enduring symbols of American tradition that define us as a nation. Grants are available for preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant intellectual and cultural artifacts and historic structures and sites. Intellectual and cultural artifacts include artifacts, collections, documents, sculpture, and works of art. Historic structures and sites include historic districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects.

Grants are awarded to Federal, state, local, and tribal government entities, and non-profit organizations through a competitive matching-grant program, administered by the National Park Service in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities

For more information see: <http://www.saveamericastreasures.org/>

The Library of Congress and the Foundation Center Foundation Grants for Preservation in Libraries, Archives and Museums

Early in 2008 The Library of Congress and the Foundation Center, in a joint partnership, have compiled a new Web-based fundraising guide to help the preservation community save the nation's millions of at-risk artifacts for future generations.

The guide, titled " Foundation Grants for Preservation in Libraries, Archives and Museums," is available for free download at the Library of Congress website: www.loc.gov/preserv/

To create the guide, The Library of Congress and the Foundation Center consulted with Heritage Preservation, a nonprofit group serving libraries, archives and other groups dedicated to preserving historical and cultural collections.

STATE GRANT PROGRAMS – NEW JERSEY

NJ Transportation Trust Fund's Local Aid Program

Funding includes bike/ped paths, particularly those serving transit. Provides up to \$2 million/year, with counties as the recipient.

Contact: NJ Department of Transportation
Jim Berzok (609) 530-2034
or Sherry Davis, Coordinator for "Bikeway Grants"
<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid/>

Green Acres Program

Provides funding (low interest loans and grants) to towns, counties, and nonprofit land trusts to do land acquisition and park development. Both have trail components, both in acquiring land for trails/greenways and also for dev

The Green Acres Program comprises four program areas: State Park and Open Space Acquisition, Local Governments and Nonprofit Funding, Stewardship and Legal Services, and Planning and Technical Assistance. The mission of the Green Acres Program is to achieve a system of interconnected open spaces

Contact: NJ Dept of Environmental Protection-Green Acres Program
Martha Sullivan Sapp, Chief, Bureau of Green Trust Management
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<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/greenacres/index.html>

Historic Preservation Certified Local Government Grants

Certified Local Government (CLG) matching grant funds may be used to promote historic preservation projects such as municipal Master Plan development, historic resource surveys, planning and education projects, historic structures reports, and historic preservation projects

Contact: NJ Dept of Environmental Protection-Div of Parks & Forestry
George Chidley, CLG Coordinator
NJDEP-Division of Parks & Forestry
Historic Preservation Office
PO Box 404, Trenton NJ 08625-0404
(609) 984-6017 gchidley@dep.state.nj.us
<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/hpo/3preserve/local.htm#clg>

Smart Growth Planning Grants

The state budget provides \$3 million annually in Smart Growth Planning Grants. The program is administered by the state Department of Community Affairs under the leadership of Commissioner Susan Bass Levin, in conjunction with the Office of State Planning. Smart growth projects, including trail projects are eligible

Contact: NJ Department of Community Affairs in conjunction with the Office of State Planning
Ben Spinelli, Executive Director
NJ Department of Community Affairs

Post Office Box 204, Trenton NJ 08625-0204

609-292-3502 osg_ed@dca.state.nj.us

<http://nj.gov/dca/osg/resources/grants/index.shtml>

Pennsylvania has five major programs supporting greenways and trails, administered by the Pennsylvania

New Jersey Pinelands Commission

The commission has a \$6-7 million land acquisition fund. Funding includes bike/ped paths, particularly those serving transit. Provides up to \$2 million/year, with counties as the recipient.

Contact: Pinelands Commission

PO Box 359 15 Springfield Road

New Lisbon, New Jersey 08064

Phone: (609) 894-7300 Fax: (609) 894-7330

<http://www.state.nj.us/pinelands/home/contact.html>

Office of Natural Resource Damage Assessment

Provide funding through mitigation and pollution settlements for loss of open space

Contact: John Sacco

Department of Environmental Protection

Office of Natural Resource Restoration

609-984-5475 <http://www.nj.gov/dep/nrr/>

FOUNDATION GRANTS AND OTHER PRIVATE FUNDING

Numerous large community, family, and corporate foundations make grants to greenway and trail groups. Copies of directories of foundations can be found in local libraries. The directories provide information on each foundation's grantmaking history and philosophy. One of the most well-known directories is *Environmental Grantmaking Foundations*, published annually by Resources for Global Sustainability, Inc., which maintains a database of over 47,000 grant programs that can be searched by keywords to determine the foundations serving a particular area and type of project. The directory is available as hard copy or on cd-rom. Foundations can also be located by searching the internet. Other resources for grant information include economic development agencies and trust officers at local banks, who manage small family foundations and charitable trusts.

