



Guide to Potential Funding Sources

NOTE: Your project might be eligible for more funding assistance than you think!

While there are only a few grant, loan, and tax credit programs specifically targeted at historic preservation projects, many preservation projects include cultural, arts, education, and environmental components that may qualify them for other types of funding. When looking for funding assistance, consider **all** aspects of your project. Are you trying to make your building energy efficient, or are you working on a historic park or other landscape project? Then you might qualify for a grant from an environmental organization. Can you incorporate an educational element into your project to teach people about the historical, cultural, or architectural aspects of your site? Then you might qualify for an arts, cultural, or educational grant. Will your project enhance your community, promote tourism or business, or create housing? Then you might qualify for community development funding. **Explore as many opportunities as you can – you never know what you'll find!**

Don't hesitate to contact grant givers for more information, especially for lists of past grant recipients and copies of successful grant applications. Contacting past recipients for advice and looking at examples of good grant applications can help you make your own application better and improve your chances of success.

Good luck with your search!

Grants—State or Federal

Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

Unfortunately, DCR's Heritage Landscape Inventory program and Heritage Landscape grants are no longer available. However, there are some grants for parks, trails, and other sites that might be useful for projects involving historic landscapes. Their grant program has changed recently. Go to their website for current information:

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/eea-office-of-grants-and-technical-assistance>

Department of Housing & Community Development

In service to Massachusetts' residents and municipalities, the Division of Community Services offers programs, funding, and technical assistance to support the advancement towards self-sufficiency of low-income households and the revitalization of cities and towns.

- **Community Development Action Grant (CDAG)**

The Community Development Action Grant (CDAG) Program, which most recently has funded projects to support the production of workforce and affordable housing, has now been consolidated into the MassWorks Infrastructure Program, a new one-stop shop at EOHD for municipalities and other eligible applicants seeking public infrastructure funding to support these and other economic development projects. For more information about this program, please go to: MassWorks Infrastructure Program -

<http://www.mass.gov/hed/economic/eohed/pr/infrastructure/massworks/>

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The Community Development Block Grant Program is a federally funded, competitive grant program designed to address revitalization efforts and the needs of low- and moderate-income residents by supporting housing, community and economic development activities in small cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth.

- **Community Development Block Grant - Recovery Act Program (CDBG-R)**

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated \$9.1 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to Massachusetts for distribution through the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The money will be granted to non-entitlement cities and towns.

- **Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)**

The Community Services Block Grant is a federally funded, poverty reduction program that was created to promote and provide an array of services and activities to encourage self-sufficiency and to make permanent improvements in the lives of low-income families and individuals.

- **Economic Development Fund (EDF)**
The Economic Development Fund, a component of the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program, provides funding for projects that create and/or retain jobs, improve the local and/or regional tax base, or otherwise enhance the quality of life in the community. EDF gives priority to assistance for physical improvements and mixed-use projects supporting downtown and commercial center development.
- **Gateway Plus Action Grant**
Funding to 18 Gateway Cities to support local strategic planning efforts to increase diversity of housing options, increase economic opportunities, foster and strengthen civic engagement, and revitalize neighborhoods.
- **Individual Development Account (IDA)**
The Individual Development Account is a state funded pilot program that provides funds for low to moderate income wage earners to reach self sufficiency and ultimately achieve homeownership.
- **Massachusetts Downtown Initiative (MDI)**
The primary mission of the Massachusetts Downtown Initiative is to make downtown revitalization an integral part of community development in cities and towns across the Commonwealth.
- **Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS)**
Neighborhood Housing Services Program assists residents and public/private entities to reinvest in urban neighborhoods in Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, Quincy, and Springfield by rehabilitating housing and making it affordable for low and moderate-income families.
- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)**
NSP1 is a \$54.8 million grant program from the Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) awarded by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to Massachusetts and four of its cities. These NSP funds are to be used primarily for the acquisition and rehabilitation of abandoned and foreclosed properties. NSP2 is a competitive grant program from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) awarded by federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- **Peer to Peer Technical Assistance Program**

The Peer-To-Peer Technical Assistance Program provides small grants to municipalities for short-term problem solving or technical assistance projects.

For information on all the above programs, go to:
<https://www.mass.gov/community-development-planning-and-funding>

Division of Conservation Services

The Division of Conservation Services offers grant programs to municipalities for the acquisition of conservation and recreation land, as well as the development and renovation of parks. These programs can help in the preservation of historic landscapes.

- **Landscape Partnership Program**
EEA is pleased to introduce a new grant opportunity for FY2012 called the Landscape Partnership Program. This program will offer competitive grants to municipalities, non-profit organizations and EEA agencies to help fund partnership projects that permanently protect a minimum of 500 acres of land. The Landscape Partnership Program seeks to preserve large, unfragmented, high value conservation landscapes including working forests and farms, expand state-municipal-private partnerships, increase leveraging of state dollars, enhance stewardship of conservation land, and provide public access opportunities.
- **Conservation Appraisals and Open Space & Recreation Plans for Small Communities Grant Program**
Reimbursement funding for Open Space & Recreation Plans (OSRPs) and/or appraisals contracted in order to apply to the LAND grant program. Available to all communities with a population of fewer than 5,000 people. Funding is non-competitive; all eligible applicants will receive contracts on a rolling basis until all available funding is allocated. Participants must have an executed state contract prior to getting the appraisal. The Participant must submit a complete LAND application to receive reimbursement. Reimbursement under this grant is not contingent upon the Participant's LAND application being selected for funding.
- **Massachusetts Land and Water Conservation Fund**
The Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund (P.L. 88-578) provides up to 50% of the total project cost for the acquisition, development and renovation of park, recreation or conservation areas. Municipalities, special districts and state agencies are eligible to apply. Nearly 4000 acres have been acquired and hundreds of parks renovated using the \$95.6

million that Massachusetts has received from the state side portion of the federal program since 1965. DCS administers the state side Land & Water Conservation Fund program in Massachusetts. Access by the general public is required.

- **Massachusetts Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Program**
The LAND Program (formerly the Self-Help Program) was established in 1961 to assist municipal conservation commissions acquiring land for natural resource and passive outdoor recreation purposes. Lands acquired may include wildlife, habitat, trails, unique natural, historic or cultural resources, water resources, forest, and farm land. Compatible passive outdoor recreational uses such as hiking, fishing, hunting, cross-country skiing, bird observation and the like are encouraged. Access by the general public is required.
- **Massachusetts Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Program**
The PARC Program (formerly the Urban Self-Help Program) was established in 1977 to assist cities and towns in acquiring and developing land for park and outdoor recreation purposes. Any town with a population of 35,000 or more year-round residents, or any city regardless of size, that has an authorized park /recreation commission is eligible to participate in the program. Communities that do not meet the population criteria listed above may still qualify under the "small town," "regional," or "statewide" project provisions of the program.
- **Conservation Partnership Grant**
The Conservation Partnership Grants provide funding to assist non-public, not-for-profit corporations in acquiring interests in lands suitable for conservation or recreation purposes.
- **Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant Program**
This grant provides funds to assist public water systems and municipal water departments in protecting and conserving the quality and quantity of public drinking water supply sources in the Commonwealth. It is a reimbursement program.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/grants-and-tech-assistance/grants-and-loans/dcs/grant-programs/>

Division of Housing Development

Housing Development programs provide funding opportunities to for-profit and non-profit developers. The programs offered encourage the development of affordable rental projects

that serve both families and individuals with annual incomes at or below 80% of area median income.

- **Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF)**
- **Capital Improvement and Preservation Fund (CIPF)**
Capital Improvement and Preservation Fund (CIPF) is a state funded program that provides funds for the preservation of expiring use properties or for properties with expiring project-based rental assistance contracts.
- **Commercial Area Transit Node Housing Program (CATNHP)**
Commercial Area Transit Node Housing Program (CATNHP) is a state funded bond program available to municipalities, non-profit and for-profit sponsors to support rental housing production or rehabilitation.
- **Community Based Housing (CBH)**
The Community Based Housing (CBH) program provides funding for the development of integrated housing for people with disabilities, including elders, with priority for individuals who are in institutions or nursing facilities or at risk of institutionalization.
- **Facilities Consolidation Fund (FCF)**
Facilities Consolidation Fund (FCF) is a state funded program for non-profit developers to create and preserve affordable rental housing for clients of the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Mental Retardation.
- **HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)**
The HOME Program is a federally funded program that provides funding to non-profit or for-profit developers for affordable rental housing production and rehabilitation.
- **Housing Innovations Fund (HIF)**
The Housing Innovations Fund (HIF) is a state funded program for non-profit developers to create and preserve affordable rental housing for special needs populations.
- **Housing Stabilization Fund (HSF)**
The Housing Stabilization Fund (HSF) is a state funded program for municipalities, non-profit, or for-profit developers to support affordable rental housing production and rehabilitation.
- **Lead Abatement Program**
The Massachusetts Lead Abatement Program is a federally funded program for municipalities and non-profit developers serving communities that have been determined to be at "high risk" for lead paint contamination.
- **Local Initiative Program (LIP)**
The Local Initiative Program is a state housing program that was established to give cities and

towns more flexibility in their efforts to provide low and moderate-income housing.

- **Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)**

The Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC) is a federally authorized program for non-profit and for-profit developers to promote the construction and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing. Often these units are within a larger mixed income development.

NOTE: The above list is only a sample of this agency's programs. The Housing Development division also has a number of other programs, including assistance for individual homeowners and renters, such as energy efficiency loans and grants and assistance for first-time homebuyers.

For information about these and other Housing and Economic Development programs, go to:

<https://www.mass.gov/housing-development-programs>

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The U.S. EPA's **Pollution Prevention (P2) Grant Program** funds **state and tribal technical assistance projects to help businesses identify better environmental strategies and solutions for reducing or eliminating waste at the source.**

Eligible applicants include the fifty states, any agency or instrumentality of a state, including state colleges/universities and federally-recognized tribes; local governments, private universities, for-profit organizations, nonprofit organizations, private businesses, and individuals are **not** eligible.

(NOTE – It seems as though this program might be a good way to show that preserving historic sites and structures is a great way to “reduce or eliminate waste at the source.”)

