

## Funding Opportunities

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

- **Coastal Resilience Grants** - grants for strengthening coastal communities and habitat restoration. Typical award amounts will range from \$250,000 to \$1 million for projects lasting up to three years. Cost-sharing through cash or in-kind contributions is expected ([www.coast.noaa.gov/resilience-grant/](http://www.coast.noaa.gov/resilience-grant/)).

### U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- **Brownfields Assessment Grants and Area-Wide Planning Grants** – funds to inventory and assess brownfields sites for re-development activities and funds to conduct sustainable re-development ([www.epa.gov/brownfields/types-brownfields-grant-funding](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/types-brownfields-grant-funding)).
- **Environmental Finance Centers** – available in every region to help your community figure out how to fund green infrastructure projects ([www.epa.gov/envirofinance/efcn](http://www.epa.gov/envirofinance/efcn)).
- **Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program** – accelerates investment in our nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects ([www.epa.gov/wifia](http://www.epa.gov/wifia)).

### Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- **Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants** – administered through your state and focused on low-lying areas prone to hazard impacts ([www.fema.gov/pre-disaster-mitigation-grant-program](http://www.fema.gov/pre-disaster-mitigation-grant-program)).

### National Park Service

- **Land and Water Conservation Fund** – administered by your state natural resource department for acquisition of open space ([www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/index.htm)).

### National Endowment for the Arts

- **Arts Works Grants** – green infrastructure can incorporate the arts in the design ([www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works](http://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works)).
- **Our Town Grants** – grants to enhance community sense of place and arts which can both be incorporated into green infrastructure design ([www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town](http://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town)).

## **U.S. Department of Transportation**

- **Transportation Infrastructure Grants** - encouraging green infrastructure integration into transportation projects to help increase resiliency of transportation infrastructure ([www.transportation.gov/grants](http://www.transportation.gov/grants)).

## **Economic Development Administration**

- **Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance grants and Disaster Relief Grants** – for areas impacted by a severe weather event and need to rebuild in a more sustainable way to encourage economic development. Ongoing opportunities ([www.eda.gov](http://www.eda.gov)).

## **National Recreation and Parks Association**

- **Great Urban Parks Campaign Grants** – opportunity available mid-2017 to incorporate green infrastructure into community parks ([www.nrpa.org/greeninfrastructure](http://www.nrpa.org/greeninfrastructure)).

## **Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds**

- Tax credit bonds allocated to cities and counties with a population of 100,000 or more that can be used for green infrastructure. This is part of a stimulus program and states have this money available. Contact your state energy office.

## **National Science Foundation Environmental Sustainability Grants**

- Opportunities through the Environmental Sustainability program focus on promoting sustainable, engineered systems that support human well-being and that are also compatible with sustaining natural (environmental) systems ([www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=505338](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505338)). Available annually with a closing date of October 20.

## **New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Grant and Loan Programs** ([www.state.nj.us/dep/grantandloanprograms/](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/grantandloanprograms/))

- **Blue Acres Program** - The Green Acres, Farmland, Blue Acres, and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2007 authorized \$12 million for acquisition of lands in the floodways of the Delaware River, Passaic River or Raritan River, and their respective tributaries, for recreation and conservation purposes. An additional \$24 million was approved by the voters in the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009.

Properties (including structures) that have been damaged by, or may be prone to incurring damage caused by, storms or storm-related flooding, or that may buffer or protect other lands from such damage, are eligible for acquisition. All Blue Acres acquisitions must be from willing sellers ([www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/blue\\_flood\\_ac.html](http://www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/blue_flood_ac.html)).

- **Green Communities Grant** - To assist local governments in the development of a Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP). Funding is provided by the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program. A 100% match of the grant amount is required in cash or in-kind services ([www.state.nj.us/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr\\_gccg.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_gccg.htm)).
- **Shore Protection Grants & Loans** - \$25,000,000 annual appropriation for the Shore Protection Fund to aid in protecting public and private property and infrastructure from coastal storm damage, erosion and shoreline migration, and sea-level rise. Projects include beach replenishment and construction and maintenance of bulkheads, jetties, and seawalls ([www.state.nj.us/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr\\_spgl.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_spgl.htm)).

### **New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program (NJEIFP)**

- The New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program (NJEIFP) is a partnership between the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (Trust) to provide low cost financing for the design, construction, and implementation of projects that help protect and improve water quality and help ensure safe and adequate drinking water. Their booklet provides an overview of all financial assistance programs ([www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/pdf/NJEIFP\\_Funding\\_Booklet20170517.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/pdf/NJEIFP_Funding_Booklet20170517.pdf)).