American Greenways Eastman Kodak Awards

A partnership between The Conservation Fund and photo giant Eastman-Kodak has launched the American Greenways Eastman Kodak Awards (formerly the American Greenways DuPont Awards). The program provides small grants of \$500 to \$2,500 to groups and individuals planning and designing greenways throughout the United States. Grants can be used to cover planning, technical assistance, legal or other costs associated with greenway projects. Grants may not be used for academic research, general institutional support, lobbying, or political activities.

The deadline for submitting applications is June 1, and awards will be presented in early fall. To receive an application form contact: The American Greenways Program c/o The Conservation Fund, 1800 North Kent Street, Suite 1120, Arlington, Virginia 22209 or visit their website: <http://www.conservationfund.org>.

Bike Belong Coalition Grants Program

The Bikes Belong Coalition is sponsored by the bicycle industry, with the mission of putting more people on bicycles more often. The Bikes Belong Coalition Grants Program <http://bikesbelong.org/site/page.cfm?PageID=21> provides grants of up to \$10,000 to nonprofit organizations and public agencies at the national, regional, and local level for facility, capacity, and education projects. Priority is given to organizations that are directly involved in building coalitions for bicycling by collaborating the efforts of bicycle industry and advocacy groups. Requests are reviewed quarterly, please see the website each year for application deadlines and guidelines.

Fish America Foundation

Fish America Foundation provides funding to public and private organizations for projects that enhance or conserve water and fisheries resources, including community efforts. In the last 18 years, the Foundation has provided 620 grants. These can include greenways that enhance or conserve water resources

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Johanna DeGroff, Grants Administrator

Grant Applications, Fish America Foundation

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<http://www.asafishing.org/content/conservation/fishamerica/>

Green Communities

Green Communities is a five-year, \$555 million initiative to build more than 8,500 environmentally healthy homes for low-income families. Created by Enterprise in partnership with the Natural Resources Defense Council, Green Communities will transform the way America thinks about, designs, and builds affordable communities. The initiative provides grants, financing, tax-credit equity, and technical assistance to developers who meet Green Communities Criteria for affordable housing that promotes health, conserves energy and natural resources, and provides easy access to jobs, schools, and services.

For more information see: <http://www.enterprisefoundation.org/resources/green/index.asp>

Home Depot Foundation

The Home Depot Foundation was created in 2002 to further the community building goals of The Home Depot Company by providing additional resources to assist nonprofit organizations throughout the United States and Canada.

Just like The Home Depot, the Foundation relies on the participation of many corporate partners. Many of the vendors who help fill the company's shelves are also contributing their dollars to help The Home Depot Foundation build better communities. These companies share our vision for stronger, healthier, more sustainable neighborhoods in all the communities we serve.

The Home Depot Foundation mission is to build affordable, efficient and healthy homes while promoting sustainability by supporting nonprofit organizations with funding and volunteers.

To better support its mission, The Home Depot Foundation will award most of its grants by directly soliciting proposals from high-performing nonprofit organizations with the demonstrated ability to create strong partnerships, impact multiple communities and leverage grant resources.

In order to identify potential future nonprofit partners or respond to unique community revitalization opportunities, a limited amount of funding is set aside to be awarded through a competitive process.

The Home Depot's core purpose is to improve everything we touch, including the communities where we live and work. The Home Depot Foundation, The Home Depot and the many suppliers who contribute to the Foundation recognize the importance of giving back to our communities by engaging associates in meaningful volunteer activities. We believe it is a shared responsibility to enhance our communities and protect the environment. Preference will be given to grant requests that offer volunteerism opportunities and encourage community engagement.

Specifically, our Foundation supports organizations that have demonstrated success within one of the following program areas:

- Affordable Housing, Built Responsibly
- Healthy Community and Wildland Forests

For more information see: <http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/>

Kresge Foundation Green Building Initiative

Encouraging nonprofit organizations to consider building green

The Foundation's Green Building Initiative, launched in 2003, is intended to increase the awareness of sustainable or green building practices among nonprofits and encourage them to consider building green. Upfront planning and an integrated design process are necessary to achieve the full benefits of a green building. The Initiative offers educational resources and special grants to help nonprofits during this planning phase.

The Initiative's Planning Grant program encourages nonprofits working in the arts, health, and human service areas to consider green for the first time. Grant guidelines in this program encourage environmentally-focused organizations to innovate, creating new models of sustainable design. Planning grants are available in amounts from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

The Initiative's LEED Bonus Grant program for grantees in the Capital Challenge Grant Program is closed with a total of \$7,200,000 committed to 42 nonprofit organizations. These organizations will receive bonus grants of \$150,000 or \$250,000 when their projects became LEED certified by the U.S. Green Building Council (<http://www.usgbc.org>).

The Foundation also makes available a series of educational materials designed specifically for nonprofits, helping you understand the green approach and consider it next time you build. Download the brochures at right.