Massworks Infrastructure Program

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program provides a one-stop shop for municipalities and other eligible public entities seeking public infrastructure funding to support economic development and job creation.

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program provides public infrastructure grants that support four project types:

- Housing development at density of at least 4 units to the acre (both market and affordable units)
- Transportation improvements to enhance safety in small, rural communities
- Community revitalization and sustainable development
- Economic development and job creation and retention

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program is administered by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation and Executive Office for Administration & Finance.

More information is available at:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massworks-infrastructure-grants>

Executive Office of Transportation

Transportation Enhancement Program

Provides funds for transportation enhancement activities.

- Eligible projects include historic preservation, rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles, landscaping and other scenic beautification, and preservation of abandoned railway corridors, including conversion of use for pedestrians and bicycles.

More information is available by contacting the Executive Office of Transportation at (617) 973-7000 or online at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/funding-for-community-transportation#state-funding->

Massachusetts Cultural Council

The John and Abigail Adams Arts Program

Provides funds to promote the use of cultural resources as a tool for economic development.

More information is available by contacting Massachusetts Cultural Council at (617) 727-3668 or online at <http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/>

Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund

The goal of the Cultural Facilities Fund is to increase investments from both the public sector and the private sector to support the sound planning and development of cultural facilities in Massachusetts.

The Fund will provide Capital Grants and Feasibility and Technical Assistance Grants to promote the acquisition, design, repair, rehabilitation renovation, expansion, or construction of nonprofit cultural facilities in Massachusetts.

More information is available by contacting Massachusetts Cultural Council at (617) 727-3668 or online at

<http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/facilities/facilities.htm>

Cultural Investment Portfolio

Provides unrestricted general operating support.

Becoming Part of the Cultural Investment Portfolio

CIP supports organizations of all sizes and disciplines statewide. There are three levels of participation to the Portfolio - Peers, Colleagues, and Partners. Organizations can choose to participate at any level for which they are eligible.

Peers

Peer grants are designed primarily for organizations seeking operating support from the MCC for the first time, young organizations, not fully-cultural organizations, and other groups offering cultural programming who do not meet the requirements for Partners or Colleagues (or choose to opt out).

Colleagues

Colleague grants are available to organizations with a track record of offering public cultural programming in Massachusetts for at least five years, and have received operational support from the MCC for at least four fiscal years since FY2003.

Partners

Partner grants are available to given to organizations with a track record of offering public cultural programming in Massachusetts for at least 10 years, and have received operational support from the MCC for at least eight fiscal years since FY1997.

For more information, see:

<https://massculturalcouncil.org/organizations/cultural-investment-portfolio/>

MassDevelopment (aka Massachusetts Development Finance Agency)

MassDevelopment works with businesses, nonprofits, and local, state, and federal officials and agencies to strengthen the Massachusetts economy. Offering a wide range of finance programs and real estate development services, MassDevelopment supports economic growth, development, and investment across all sectors of the Massachusetts economy: public and

private; commercial, industrial, and residential; and nonprofit, including healthcare, educational, cultural, and human service providers. MassDevelopment staff works in collaboration with private- and public-sector developers, businesses, and banks to identify investors and leverage public and private funds to support economic growth.

More information is available by contacting the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency at (800) 445-8030 or online at <http://www.massdevelopment.com/>

MA. Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

The Mass. Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) are inviting communities, state agencies, and tribal governments and territories to submit applications for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](#). These competitive grants assist applicants with hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of hazard mitigation projects to reduce or eliminate the loss of life and property due to natural hazards. DCR and MEMA will provide technical assistance to potential applicants upon request.

<https://www.mass.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance-grant-programs>

MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)

The Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs combines the Commonwealth's six environmental, natural resource and energy regulatory agencies. These agencies provide a range of grants, loans, and technical assistance in the following areas:

[Agricultural Grants & Loans](#)

[Emergency Planning Grants & Loans](#)

[Energy and Air Quality Grants & Loans](#)

[Forestry Grants & Loans](#)

[Land and Recreation Grants & Loans](#)

[Waste and Recycling Grants & Loans](#)

[Water Grants & Loans](#)

Historic preservation projects can often include one or more of these components, so it's worth checking out what EEA's programs have to offer.

For detailed information, go to:

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/eea-office-of-grants-and-technical-assistance>

Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC)

Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund (MPPF)

Through the MHC, this program provides funding for the acquisition,

preservation, and rehabilitation of historic properties, landscapes, and sites.

- Predevelopment projects such as feasibility studies, plans and specification, and historic structures reports are also eligible activities.

[NOTE – Emergency funding is sometimes available throughout the year.]

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcmppf/mppfidx.htm>

Survey and Planning Grants

As the State Historic Preservation Office, the Massachusetts Historical Commission is responsible for administering the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. The Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, through the National Park Service and State Historic Preservation Offices, to grant funds to communities and private non-profit organizations for a wide range of preservation-related activities. These include:

- Completion of **cultural resource inventories**;
- Nomination of significant properties to the **National Register of Historic Places**;
- Completion of community-wide **preservation plans**; and
- Other types of **studies, reports, publications and projects** that relate to the identification and protection of significant historic properties and sites.

More information is available at

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhchpp/Surveyandplanning.htm>

National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities

Both agencies have a wide range of grants for museum, historical, and cultural programs and collections management and preservation – too many to list here! Go to <https://www.arts.gov/grants> for details. Doesn't usually have construction funding, but some planning funds available. Many grants for document and artifact conservation and education projects. Some NEH grants don't require matching funds, or require a match of less than 50%.

National Park Service

The National Park Service has grant programs for historic sites, including National Landmarks and Native American sites. Funding for these programs varies from year to year, so check the NPS website for information on current grant programs:

<http://www.nps.gov/history/>

National Heritage Areas

There are five National Heritage Areas in Massachusetts. The National Park Service (NPS) provides technical, planning and limited financial assistance to the National Heritage Areas. If your town is located in a National Heritage Area, your project might be eligible for funding or technical assistance. Check the National Heritage Area's website for information.

John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor -

<http://www.nps.gov/blac/index.htm> - covers Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Leicester, Mendon, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, Uxbridge, Worcester

Essex National Heritage Area -

<http://www.essexheritage.org/> - covers Amesbury, Andover, Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Georgetown, Gloucester, Groveland, Haverhill, Ipswich, Lawrence, Lynn, Manchester, Marblehead, Methuen, Nahant, Newbury, Newburyport, North Andover, Peabody, Rockport, Salem, Salisbury, Saugus, Swampscott, Topsfield, and Wareham

Freedom's Way National Heritage Area -

<http://freedomsway.org/>

- covers Acton, Arlington, Ashburnham, Ashby, Ayer, Bedford, Bolton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Clinton, Concord, Devens, Dunstable, Fitchburg, Gardner, Groton, Harvard, Hudson, Lancaster, Leominster, Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton, Lunenburg, Malden, Maynard, Medford, Pepperell, Princeton, Shirley, Sterling, Stow, Sudbury, Townsend, Westford, Westminster, Winchendon, Woburn

Quinebaug and Shetucket Valley National

Heritage Area (aka "The Last Green Valley") -

<http://www.tlgv.org/index.php> - covers

Brimfield, Charlton, Dudley, East Brookfield,

Holland, Oxford, Southbridge, Sturbridge, and Webster

Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area - <http://www.upperhousatonicheritage.org/> - covers Alford, Becket, Dalton, Egremont, Great Barrington, Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesboro, Lee, Lenox, Monterey, Mount Washington, New Marlboro, Pittsfield, Richmond, Sheffield, Stockbridge, Tyringham, Washington, and West Stockbridge.

National Scenic Byways Program

Massachusetts has many scenic byways designated by federal or state government. You can find a map of them here:

<https://scenicbyways.info/state/MA.html>

Battle Road Scenic Byway -

<https://battleroadbyway.org/>

Blackstone Canal Heritage Highway

Connecticut River Scenic Farm Byway -

<http://www.bywayswestmass.com/byways/connecticut-river/>

Cranberry Highway

Essex Coastal Scenic Byway -

<http://www.essexheritage.org/aboutbyway>

Jacob's Ladder Trail (Route 20) –

<http://www.bywayswestmass.com/byways/jacob-s-ladder-trail/>

Lost Villages (Route 122) Scenic Byway –

<http://www.bywayswestmass.com/byways/route-122/>

Minuteman Highway

Mohawk Trail –

<http://www.bywayswestmass.com/byways/mohawk-trail/>

Mount Greylock Scenic Byway –

<http://www.bywayswestmass.com/byways/mount-greylock/>

Old King's Highway (Route 6A)

<http://capecodroute6a.com/wp/>

Route 112 Scenic Byway –

<http://www.bywayswestmass.com/byways/route-112/>

Route 116 Scenic Byway –

<http://www.bywayswestmass.com/byways/route-116/>

Taconic Trail Scenic Highway

US Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Community Facility Loans (CF)

Loans are made to construct, enlarge, extend or otherwise improve community facilities providing essential services in rural areas. Funds

are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, special purpose districts, federally recognized tribal groups and corporation not operated for profit.

Community Facility Grants (CF)

Community Facility Grants can be used to assist rural areas in developing essential public community facilities. Grant funds can be used to supplement funding for projects eligible under our direct or guaranteed community facility program. Eligible applicants are limited to those communities under 20,000 population, and the facility must serve areas where median household income is below the poverty line or 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income.

Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program

The Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program (FRPP) provides matching funds to help purchase development rights to keep productive farm and rangeland in agricultural uses. Working through existing programs, USDA partners with State, tribal, or local governments and non-governmental organizations to acquire conservation easements or other interests in land from landowners. USDA provides up to 50 percent of the fair market easement value of the conservation easement.

Also has home ownership & repair loans and grants – mostly for senior citizens and low-income applicants

Also has loans and grants for rural businesses, and community development loans and grants

For more information, see:

http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=GRANTS_LOANS

US Sustainable Communities Program

A collaborative program of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD, and Department of Transportation (DOT) to assist communities in developing in environmentally and economically sustainable ways. Provides funding and technical assistance on community and regional basis.