For more information visit The Kresge Foundation

<http://www.betterbricks.com/custom/popupframeset.aspx?URL=http://www.kresge.org>

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF)

Founded in 1957, the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) has a long and proud history of contributing to grassroots community projects. LCEF awards more than \$3 million annually to diverse organizations and schools across the United States where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers. The Foundation's primary philanthropic focus areas include K-12 public schools and non-profit community-based organizations.

Additionally, Lowe's is a proud supporter of Habitat for Humanity International, American Red Cross, United Way of America, and the Home Safety Council, and numerous other non-profit organizations and

programs that help communities across the country. Lowe's also encourages volunteerism through the Lowe's Heroes program, a company-wide employee volunteer initiative.

For more information on all these programs please visit <http://www.Lowes.com/community>.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

A nonprofit established by Congress in 1984, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation sustains, restores and enhances the Nation's fish, wildlife, plants, and habitats. Through leadership conservation investments with public and private partners, NFWF is dedicated to achieving maximum conservation impact by developing and applying best practices and innovative methods for measurable outcomes.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation provides funding on a competitive basis to projects that sustain, restore and enhance the Nation's fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats through our Keystone Initiative Grants and other Special Grant Programs.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Keystone Initiative Grants

Under our new strategic plan the Foundation seeks to achieve measurable outcomes on a select set of conservation issues through our Keystone Initiatives. Within each of the initial Keystone Initiatives (i.e., Birds, Freshwater Fish, Wildlife & Habitat, Marine & Coastal), the Foundation has established specific funding priorities. Federal, state, and local governments, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations are welcome to apply for matching grants twice annually, in accordance with the Keystone Initiative Grant guidelines. To learn more about and apply for Keystone Initiative Grants visit: http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Keystone_Initiatives_Grant_Guidelines

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Special Grant Programs

In addition to the Keystone Initiative Grants, the Foundation administers Special Grant Programs that have specific guidelines and timelines. Prospective applicants should review the list of Special Grant Programs to determine which may be appropriate for your needs. If your project is not appropriate under the grant program for which it was submitted, Foundation staff may move it to another grant program for funding consideration; applicants will be notified if this occurs. Deadlines for applying to Special Grant Programs are listed for the most recent grant cycle and are updated when a new call for proposals is released. Browse our Special Grant Programs. Learn more about and apply for Special Grant Programs visit: http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Grant_Programs

New England Foundation for the Arts Art & Community Landscapes Grant Program

The Art & Community Landscapes is an artist-in-residency program created by the National Park Service, National Endowment for the Arts, and the New England Foundation for the Arts. It is intended to support public art that will become a catalyst for environmental awareness and stewardship in selected communities.

Each year two sites are pre-selected by a panel process to serve as the artist-in-residence sites. Each project site has an accompanying partner organization that will work with the selected artist to help implement their project and make connections in the local community. In 2005 these were the Allston Brighton Lincoln Street Green Strip, Boston, Massachusetts and RiverPlace on the Schuylkill River Water Trail, Reading, Pennsylvania.

Interested artists and artist teams should submit an application packet to NEFA. When applying for an ACL grant, artists choose from the list of available project sites and indicate their preferred project site on their application.

For more information see: http://www.nefa.org/grantprog/acl/acl_grant_app.html

National Trust for Historic Preservation Partners in Tourism

Cultural heritage tourism is traveling to experience the places and activities that authentically represent the stories and people of the past and present. It includes historic, cultural and natural attractions.

The website (<http://www.culturalheritagetourism.org/aboutUs.htm>) has been developed as a resource for organizations and individuals who are developing, marketing or managing cultural heritage tourism attractions or programs. These cultural heritage tourism “practitioners” can come from a variety of fields—tourism, historic preservation, the arts, humanities, museums, economic development, main street, heritage areas, and many other fields. Practitioners can include non-profit organizations, government entities, federal agencies and coalitions formed to bring these and other partners together. While the variety of different partners contribute to the richness of cultural heritage tourism, it can also make it more difficult to track down resources and how-to information.

This electronic clearinghouse includes information provided by many different members of Partners in Tourism, a coalition of the national organizations and agencies with an interest in cultural heritage tourism. For those just getting started, there are guiding principles and how-to steps for launching a new effort. The success stories featured here will both inspire and inform, and the resources section includes key contacts in virtually every state as well as national resources for funding, technical assistance and other programs.

The links to the partner organizations may provide information on additional cultural tourism funding/grant opportunities.

Pew Charitable Trusts

The Pew Charitable Trusts, based in Philadelphia, are a national philanthropy established 48 years ago. Through their grantmaking, the Trusts seek to encourage individual development and personal achievement, cross-disciplinary problem solving and innovative, practical approaches to meeting the changing needs of a global community. Each year, the Trusts make grants of about \$180 million to between 400 and 500 nonprofit organizations in six areas: culture, education, environment, health and human services, public policy, and religion. In addition, the Venture Fund supports independent projects outside of these six areas that take an interdisciplinary approach to broad issues of significant interest or concern.