<https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth>

Grants—Non-profit and Corporate Philanthropy Grant Programs

1772 Foundation

Provides funding for historic preservation projects. The Foundation selects several different thematic and geographic areas to fund each year; these themes and areas keep changing, so check the web site periodically for updates.

More information is available by contacting the 1772 Foundation at <http://www.1772foundation.org>

ALCES Foundation (has given grants to Trustees of Reservations, which owns some historic properties)

The **ALCES Foundation** (no web page) helps people find pathways to a better life through **education, access to healthcare, and fostering greater respect for the people and environment that surround us**. Requests for funding should be submitted to: Franz F. Colloredo-Mansfeld, c/o Cabot Properties, Inc. One Beacon St., Ste 2800, Boston, MA 02108. Telephone: (617) 523-1635. While there are no particular application forms or deadlines, groups requesting funding must have tax-exempt status and the funds requested must be used for charitable purposes.

American Express Historic Preservation and Conservation Grants

Supported projects embrace the **preservation, restoration or sustainability of historic places** and demonstrate their significance to the community through one or more of the following:

- Restoring historic places to ensure ongoing public access and interaction with the sites.
- Preserving historic places for future or innovative use.
- Sustaining historic places by creating systems to manage increased visitor activities and environmental impacts.

<https://about.americanexpress.com/we-preserve-places>

Americorps

The **AmeriCorps State and National Grants Program** provides support to improve lives in communities across the country through national service in areas where service can make a major impact. AmeriCorps awards grants to organizations to implement programs that utilize AmeriCorps members to engage in evidence-based interventions to strengthen

communities. Write to: americorpsgrants@cns.gov or call (202) 606-7508 for more info. <http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants>

Mary Alice Arakelian Foundation

The **Mary Alice Arakelian Foundation** (no web page) makes grants to conservation and **other charitable entities in the Newburyport, MA area and elsewhere**. Grant requests should be submitted to: Mark Welch, P.O. Box 695, Newburyport, MA 01950. (no web site)

Frances and Benjamin Benenson Foundation

The **Frances and Benjamin Benenson Foundation** (no web page) makes grants to a wide variety of **health, cultural, environmental and other organizations**, mostly in the New York metropolitan area but **occasionally in Massachusetts**. Groups seeking funding should do so in writing, stating the amount sought as well as the purpose(s) for which the requested funding would be used. Send requests to: Bruce W. Benenson, Frances and Benjamin Benenson Foundation, 708 Third Ave., 28th Fl, New York, NY 10017. Telephone: (212) 867-0990.

Biogen Idec Foundation

The mission of the Biogen Idec Foundation is “**to improve the quality of people’s lives and contribute to the vitality of the communities in which we operate** (one of which is **greater Boston**), with a special emphasis on innovative ways to promote science literacy and encourage young people to consider science careers”.

Target areas include education and the arts. Grant requests are considered on a rolling basis.

https://www.biogen.com/en_us/biogen-foundation.html

Charles Sumner Bird Foundation

The **Charles Sumner Bird Foundation** (no web page) makes grants primarily to **environmental groups and projects located in southeastern Massachusetts and adjacent areas**.

Organizations interested in requesting funding from the Foundation should contact Christine E. Abramo, Mellon Trust of New England, at (617) 722-7527 or c/o BNY Mellon Center, PO Box 185, Pittsburgh, PA 15230, 617-722-7527.

Harris and Frances Block Foundation

The Marshfield, VT-based Harris and Frances Block Foundation supports a broad range of

projects, giving its highest priority consideration to **social and economic justice, peace, environmental protection, community development and education**. The Foundation is particularly interested in funding non-profit grassroots organizations working on community and self-help projects. Although the Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals, it welcomes letters of inquiry, which may be submitted at any time.

<https://blockfound.org/>

Burnham Foundation

The Burnham Foundation (no web page) makes **small grants to charitable organizations for educational and environmental purposes in Massachusetts** and elsewhere. Requests for funding should be submitted in the form of a letter describing the organization and the proposed use of the funds sought. Send to: Burnham Foundation, Deborah J. McManus, c/o Nutter, McClennan and Fish LLP, PO Box 51400, 155 Seaport Blvd., Boston, MA 02205-8982. Telephone: (617) 439-2498.

Cabot Corporation Corporate Giving Program

The Boston-based Cabot Corporation's Corporate Giving Program is designed to support Cabot's community outreach activities, with **priority given to science and technology education and community and civic improvement** efforts in the communities where the company operates. Contact Cabot Corporation Foundation, Inc., Two Seaport Lane, Ste 1300, Boston, MA 02210 at (617) 345-0100 for more info.

<http://www.cabotcorp.com/company/foundatio>

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Caswell Foundation

The Exeter, NH-based Caswell Foundation (no web page), a small family foundation, has provided funding for **educational, youth and environmental programs and projects in eastern Massachusetts and New Hampshire** as well as Palo Alto, CA. Groups seeking funding should submit a proposal in writing stating the purpose for which funds are sought along with the requested amount. Additional financial information may be requested. Proposals should be sent to: Dorothy D. Caswell, 10 White Oak Drive, Z228, Exeter, NH 03833. Telephone: (603) 580-1207.

Cathay Bank Foundation

The Cathay Bank Foundation serves the community needs in seven states: California, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Texas and Washington. The Foundation's ultimate objective is to create opportunities in the areas of **affordable housing, community and economic development, and education**. The Foundation will also consider **supporting cultural and arts, health and welfare, environmental and human services and programs that benefit the communities at large**.

Cathay Bank Foundation, 9650 Flair Drive, El Monte, CA 91731

<https://www.cathaybank.com/Cathay-Foundation/Home/>

Cherbec Advancement Foundation

The Minnesota-based Cherbec Advancement Foundation (no web page) makes grants to a wide variety of **environmental, educational and other charitable causes in New England and elsewhere**. Proposals are considered throughout the year, and a letter advising of the decision of the directors will be sent to the applicant as promptly as possible. The applications need not be in any particular form, and the directors have not set any restrictions or limitations on the types of requests that will be considered. Requests for funding should be directed to: Charles A. Weyerhaeuser, President, 30 East Seventh St., Suite 2000, St. Paul, MN 55101-4930, (651) 228-0935.

Clif Bar Family Foundation

The **Clif Bar Family Foundation** has a **Small Grants** and (by invitation only) a **Large Grants Program**. Small Grants average about \$8,000 each and are **awarded for general organizational support or to fund specific projects**. Priority is given to applicants that address the [Foundation's mission and funding priorities](#) and achieve one or more of the following: protect the Earth's beauty and bounty; create a robust, healthy food system; increase opportunities for outdoor activity; reduce environmental health hazards; and **build stronger communities**.

<http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org>

Community Foundations

Community Foundations are nonprofit, tax-exempt, publicly-supported grantmaking organizations. These foundations are public charities, since they develop broad support from many unrelated donors with a wide range of

charitable interests in a specific community. A community foundation maintains a diverse grants program that is not limited in scope. In addition to making grants, these foundations often play a leadership role in their communities, serve as a resource for grant information and broker training and technical assistance for local nonprofits.

The following community foundations serve Massachusetts:

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

<http://www.berkshiretaconic.org>

Boston Foundation

<http://www.tbf.org>

Brookline Community Fund

<http://www.brooklinecommunity.org>

Cambridge Community Foundation

<http://www.cambridgeccf.org>

Cape Cod Foundation

<http://www.capecodfoundation.org>

Community Foundation for Nantucket

<http://cfnan.org>

Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts

<http://www.cfnm.org>

Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts

<http://www.cfsema.org>

Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts

<http://www.communityfoundation.org>

Essex County Community Foundation

<http://www.eccf.org>

Foundation for Metrowest

<http://www.foundationformetrowest.org>

Greater Lowell Community Foundation

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

Greater Worcester Community Foundation

<http://www.greaterworchester.org>

Woods Hole Foundation

<http://www.woodsholefoundation.org>

Copeland Family Foundation (has given funds to Historical Societies)

The **Copeland Family Foundation** (no web page) gives grants to a large number of **educational, health and environmental programs and organizations in Milton, MA and elsewhere in Massachusetts and beyond**. Requests for funding should be submitted by letter and should summarize the project for which funding is sought, as well as include evidence of the organization's federal tax-exempt (501(c)(3)) status. Letters are accepted any time and acceptance, rejection or deferral responses are made promptly. Letters should be addressed to: Copeland Family Foundation, c/o Martha Verdone, 1183 Randolph Avenue, Milton, MA 02186.

Crisp Family Foundation

The **Crisp Family Foundation** (no web page) makes grants to **educational, conservation and outdoor recreation projects, primarily in New York and New England**. Groups seeking funding should submit a request to: Peter O. Crisp, c/o Withumsmithbrown PC, 1411 Broadway, New York, NY 10018, 212-751-9100. There are no specified application forms or deadlines.

Dr. Harry M. Day Foundation (Day Family Foundation)

The Dr. Harry M. Day Foundation (no web page) makes **conservation, health, historic preservation and other grants to recipients in New England and elsewhere**. Requests for funds should be submitted in writing, using a form available here:

http://990s.foundationcenter.org/990pf_pdf_archive/592/592845883/592845883_201312_990PF.pdf?_ga=1.214885269.38225907.1427914226

(scroll down to Exhibit C) and sent to Pete Lapp, 129 Wisteria Drive, Longwood, FL 32779. Telephone: (321) 422-0575.

Daymarc Foundation

The Daymarc Foundation (no web page) makes **small grants to 501(c)(3) organizations or municipalities for education, conservation, landscaping, health and other purposes**. The customary grant size limit to new organizations is \$350. Requests for funding should be submitted to: Daymarc Foundation, 65 Woodridge Road, Wayland, MA 01778-3611, (508) 358-6024, daymarc@att.net.

Demoulas Family Foundations

The Telemachus and Irene Demoulas Family Foundation and the Demoulas Market Basket Foundation (no web page) give grants (generally

in the \$2,500 to \$10,000 range – sometimes considerably bigger) to a large number of **youth, educational, civic and other organizations, particularly in the Merrimack Valley**. Funding requests should be submitted by a letter describing the needs for which the funding is sought. Letters should be addressed to: Arthur T. Demoulas, Telemachus and Irene Demoulas Family Foundation, 286 Chelmsford St., Chelmsford, MA 01824. Telephone: (978) 244-1024

Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation

Deutsche Bank works in partnership with local nonprofit organizations **to provide distressed communities and disadvantaged individuals with opportunities for safe and affordable housing and economic advancement. The Foundation also seeks to enrich these communities by providing access to the arts, supporting local leaders, and strengthening local organizations.** The Bank relies on the talents of its employees and the leadership of its management to leverage its financial commitments in addressing local needs. Please direct inquiries to:
Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation
60 Wall Street, NYC60-2312
New York, NY 10005

<https://www.db.com/usa/content/en/Application%20Process.html>

Harriet Ford Dickenson Foundation

The **Harriet Ford Dickenson Foundation** (no web page) makes **grants for conservation and other purposes, primarily in New York and New England**. Groups seeking funding should send a letter request at any time stating the amount of funding sought and the purposes for which it will be used. Send the letter to: Mr. James Largey, V.P., Harriet Ford Dickenson Foundation, c/o J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., 270 Park Ave., New York, NY 10017. Telephone: (212) 464-1937.

William C. Dowling Foundation

The New York-based **William C. Dowling Foundation** (no web page) makes **grants for conservation and other purposes in the Northeast U.S.** and elsewhere. Requests for funding should be submitted in writing and include a description of the organization, the purposes for which funds are sought, and proof of its tax-exempt status. Send to: John T. Evans, President, William C. Dowling Jr Foundation, 90 Broad St, 14th Fl, New York, NY 10004. Telephone: (212) 344-3900.

Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation

The Foundation will consider **requests to support museums, cultural, and performing arts programs; schools, hospitals, educational and skills training programs, programs for youth, seniors, and the handicapped; environmental and wildlife protection activities; and other community-based organizations and their programs.**

The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation
Attn: Mary P. Surrey, President
2233 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Suite 414
Washington, DC 20007
Phone: 202-337-3300 FAX: 202-337-3302
Email: info@mvdreyfusfoundation.org
<https://www.mvdreyfusfoundation.org/>

Easter Foundation

The **EASTER Foundation** was created in the spring of 2006 by Fred and Anne Osborn of Garrison NY, with proceeds from the purchase by Colgate Palmolive of Tom's of Maine. The Osborn children decided to use the letters of the word EASTER to clarify the areas of focus for the foundation: **Education, Arts, Sustainability, Technology, Environment and Rights**. There is no formal application form or deadlines, but organizations seeking funding should write the Easter Foundation c/o Fred Osborn III, P O Box 347, Garrison, NY 10524-0347; no telephone calls please.

<http://easterfoundation.org>

Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation

The mission of the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation is to contribute, in a meaningful way, to the health and vitality of the various eastern Massachusetts communities served by Eastern Bank Corporation. This is done through financial support to selected nonprofit organizations operating within these communities.

Our Foundation accepts three types of grant requests:

- **Community Grants**
- **Partnership Grants**
- **Neighborhood Support**

Focus areas include: Human Services, Families & Children, Education, Affordable Housing, Health Care, and Economic Revitalization. However, there is also a focus area labeled "Other" – so it's worth inquiring if you're not sure whether your project qualifies.

https://www.easternbank.com/site/about_us/community_involvement/Pages/charitable_foundation.aspx

J. Irving & Jane L. England Charitable Trust (has given grants to Historical Commissions & Societies)

The Worcester-based **J. Irving & Jane L. England Charitable Trust** (no web page) makes “**general purposes**” grants, typically in the \$2-5,000 range, to organizations **primarily in central Massachusetts**. Groups seeking funding should submit requests in writing, detailing the charitable nature of the organization, to: Ann K. Molloy, Trustee, J. Irving & Jane L. England Charitable Trust, 370 Main St., Suite 800, Worcester, MA 01608. Telephone: (508) 756-2423.

Entergy’s Open Grants Program

Entergy’s Open Grants Program focuses on improving communities as a whole. They look for giving opportunities in the areas of **arts and culture, community improvement/enrichment, the environment and healthy families**. Check out Entergy’s Micro Grants and Charitable Foundation as well. Open Grant applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. For information, go to: https://www.entergy.com/our_community/

Falconwood Foundation

The NYC-based Falconwood Foundation (no web page) provides funding for **education, environmental research and other projects in the Northeast and beyond**. Requests for funding should be sent to: Falconwood Foundation, c/o Dr. Stanley A. Lefkowitz, VP/Secretary, 257 Park Avenue South, 7th Fl, New York, NY 10010. No set form; Applicants are requested to send detailed information regarding each request.

Felicia Fund (has given grants to preservation projects)

(no website) Funds projects primarily on the northeastern seaboard of the US which relate to **architecture, art, decorative arts, historic preservation, conservation, and related educational pursuits**. Initial requests for funding should be submitted with a concise statement of the proposed project and an estimate of the amount of funds to be requested. Ordinarily, Felicia Fund, Inc. will not make grants in excess of \$10,000. The fund will not fund operating expenses.

Address application to: The Felicia Fund, Inc.
Pauline C. Metcalf
90 Elm Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 274-1550

Fidelity Cares

Fidelity Financial Services provides **corporate sponsorship, educational assistance, and volunteer assistance for non-profit organizations and events**. See their website for details:

<https://www.fidelity.com/about-fidelity/education-financial-literacy>

Fidelity Foundation

The Foundation's primary philanthropic investments are allocated to the following sectors:

Arts and culture

Community development and social services

Secondarily, grants are considered in the following fields:

Health

Education

<http://www.fidelityfoundation.org/guidelines/index.html>

Fiskars Project Orange Thumb

Provides grants for garden makeovers and neighborhood beautification. Since its inception, Fiskars’ Project Orange Thumb has provided over \$1.3 million to 140 community groups and helped to complete fourteen garden makeovers in the U.S. and Canada.

<http://www2.fiskars.com/Community/Project-Orange-Thumb>

James Marston Fitch Charitable Foundation

The [James Marston Fitch Charitable Foundation](http://www.fitchfoundation.org) awards **grants to professionals working in the fields of historic preservation, landscape architecture, urban design, environmental planning, decorative arts, architectural design, and architectural history**. Projects will be evaluated based on a range of criteria, including the potential for the project to make a meaningful contribution to the **academic and/or professional field of historic preservation in the United States** and the innovativeness and creativity of the planned project. Grants are awarded to individuals only (i.e., not to organizations).

<http://fitchfoundation.org>

Friendship Fund (no web page)

Provides support for a broad range of **educational, environmental, health-related, and cultural interests**. While there is no set

application form, the request should contain a concise statement of the purpose for which the grant is sought. If the grant sought is for a specific program, the staff and budget of the program must be described. In addition, all applications should include the organization's current year's operating budget, list of board members, and the most recent audited financial statement. The deadline is April 1st for consideration at the annual meeting held the first week of August. Requests for funding should be submitted to: Carolyn Rau, Friendship Fund c/o GMA Foundations, 2 Liberty Square, No. 500, Boston, MA 02109. Telephone: (617) 426-7080; CRAU@GMAFOUNDATIONS.COM.

Garfield Foundation

Offers Community Revitalization, **grants in urban communities suffering from chronic unemployment, high poverty rates, low median incomes, and a lack of economic opportunity. Grants are given for: physical development of commercial and non-residential real estate, green collar job development, urban entrepreneurship and wealth creation, policy and advocacy, and sustainable urban environments.**

info@garfieldfoundation.org

<http://www.garfieldfoundation.org/index.html>

Gateway Fund

The **Gateway Fund** (no web page) provides **grants to support education (including nature education) and other purposes, in the Northeast** and elsewhere. Organizations seeking funding should send a request to: Jameson S French, Gateway Fund, 45 Driftwood Lane, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Telephone: (617) 523-1635. There are no specified forms or deadlines, or limitations/restrictions.

Frank Gerrity Charitable Trust (has given money to historical societies)

The **Frank Gerrity Charitable Trust** (no web page) makes **small grants to a number of charitable recipients in Massachusetts and elsewhere.** Groups seeking funding should send a request to: Trustees of the Frank Gerrity Charitable Trust, 25 Garden Park STE 4, Braintree, MA 02184 (781) 535-6070 russ.wilde@morganwilde.com There are no specified application forms or deadlines.

The Getty Foundation

The Foundation offers a variety of grants for **research, conservation, and museums.** The

conservation grants can be used for historic buildings and archaeological sites.

For a list of programs, eligibility, deadlines, and awards, please see <http://www.getty.edu/grants/>
More information is available
<http://www.getty.edu/foundation/>

Good 360 (formerly Gifts in Kind International)

Gifts In Kind International is a non-profit that **matches non-profits with corporate donors of various sorts of products, from toys to computer software.** Gifts In Kind is currently partnering with Home Depot to provide building supplies to organizations that need them. Find out more at:

<http://good360.org>

David Greenewalt Charitable Trust (gives money to preservation projects)

The David Greenewalt Charitable Trust (no web page) makes **grants for conservation, historic preservation and other purposes in Massachusetts and elsewhere.** Applications should be submitted in writing, such as by using the AGM Common Proposal Form (online at: <https://www.grantmakers.io/profiles/v0/046145922-david-greenewalt-charitable-trust-geoffrey-m-mason-trustee/>) Include info on the nature of the charitable service, enclose 3 copies of your IRS Letter of Tax Exempt Status, 3 copies of 2 most recent years annual financial reports and a description and budget for the proposed project to be funded. Send three copies of application and all attachments/enclosures. Deadlines generally May 15 and November 1 (subject to change each year). No restrictions/limitations on awards. Submit to: Geoffrey M Mason, Trustee, c/o Ropes Gray LLP, 800 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02199-3600. Telephone (617) 951-7057.

Gryphon Fund

The Gryphon Fund (no web page) has made **grants to river conservation and other nonprofit organizations in New England and elsewhere.** Requests for funding should indicate the purpose for which funds are sought as well as include evidence of the organization's tax-exempt status. Send to: Helen B. Kaplan, 36 Drumlin Road, West Simsbury, CT 06092-2906. Telephone: (860) 658-5433.