In particular, the Culture program selectively supports programs for artists and cultural organizations in Philadelphia and has funded history interpretive programs—the Heritage Investment Program has provided technical assistance and challenge grants to historic sites in Philadelphia and the region, and the Philadelphia History Exhibitions Initiative has assisted Philadelphia-area history museums in producing high-quality, innovative exhibitions. Such programs could be used to fund interpretation of trail related historic resources and sites.

More information on the Pew Charitable Trusts grants programs is available on their website:
<http://www.pewtrusts.com/grants/>

Recreational Equipment, Incorporated (REI) Conservation and Recreation Grants

REI awards conservation grants to organizations for the protection and enhancement of natural resources for use in outdoor recreation. Small grants of up to \$5,000 are offered to accomplish the following:

- Preservation of wildlands and open space
- Advocacy oriented education for the general public about conservation issues
- Building the membership base of a conservation organization

- Direct citizen action campaigns on public land and water recreation issues
- Projects working to organize a trails constituency or to enhance the effectiveness of a trails organization's work as a trails advocate at the state or local level

In addition to preserving and protecting the environment, REI also encourages people to get outdoors for recreation. Outdoor recreation grants support projects that do the following:

- increase access to outdoor activities
- encourage involvement in muscle-powered recreation
- promote safe participation in outdoor muscle-powered recreation and proper care for outdoor resources

More information can be found at REI's website: http://www.rei.com/reihtml/about_rei/grants.html

Surdna Foundation

This foundation is a national leader in funding greenway efforts and, as an example, has funded the Florida Statewide Greenways Program. Surdna supports government, private and volunteer actions that produce a sustainable environment. They encourage the restoration of suburban and urban environments by public and community involvement in education, planning for and advocating environmental appreciation. One area of focus is alternative transportation, particularly reducing vehicle miles traveled and maximizing accessibility over mobility.

Information on their grants programs can be located at the Surdna website:
<http://www.surdna.org/programs/>

William Penn Foundation - Environment and Communities Grants Program

The mission of the William Penn Foundation is to improve the quality of life in the Philadelphia region through efforts that: strengthen our children's future; foster rich cultural expression; and deepen our connections to nature and community. The foundation has provided substantial and consistent funding during the past few decades for greenway and trail planning and development in the Philadelphia area, including a bi-state greenway project on the Delaware River, greenways development along the Delaware and Raritan Canal, and funding for the Mid-Atlantic Coordinator position associated with the East Coast Greenway in Pennsylvania. Religious organizations, non-profits and government agencies are eligible applicants.

The foundation's Environment and Communities grants program focuses on two priorities:

- **Sustainable Regional Development:** Our approach is based on the belief that older, urban neighborhoods, even those that have suffered decades of urban decline, have unique assets that distinguish them from their suburban counterparts. By enhancing and leveraging these assets, urban communities can reconnect to the regional economy and become more attractive places to live and do business. The changing field of community development highlights the need for comprehensive solutions that include systems change and market-oriented approaches.
- **Sustainable Watershed Assets:** Our approach emphasizes the essential relationship between land use and water quality. The Foundation has a long history of grantmaking to advance protection and restoration of watersheds: the lands that drain into a river system. Past initiatives have included major grant programs to protect and restore the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers – waterways that historically have played important roles in shaping the growth and development of Greater Philadelphia and serve as major sources for drinking water.

Information about the foundation's Environment and Communities grants can be located at
http://www.williamspennfoundation.org/info-url_nocat3569/info-url_nocat.htm

Information on Sustainable Regional Development can be located at
http://www.williamspennfoundation.org/info-url_nocat3569/info-url_nocat_show.htm?doc_id=117092

Information on Sustainable Regional Development can be located at
http://www.williamspennfoundation.org/info-url_nocat3569/info-url_nocat_show.htm?doc_id=117091

RESOURCES FOR TRAIL FUNDING INFORMATION

American Trails

www.americantrails.org

Articles on many aspects of trail funding. (check under resources on website).

Conservation Assistance Tools

<http://cat.sonoran.org/>

Technical and funding information for organizations working on conservation projects across the United States.

Environmental Grantmakers Association

www.ega.org

A voluntary association of foundations and giving programs concerned with the protection of the natural environment.

Foundation Center

www.fdncenter.org

A leading authority on institutional philanthropy. The Center's collection of resources is available in libraries in all 50 states in the U.S.

Trails and Greenways Clearinghouse

www.trailsandgreenways.org

Technical assistance, information resources, and referrals to trail and greenway advocates and developers. Includes a database of funding sources for trail and greenway projects (check under technical assistance on website).