Mary W. Harriman Foundation

The Mary W. Harriman Foundation (no web page) gives grants to a large number of **educational, health and environmental programs and organizations in the New York area, with some giving in Massachusetts and the other New England states.** Interested applicants should submit a written request that includes a description of the organization, including the organization's history, the purpose for which funds are being requested, and the amount of the request. Applicants should also include a copy of the IRS letter confirming tax-exempt status. Letters are accepted any time and should be addressed to: Barbara O'Connell, Mary W. Harriman Foundation, c/o Brown Brothers Harriman Trust Co. 140 Broadway, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10005, (212) 493-8182.

Hermann Foundation

The Worcester-based Hermann Foundation (no web page) gives **grants to a number of charitable [§501(c)(3)] organizations in the Worcester and Cape Cod regions and elsewhere.** Requests for funds should be submitted by letter to: Mr. Henry Lusardi, Treasurer, Hermann Foundation, Inc., 370 Main St., Suite 925, Worcester, MA 01608, (508) 756-4657.

Home Depot

The Home Depot has several **programs to provide building supplies, financial assistance, and volunteer workers for nonprofit building projects.** Find out more at their "We Build CommUnity" website:
<https://corporate.homedepot.com/CorporateResponsibility/HDFoundation/Pages/default.aspx>

Home Depot Community Impact Grants, up to \$5,000, are available to registered **501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public schools, or tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards** for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. One of the identified project priorities is **planting trees or community gardens and/or landscaping community facilities that serve veterans.**
<http://homedepotfoundation.org/page/applyin-g-for-a-grant>

Horne Family Foundation

The **Horne Family Foundation** supports the work of nonprofits (particularly those active in the **Merrimack Valley** and southern NH) in the areas of conservation, **education**, health and human services, **the arts**, wildlife preservation, international development and relief and **environmental sustainability.** Grants range in size from \$2,500 to \$25,000.
<http://hornefamilyfoundation.org/index.htm>

Geoffrey C. Hughes Foundation

The New York City-based Geoffrey C. Hughes Foundation (no web page) has given grants to a number of **environmental, arts, and other organizations for projects in the northeastern U.S. and elsewhere.** Interested grant applicants may submit letters of inquiry stating the purpose and amount of the grant requested, along with a description of the nature and tax-exempt status of the applicant organization, to: John R. Young, President, Geoffrey C. Hughes Foundation, c/o Cahill, Gordon and Reindel LLP, 80 Pine St. New York, NY 10005-1702, or call (202) 701-3400.

Roy A. Hunt Foundation

The mission of the Roy A. Hunt Foundation is to support organizations that strive to improve the quality of life.
The trustees of this family foundation meet semi-annually to make grants to nonprofit organizations engaged primarily in **Arts and Culture, Environment, Health, Human Services, Community Development, and Youth Violence Prevention.**
<http://rahuntdn.org>

Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Institute's **mission is to create strong libraries and museums** that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to **sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development.**

- The IMLS offers a variety of grant programs. For a list of programs, eligibility, deadlines, and awards, please see <https://www.imls.gov>
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ICAPGEN (International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists) – “Whispers from the Dust” Grant Program

“Whispers from the Dust” is a grant program that provides **technology and financial support for cemeteries** to:

- **Preserve historical information**
- **Modernize record keeping**
- **Make information accessible on the Internet**

NOTE: This program provides assistance for documentation only; it has no funding for restoration of gravestones or landscaping.

<http://www.icapgen.org/icapgen/affiliate/whisperfromthedust>

Jebediah Foundation

The **Jebediah Foundation** (no web page) makes small grants to a number of conservation, **arts and other organizations** in Massachusetts and elsewhere. Groups seeking funding should direct requests to: David Silvian, Jebediah Foundation, c/o Bingham McCutchen, 1 Federal St., Boston, MA 02110. There are no specific application forms or deadlines.

George Frederick Jewett Foundation East (gives money to preservation projects)

The San Francisco-based George Frederick Jewett Foundation East (no web page) provides funding to conservation and other nonprofit organizations in Massachusetts as well as in New York and Washington, DC. The Foundation's areas of interest include **education, libraries, music, historic preservation and the environment, including population issues and scientific research**. Types of support include project support, general support, building funds, equipment and land/property acquisition. Interested applicants should submit a brief letter of inquiry to: Ms. Toni Bermudez, Program Grants Coordinator, George Frederick Jewett Foundation East, 235 Montgomery Street, Suite 612, San Francisco, CA 94104 Telephone: (415) 421-1351, (415) 421-0721 (FAX). If the project is of interest to the Foundation, information on submitting a formal application will be sent to you.

Kalkin Family Foundation (has given to museums)

The NJ-based **Kalkin Family Foundation** (no web page) makes grants for **educational and other purposes in Massachusetts and elsewhere**. Requests for funding should be submitted by letter indicating the mission of the organization. Submit requests to: Eugene Kalkin, Kalkin Family Foundation, c/o Kalkin & Co., 40 Quimby Lane, 2nd Floor, Bernardsville, NJ 07924. Telephone: (908) 696-1999. There are no specified application forms or deadlines.

Kendeda Fund

Two grant-making entities with similar names, the Kendeda Fund (c/o Foundation Source, 501 Silverside Road, Suite 123, Wilmington, DE 19809-1377, (800) 839-1754) and the Kendeda Sustainability Fund (a donor-advised fund of the Tides Foundation), neither of which have web pages, nevertheless have made sizable grants to **environmental, civic and other causes**. The Kendeda Fund is a charitable giving program **dedicated to exploring how human beings can relate to one another and to this planet more mindfully and use resources equitably**. Through its grant making, the Fund is committed to examining two of the critical questions confronting humanity: How do we live within the limits of the natural world in ways that promote community, equity, and health? How do we redefine prosperity so that it leads to deeper contentment in our lives?

While neither funding entity appears open to receiving unsolicited grant proposals, it is possible that a letter of inquiry might receive a favorable response. Contact Diane Ives c/o Diane Ives Consulting, 122 Park Avenue, Takoma Park MD 20912, (301) 270-2206, dives@igc.org. 501 Silverside Road, Suite 123 Wilmington, DE 19809 Phone: 800-839-1754

Kent-Lucas Foundation

The **Kent-Lucas Foundation** (no web page) makes small grants (typically in the \$500-\$5,000 range) for **education, conservation and related organizations and projects, primarily in the northeast U.S.** Grant requests should be submitted in writing to: James L. Van Alen II, President, Kent-Lucas Foundation, 101 Springer Bldg., 3411 Silverside Rd., Wilmington, DE 19810. Telephone: (302) 478-4383. Submitted information should describe the general purposes of your organization and the specific need for, and purpose of, the requested grant; proof of your group's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status; a copy of your most recent Annual Report and certified financial statements; and a detailed project budget. The related **Atwater-Kent Foundation** (no web page) makes similar-type grants, although to fewer recipients in New England. Grant requests should follow the above guidelines but instead be submitted to: Hope P. Annan, President, Atwater-Kent Foundation, 101 Springer Bldg., 3411 Silverside Rd., Wilmington, DE 19810. Telephone: (302) 478-4383.

Kresge Foundation (funds construction projects)

The Kresge Foundation awards grants to small, mid-size, and large nonprofit organizations in six fields of interest: **health, the environment, community development, arts and culture, education, and human services.**

- **Facilities capital grants** fund the acquisition and construction of facilities, including land, new construction and existing property renovation, and major equipment purchases. Facilities-capital grants historically have been awarded as challenge grants to organizations engaged in capital campaigns to raise private funds for their projects.
- **General operating support** provides nonprofit organizations with unrestricted funds to use as they deem appropriate to become more sustainable over time. The funds may be used for staffing, new technology or business practice development, among other purposes.
- **Growth capital grants** support specific efforts associated with expanding, retooling, transitioning or scaling an organization's operations so that it may develop a more sustainable operating model.
- **Planning grants** provide seed money in the form of a grant or a loan to organizations for business planning, market analysis and other necessary aspects of launching or spinning off a new nonprofit organization.
- **Program-related investments** are loans to nonprofit organizations, including nonprofit banks or community development financial institutions. PRIs provide high-performance organizations with access to financial capital. A secondary benefit of the PRI is that interest is charged at below-market rates.
- **Program support** provides restricted funds for specific activities associated with an organization's programming, such as research, program management or any other explicitly designated purpose.

The Kresge Foundation
3215 West Big Beaver Road
Troy, Michigan 48084
248.643.9630 telephone
248.643.0588 fax
<http://kresge.org/programs>

Larsson Danforth Family Foundation

The Larsson Danforth Family Foundation (no web page) makes **grants for environmental and other purposes in New England** and elsewhere. Organizations seeking funding should submit a letter of request, including the amount sought and the purposes for which the funding will be used, to: Fred C. Danforth or Carlene B. Larsson,

53 County Road, P.O. Box 1508, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. There are no specified application forms or deadlines.

Lawrence Foundation

The Santa Monica, CA-based **Lawrence Foundation** is focused on making grants to support **environmental, education, human services and other causes.** The Foundation makes both program and operating grants and does not have any geographic restrictions.

<http://www.thelawrencefoundation.org/grants/guidelines.php>

Nancy and Maurice Lazarus Fund

The Nancy and Maurice Lazarus Fund (no web page) makes small-sized grants (generally \$500 or less) to a large number of medical, **cultural, educational and environmental charities, primarily in Massachusetts.** Groups seeking funding should do so in the form of a letter stating the request, the amount sought and the usage of the requested funds. Send it to: Carol Lazarus, Nancy & Maurice Lazarus Fund, 304 School St., Watertown, MA 02472. There are no specified application forms or deadlines.

Leighty Foundation

The Iowa-based Leighty Foundation, a small family foundation, makes grants in several areas, including **earth protection and volunteerism and civic engagement.** According to the Foundation's website: "We partner with **organizations which seek to deal with today's problems and opportunities in ways which meet current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.**"

<http://www.leightyfoundation.org/guidelines.php>

Linde Family Foundation

Gives grants to **arts- and education-related programs, primarily in Greater Boston and the Berkshires,** and is open to new requests for funding. Groups seeking funding should contact the Foundation c/o Mott Philanthropic, Prudential Tower, 800 Boylston St., Suite 1560, Boston, MA 02199. Telephone: (617) 927-5700.

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation is dedicated to improving communities through support of **public education, community improvement projects and home safety initiatives.**

Lowe's also partners with organizations like Habitat for Humanity and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. For more about Lowe's other community funding programs, go to: http://www.lowes.com/cd_Corporate+Citizenship_ip_674540029

Edward H. Mank Foundation

The Edward H. Mank Foundation (no web page) has **made charitable contributions to health and environmental organizations, primarily in the Boston area**. Requests for funding should be submitted in writing to: Donald Himmelsbach, 1430 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138 Telephone: (617) 576-3200. There are no particular application forms, grant limitations or deadlines.

Maple Hill Foundation (has made some grants to historical societies)

The **Maple Hill Foundation** (no web page) makes **grants to conservation and other groups in Massachusetts** and elsewhere. Groups seeking funding should submit a written letter describing the nature of the charitable organization and proof of its federal tax-exempt status. Send it to: E. Warren Miller, Maple Hill Foundation, c/o Miller Associates, 100 Front St., Suite 950, West Conshohocken, PA 19428. Telephone: (610) 941-5011.

Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities

Mass Humanities supports **public humanities projects. Public humanities projects bring historical, cultural or ethical perspectives to bear on topics and issues of interest to our communities.**

More information is available at

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

Maxwell House Drops of Good Program

Maxwell House partners with Rebuilding Together to provide grants from \$1,000 to \$50,000 for **community center projects**. Supporters can vote for projects online and nominate projects via Facebook.

<http://www.maxwellhousecoffee.com/drops-of-good/>

D.J. McManus Foundation

The **D.J. McManus Foundation** (no web page) provides funding to **civic, health, environmental and other organizations, primarily in New York State but occasionally in Massachusetts**.

Groups seeking funding should do so in writing, on the organization's letterhead, stating the funding need and the specific uses for which the

requested funding is sought. Send to: Deborah McManus, D. J. McManus Foundation, 420 West Broadway, PH A, New York, NY 10012-3741. Telephone: (212) 874-7426. There are no specified application deadlines.

Andrew Mellon Foundation

Makes grants in six core program areas: **Higher Education and Scholarship; Scholarly Communications; Research in Information Technology; Museums and Art Conservation; Performing Arts; Conservation and the Environment.**

http://www.mellon.org/grant_programs/programs

George H. and Jane A. Mifflin Fund

The **George H. and Jane A. Mifflin Memorial Fund** (no web page) makes grants of \$5,000 or greater **for charitable purposes to conservation and other organizations in Massachusetts** and elsewhere. Organizations seeking funding should contact Lawrence Coolidge, c/o Loring, Wolcott & Coolidge, 230 Congress St. Boston, MA 02110. Telephone: (617) 523-6531.

Herman and Frieda L. Miller Foundation

The **Herman and Frieda L. Miller Foundation** supports **civic engagement, advocacy, and community organizing in Greater Boston and Eastern Massachusetts**. The Miller Foundation is also dedicated to **improving the infrastructure that supports vibrant urban community life**. Key elements toward achieving this goal **include strong civic culture and community empowerment, neighborhood and citywide, and the development and maintenance of healthy physical settings that facilitate vigorous communities**. The related **Miller Innovation Fund** supports innovations, tools, and practices that help social justice organizations and their allies improve conditions and institutions in pursuit of an involved, informed, and active public.
<http://millerfoundation.grantsmanagement08.com/>

David and Katherine Moore Foundation

The **David and Katherine Moore Foundation** (no web page) makes grants to educational, environmental and other groups in Massachusetts and elsewhere. Organizations seeking funding should do so in writing at any time, including a description of the organization and the purposes for which the funds are sought. Send it to: David and Katherine Moore Foundation, David E. Moore, c/o D'Arcangelo

Co., LLP, 800 Westchester Ave., Suite N-400, Rye Brook, NY 10573. Telephone: (914) 694-4600.

National Grid Foundation

Grants (typically in the range of \$5,000-\$25,000) are made on a competitive basis to non-profit organizations for programs and projects that fall within its major areas of focus: **Education and Environment. Environmental priorities include: projects that support the sustainability of our natural resources; programs and projects that inspire and educate young people about their connection to and responsibility for the preservation of the environment; and projects that seek to preserve open spaces for future generations.**

For more information, go to National Grid's web page at:

http://www2.nationalgridus.com/corpinfo/community/index_all_all.jsp

National Grid's Corporate Citizenship, National Grid Foundation, and Schools and Education programs all have potential for funding historic preservation projects. National Grid also has a housing and business rehab program called "Cinderella/Green Cinderella." This program is not yet available in New England, but may become available at a later date, so check the National Grid website for more information.

National Trust for Historic Preservation

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has several grant programs, which offer two types of assistance to nonprofit organizations and public agencies: 1) matching grants from \$500 to \$5,000 for **preservation planning and educational efforts**, and 2) intervention funds for **preservation emergencies**.

The National Trust's web site, preservationnation.org, also has a wealth of information about historic preservation issues, from weatherization to rural preservation.

<http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/fund-funding/>

New Alliance Foundation

The NewAlliance Foundation provides support to the not-for-profit community in four key areas: **the arts, community development, health and human services, and youth and education. In Massachusetts, the Foundation makes grants in Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Feeding Hills, Holyoke, Ludlow, Southwick, West Springfield, Webster, and Westfield.**

<http://www.newalliancefoundation.org/funding>
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New England Grassroots Environment Fund (NEGEF):

The New England Grassroots Environment Fund (NEGEF) recently launched its "new and improved" grants program. While NEGEF funding continues to be dedicated to **grassroots community groups working on local environmental projects**, groups can now choose between "**SEED**" and "**GROW**" grants to meet their funding needs. **SEED grants** are geared to groups launching new projects and/or evolving the scale of an existing project. SEED grants range in size from \$250 - \$1000 and can be applied for **any time**. **GROW grants** are geared to established groups who are ready to expand the scope of their work. Grow groups often have 1+ year experience running community projects and are ready to take on (pieces of) local system strategy around their issue. GROW grants range in size from \$1,000 - \$3,500. Both SEED and GROW Grants are intended to support community groups who represent the most exciting energy in the environmental movement and that are not being reached by traditional funders. Contact NEGEF at (802) 223-4622 or info@grassrootsfund.org for more info. <http://grassrootsfund.org/>

NiSource Charitable Foundation

In close collaboration with NiSource employees and community partners, the Foundation seeks opportunities to provide funding and encourage volunteer support for non-profit organizations in the areas of **Community Vitality and Development, Environmental and Energy Sustainability, Learning and Science Education, and Public Safety and Human Services.**

<http://www.nisource.com/en/sustainability/communities/corporate-giving.aspx>

NiSource Charitable Foundation

Attn: Jennifer Moench

801 E 86th Ave.

Merrillville, IN 46410

219-647-6209

jmoench@nisource.com

Nordstrom Cares

The Nordstrom Cares program supports the communities the company serves. The company prefers to partner with **organizations who champion arts and culture, education, health, community development and the environment**, with diversity also playing a key role.

<http://shop.nordstrom.com/c/nordstrom-cares-community-giving?origin=topnav>

Orton Family Foundation

To achieve its Mission, the Orton Family Foundation partners with communities and organizations across the country to learn about and explore new models for citizen engagement, community visioning, implementation and stewardship. This organization occasionally has **planning grants** available. Its website also has a wealth of useful information on innovative community development and planning initiatives. <http://www.orton.org/>

Perkins Charitable Foundation

The Cleveland-based Perkins Charitable Foundation (no web page) gives **grants to environmental and educational organizations throughout the U.S.** There are no specific application guidelines or deadlines. Requests for funding should be sent to: Marilyn Best, 1030 Hanna Building, 1422 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115.

Claudia and Steven Perles Family Foundation

The Claudia and Steven Perles Family Foundation (no web page) makes **grants to conservation and other groups in Massachusetts** and elsewhere. Requests for funding should be sent to: Claudia Perles, 6101 Aqua Ave., Unit 401, Miami Beach, FL 33101. There are no specified application forms or deadlines.

Harold Whitworth Pierce Charitable Trust

The [Harold Whitworth Pierce Charitable Trust](#) offers grants primarily for projects that will produce long-range benefits through leverage of the Trust's resources. Grants are focused on institutions and programs in the Boston area. Topic areas for which the trustees invite Preliminary Letters include **Education, Capital Projects, Green and Public Spaces, Environmental Research, and Arts Education**. It is strongly suggested that you first contact Betsy Nichols, Program Director. Betsy may be reached on Tuesdays and Thursdays at (617) 523-8368 or may be reached by email most days at piercetrust@nichols-pratt.com. <http://www.piercetrust.org/>

Plourde Family Charitable Trust

The Plourde Family Charitable Trust (no web page) has given a number of small **grants to environmental and other organizations for projects in Massachusetts**. Interested applicants should send a letter of inquiry requesting funds to: Roger P. Plourde, Jr. c/o Morris and Morris

P.C., 2 Kearney Road, Needham Heights, MA 02494 or call (781) 455-6900.

The Pollination Project

Provides \$1,000 grants as seed money for projects in the following categories:

- compassion towards all life (people, planet, animals)
 - environmental sustainability
 - justice in all of its forms
 - community health and wellness
 - putting consciousness into action
 - social change-oriented arts and culture
- Funding primarily goes to individuals who do not have an already well-established organization. <http://thepollinationproject.org/>

Mary Norris Preyer Fund

The Mary Norris Preyer Fund (no web page) gives to a variety of **conservation and other charitable causes**. While this giving is primarily centered in North Carolina, the Foundation accepts requests from throughout the U.S. Requests for funding should be submitted in writing **before April 1** (accompanied by the organization's IRS tax-exempt status letter) to: Jane Preyer, Grant Manager, c/o Piedmont Financial Trust Company, P.O. Box 20124, Greensboro, NC 27420. Telephone: (336) 274-5471.

Price Chopper's Golub Foundation

[Price Chopper's Golub Foundation](#) provides financial support to eligible charitable organizations with a current 501(c)(3) tax exempt status [located within Price Chopper's marketing areas](#) in New York, **Massachusetts** and elsewhere in the Northeast. Contributions are made through planned, continued giving programs in the areas of health and human services, **arts, culture, education**, and youth activities. <http://www.pricechopper.com/community/golub-foundation>

Mattina R. Proctor Foundation

The Boston-based Mattina R. Proctor Foundation (no web page) gives grants to **health and other civic-minded projects and organizations (including arts and education organizations) in the northeastern U.S.** Requests for funding should be submitted by letter and should contain a description of the applicant organization, the purpose of and budget for the grant solicited, and proof of the organization's tax-exempt status. Funding requests should be submitted to: Alvin S.

Hochberg, Trustee, c/o Broude & Hochberg LLP, 75 Federal St., Suite 1300, Boston, MA 02110, (617) 748-5100.

Putnam Foundation (has given to historic preservation organizations)

The Keene, NH-based **Putnam Foundation** (no web page) provides funding to **educational, cultural and environmental organizations, primarily in southwest NH but occasionally elsewhere (might be worth trying for projects in northern Mass.)**. Groups seeking funding should do so in the form of a letter stating the proposed use of the funds requested, accompanied by supporting documentation of the funding need and the charitable propose and status of the organization. Send requests to: James Putnam, Putnam Foundation, P.O. Box 323, 20 Central Sq., Second Floor, Keene, NH 03431. Telephone: (603) 352-2448.

Ramsey McCluskey Family Foundation

The Ramsey McCluskey Family Foundation is a small private foundation founded by Margaret Ramsey in 1999 and dedicated to the support of projects in **education and the arts**. <http://www.ramseymccluskeyfndn.org/>

Rebuilding Together

Rebuilding Together is a **national nonprofit working to preserve affordable homeownership and revitalize communities**. Their network of more than 200 affiliates provides **free rehabilitation and critical repairs to the homes of low-income Americans. They focus especially on modifying housing for disabled residents, senior citizens, and they have initiatives for green housing and housing for veterans**.

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

For more information, contact Region 1 Council (New England) at rtprov@gmail.com

Rocky's Ace Hardware

Rocky's often provides local nonprofit organizations with **gift cards to purchase supplies for maintenance and repair projects or to support a raffle or other fundraiser**.

<http://www.rockys.com/default/index.cfm/community/giving-programs/>

Cele H. & William B. Rubin Family Fund

The **Cele H. & William B. Rubin Family Fund, Inc.** (no web page) makes grants to a variety of **educational, cultural and other charitable organizations, primarily in the eastern U.S. (including Massachusetts)**. Groups seeking

finding should contact: Ellen R. Gordon, Cele H. and William B. Rubin Family Fund, 32 Monadnock Road, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481. Telephone: (781) 235-1075. There are no specified application forms or deadlines.

Richard Saltonstall Charitable Foundation (gives grants to preservation organizations)

The Richard Saltonstall Charitable Foundation (no web page) provides funding to a number of **Massachusetts-based conservation and historic preservation organizations**. There are no specific application forms or deadlines. Requests for funding can be submitted to: Dudley H. Willis, Trustee, Richard Saltonstall Charitable Foundation, 50 Congress St., Room 800, Boston, MA 02109 Telephone: (617) 227-8660.

Albert Shapiro Fund

The **Albert Shapiro Fund** (no web page) makes **grants to cultural, health, environmental and other charitable organizations; past grant recipients are primarily located in and around Boston**. Groups seeking funding should do so in the form of a letter. Send it to: Eileen C. Shapiro, Albert Shapiro Fund, 975 Memorial Drive, Apt. 804, Cambridge, MA 02138. Telephone: (410) 561-4411. There are no specified application deadlines.

Sharpe Family Foundation

The Sharpe Family Foundation (no web page) gives grants to a number of **environmental and educational organizations, primarily in Rhode Island and Massachusetts**. Requests for funding should be in the form of a letter describing: (1) the proposed purpose of the grant; (2) the operations and history of the applying organization; and (3) the tax-exempt status of the organization. Letters should be addressed to: Henry D. Sharpe Jr. c/o Amy E. Szostak, Northern Trust, 50 S. Lasalle St., Chicago, IL 60675, (312) 630-6000.

Arch W. Shaw Foundation

The Missouri-based Arch W. Shaw Foundation (no web page) provides funding to conservation and other nonprofit organizations in Massachusetts and several other states. Types of support include project support, general support, building funds, endowments and research. **Areas of interest include: Arts; Business school/education; Education; Health care; Higher education; Hospitals (general); Libraries/library science; Medical research; Museums; Residential/custodial care, hospices**. Interested applicants should contact the

Foundation for more info on application procedures and deadlines. Contact: Mr. William W. Shaw, Trustee, Arch W. Shaw Foundation, HC 3, Box 60 - B, Birch Tree, MO 65438 Telephone: (417) 764-3701, (417) 764-3706 (FAX).

Tel: 650 331 1031

Fax:650 331 1033

General Email: info@skollfoundation.org.
<http://www.skollfoundation.org/about/skoll-awards/>

Siemens “We Can Change the World” Challenge

The *Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge* is **designed to help elementary, middle-school, and/or high-school students work together to solve an environmental problem** in their classroom or school community, or to identify an environmental issue that has local, national and global implications and to provide a viable, replicable solution. The program has different requirements for different grade levels. Information is online at:
<http://www.wecanchange.com/>

Esther Simon Charitable Trust

The **Esther Simon Charitable Trust** (no web page) provides funding to **environmental and other organizations. Massachusetts groups receiving grants have been primarily located in the southeastern portion of the state.** Organizations seeking funding should do so in the form of a letter stating the reason for which funds are sought. Send the letter to: Steven A. Simon, Esther Simon Charitable Trust, c/o JP Morgan Chase, 270 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017. There are no specified application forms or deadlines.

Skoll Foundation

The Skoll Foundation’s mission is to advance systemic change to benefit communities around the world by investing in, connecting and celebrating social entrepreneurs, who see opportunities where others see problems and crises. They apply innovative solutions to social and environmental issues, empowering people and communities to envision and create positive change. The foundation provides operational funding for organizations that meet its criteria. The Skoll Awards for Social Entrepreneurship support people whose work has the potential for large-scale influence on critical challenges of our time: **tolerance and human rights, health, economic and social equity, peace and security, institutional responsibility, and environmental sustainability.**

Skoll Foundation
250 University Ave,
Suite 200
Palo Alto,
CA 94301

Smart Family Foundation (has given to historical museums)

The CT-based **Smart Family Foundation** (no web page) makes grants to a wide variety of educational, environmental and other organizations throughout the U.S. Organizations seeking funding may submit an informal letter at any time outlining the project and purpose for which funds are sought, along with a description of the resources needed and personnel involved, as well as a description of the methods to be used in completing the project. Requests should be submitted to: Raymond L. Smart, President, Smart Family Foundation, 74 Pin Oak Lane, Wilton, CT 06897-1329. Telephone: (203) 834-0400.

Richard & Susan Smith Family Foundation

The Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life **in Greater Boston.** In pursuit of this mission, and building on its tradition, the Foundation has selected the following areas of focus for its grantmaking, in order of priority:

- Supporting our community’s healthcare institutions and research aimed at combating specific diseases.
- Increasing educational and developmental opportunities both in and out of school, with emphasis on low-income youth.
- Alleviating chronic poverty, and
- **Enriching cultural life in our community.**

The Foundation aims to improve the strength and reach of a select number of nonprofit organizations in each area of focus.

<http://www.smithfamilyfoundation.net>

Society for Industrial Archeology

The Society for Industrial Archeology offers **Industrial Heritage Preservation Grants** from \$1000 to \$3000 for the **study, documentation, recordation, and/or preservation of significant historic industrial sites, structures, and objects.** Society for Industrial Archeology
Department of Social Sciences
Michigan Technological University
1400 Townsend Dr
Houghton, MI 49931
or via email to sia@mtu.edu
<http://www.siahq.org/grants/about.html>

Society for the Preservation of Old Mills (SPOOM)

SPOOM provides **grants for mill-related projects** that are supported by a non-profit organization and that are open to the public, or from individuals doing research into mills and milling operations which would also be of benefit to SPOOM members and the general public.

Bob Hege
P. O. Box 1288
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659
<http://www.spoom.org/spgrant.html>

Sohn Foundation

Dr. Robert C. and Tina Sohn Foundation will support a broad spectrum of **causes which support the environment, alternative health care and the arts. The Foundation is particularly interested in funding educational projects which bring an awareness of the environment, alternative health care and the arts to those who are underserved, particularly to young people.**

Dr. Robert C. and Tina Sohn Foundation
c/o The Ross Companies
1270 Avenue of the Americas, 20th Floor
New York, NY 10020
212-408-0590
<http://www.sohnfoundation.org>

Speedwell Foundation

The Summit, NJ-based Speedwell Foundation (no web page) provides **grant funding for urban parks and other projects (see, e.g., moreparks.org), primarily along the East Coast.** Grant requests may be made at any time and may be made in the form of a letter including a brief description of the purpose of your organization, the focus of the grant request (the anticipated use of the funds) and the dollar amount of the request, along with proof of your organization's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Letters should be addressed to: Mr. Michael G. Messner, Speedwell Foundation, 34 Locust Drive, Summit, NJ 07901. Telephone: (908) 273-8052.

Dola Hamilton Stemberg Charitable Foundation

The **Dola Hamilton Stemberg Charitable Foundation** (no web page) makes **grants to educational, cultural, health and environmental organizations, primarily located in and/or serving Massachusetts.** Groups seeking funding should do so in writing, on the charitable organization's stationery, with information about the organization and how the funds sought would be used. Submit requests to: Dola Hamilton Stemberg, Dola Hamilton

Stemberg Charitable Foundation, 5 Louisburg Square, Boston, MA 02108. Telephone: (617) 227-5540. There are no specified application deadlines.

Stevens Family Foundations

Both the Abbot and Dorothy H. Stevens Foundation and the Nathaniel and Elizabeth P. Stevens Foundation (no web page) support a variety of causes, including **conservation, community development, education and scientific research, particularly within the Merrimack Valley and Greater Lawrence areas.** Grants are typically in the \$2,000-\$9,000 range. There is no application deadline. They accept the Common Proposal [Application] Form (found online at: <http://www.agmconnect.org/cpf/>) developed by Associated Grant Makers (<http://www.agmconnect.org/>). To apply or for more info, contact Josh Miner, Executive Director, Stevens Foundations, PO Box 111, North Andover, MA 01845. Telephone: (978) 688-7211.

Stifler Family Foundation

The Stifler Family Foundation (no web page) makes **grants to land trusts and other environmental and charitable recipients in Massachusetts** and other states, mostly in New England. Requests for funding should be submitted in writing and specify the purpose for which funds are sought. Submit to: Lawrence TP Stifler, 100 Codman Road, Brookline, MA 02445. Telephone: (617) 357-9876. There are no specified application forms or deadlines.

Surdna Foundation

The **Surdna Foundation's Sustainable Environments Program** invites Letters of Inquiry (LOI) from 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations for programs that **connect and improve the infrastructure systems of urban places and surrounding areas in ways that maximize positive impacts and minimize negative environmental, economic, and social consequences.** This Program supports four main categories of work: sustainable transportation networks and equitable development patterns, **energy efficiency in the built environment**, urban water management (esp. green infrastructure), and regional food supply.
www.surdna.org

Swanson Family Foundation

Established in 2006, the Tempe, AZ-based Swanson Family Foundation provides funding in the areas of **education, leadership, the environment, and health and lifestyle related issues.**

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

Sweetgrass Foundation (Has given grants to historical organizations)

Grants made by the **Sweetgrass Foundation, Inc.** (no web page) are “restricted to individuals and organizations working directly for **ecological health and cultural diversity and preservation.**

The Foundation has a special interest in the protection of pristine wilderness areas and in work that supports young people in gaining respect for the earth... Send to: Thomas Fuller IV, Sweetgrass Foundation, c/o BNY Mellon, 3290 Northside Parkway, NW, Suite 950, Atlanta GA 30327. Telephone: (678) 538-2000. No specific application forms are required.

TD Bank Foundation

The TD Charitable Foundation provides financial support through its grant application process to organizations providing service in the areas of focus outlined in our mission statement:

Affordable Housing, Education/Financial Literacy and the Environment.

Information about this program is online at:

http://www.tdbank.com/community/charitable_foundation_grant.html#

TD Green Streets

The Arbor Day Foundation and TD Bank are proud to launch **TD Green Streets** - a new grant program supporting innovative practices in **community forestry.** Through the program, municipalities are eligible to receive one of ten \$20,000 grants in support of local forestry projects in **low- to moderate-income (LMI) neighborhoods**

<http://www.arborday.org/programs/tdgreestreets/>

Third Sector New England

Provides information and services to help non-profits increase their effectiveness, including workshops and training sessions. Some grants available in Greater Boston area and for collaborations among non-profits in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

http://www.tsne.org/site/c.ghLUK3PCLoF/b.1352209/k.88BD/Nonprofit_Capacity_Building.htm

Dorothy F. Thorne Foundation

The Dorothy F. Thorne Foundation (no web page), a small family foundation, gives grants to §501(c) (3) **educational, arts and other organizations in New England and elsewhere.**

Organizations requesting funds should submit information on the group’s mission and history, beneficiaries of its services, other sources of revenues, the amount requested as well as other expected sources of funding, the most recent financial statement and operating budget, and evidence of a funding strategy that demonstrates wide community involvement. Requests for funding should be submitted to: Dorothy F. Thorne Foundation, c/o John Akin Jr., 110 Lakeside Ave., Suite A, Seattle, WA 98122-6594. Telephone: (206) 709-1565.

Tiedemann Foundation

The Tiedemann Foundation (no web page) makes **grants for conservation, education and other purposes in Massachusetts** and elsewhere. Requests for funding should be submitted in writing and include a description of the organization and the proposed use of the requested funds, along with a copy of the IRS exempt determination letter, promotional material if available, and the name, address and telephone number of a contact person. Requests should be sent to: Edward G. Tiedemann, Jr., President, 656 Barretts Mill Road, Concord, MA 01742. Telephone: (978) 371-8444.

Tourism Cares

Worldwide Grant Program
Tourism Cares’ Worldwide Grant Program distributes charitable grants to worthy **tourism-related non-profit organizations worldwide for capital improvements or educational programs** as outlined below. The 2009 Worldwide Grant Program goals for grantmaking call for a balanced distribution to U.S. and non-U.S. recipients. Typical grants are \$10,000. Tourism Cares 275 Turnpike St., Suite 307 Canton, MA 02021 Tel: 781-821-5990 Fax: 781-821-8949 Email: info@tourismcares.org
<http://www.tourismcares.org/grants>

Trader Joe’s

Trader Joe’s accepts requests for donations and involvement in community events through its retail locations. Donation form and guidelines are online here:
http://www.traderjoes.com/pdf/attachments/donation_guidelines_community.pdf

Unity Avenue Foundation

The Mission of Unity Avenue Foundation is to foster ecologically sustainable human behavior within the natural environment.

- Beginning in 2011, the Foundation's two highest focus priority areas are **Water** and **Clean Energy** and the Foundation will review requests for other environmental projects as well.

Unity Avenue Foundation

White Pine Building

342 Fifth Avenue North, Suite 200

Bayport, MN 55003-4502

TELEPHONE

(651) 275-4489

FAX

(651) 439-9480

EMAIL

unityavefdn@srinc.biz

<https://www.srinc.biz/foundations/unity-avenue-foundation/>

Valspar Foundation

The Valspar Foundation was established in 1979 to financially support those **organizations that address community needs and enhance the communities' quality of life.** The Valspar Foundation is funded entirely by the Corporation.

There is no specific information on application process on the Foundation's webpage.

Interested organizations will probably need to contact the corporation directly.

http://www.valsparglobal.com/corp/about/valspar_foundation.jsp

A Brush with Kindness

Valspar created the vision and is the driving force behind an innovative Habitat for Humanity program named A Brush with Kindness. Habitat for Humanity is fulfilling its vision for neighborhood revitalization through home building and A Brush with Kindness delivers services that support this vision. **Volunteers outfitted with paint and supplies transform neighborhoods by painting home exteriors, providing minor repairs and landscaping; these tasks can be difficult for low income, disabled and senior homeowners.** Projects are identified based on the greatest possible impact to the appearance of a neighborhood.

Valspar has also sponsored paint-a-thon's in many cities.

http://www.valsparglobal.com/corp/about/community_volunteers.jsp

Gilbert Verney Foundation (has given grants to historical societies)

The Gilbert Verney Foundation (no web page) makes **small grants to educational, cultural and**

conservation organizations, primarily in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Requests for funding should be submitted to: Richard G. Verney, c/o Monadnock Paper Mills, Bennington, NH 03442. Telephone: (603) 588-3311. There are no specified application forms or deadlines.

Walgreens Corporate Contribution Program

The Walgreens Corporate Contribution Program provides grants to organizations that focus on access, outreach, and education geared toward health in their communities; **civic and community outreach; and emergency and disaster relief.** Priority is given to programs that address the health needs of community residents. The company also accepts sponsorship or promotional marketing requests. <http://www.walgreens.com/marketing/about/community/guidelines.jsp#Funding>

Walmart Local Community Contribution Program

The Walmart Local Community Contribution Program provides **support to local nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and K-12 schools and higher education institutions located in communities with Walmart Stores, Logistics Facilities, or Sam's Clubs.** Churches and other faith-based organizations with projects that address the needs of the community at large are also eligible for support. Applying organizations must address one of the following **focus areas: education, workforce development/economic opportunity, health and wellness, environmental sustainability, or hunger relief.** Grants generally range from \$250 to \$5,000. Applications are accepted from February 1 through December 1, annually. <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/10526.aspx>

Wapack Foundation

The **Wapack Foundation** (no web page), a family foundation that **benefits educational, environmental and cultural organizations, gives small grants to a number of nonprofits in Massachusetts and elsewhere.** There are no submission deadlines and no specified format for funding requests. Funding requests should be submitted to: James R. Nichols, Trustee, c/o Nichols and Pratt, 50 Congress St. Boston MA 02109 (617) 523-6800.

Waste Management, Inc. Charitable Contributions Program

The Waste Management, Inc. Charitable Contributions Program makes grants to

§501(c)(3) groups for environmental education for Grades 6-12, community beautification, “conserving and maintaining wetlands, wildlife habitats and green spaces for people’s enjoyment”, and other environmental projects, as well as to charities in the communities where the company (as well as its wholly-owned subsidiary Wheelabrator Technologies) does business. Applications are accepted year-round and are reviewed on a continuous basis (expect about a two-month review time).

<http://www.wm.com/about/community/charitable-giving.jsp>

Edwin S. Webster Foundation (Has given grants to museums and historic sites)

The **Edwin S. Webster Foundation** supports charitable organizations that are well known to its trustees, with **emphasis on hospitals, medical research, education, youth agencies, cultural activities, and programs addressing the needs of minorities.** The Foundation generally confines its grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofits located in New England.

<http://websterfoundation.grantsmanagement08.com/>

David and Candace Weir Foundation (has given to historic preservation organizations)

The **David and Candace Weir Foundation** (no web page) provides funding to **environmental and other organizations, primarily in the Albany, NY area but occasionally elsewhere (might be worth trying for projects in Berkshire County).** Groups seeking funding may do so at any time in the form of a letter, accompanied by supporting documentation of the organization’s charitable purposes and federal tax-exempt status. Submit requests to: Candace K. Weir, David and Candace Weir Foundation, 9 Elk St., Albany, NY 12207.

Wellspring Foundation

The **Wellspring Foundation** (no web page) makes **grants to educational and conservation organizations in Massachusetts** and New York state. Requests for funding should be submitted in the form of a letter outlining the purpose for which grant funds are sought. Send requests to: Russell J. Bell, c/o Wellspring Foundation, 614 East High St., Charlottesville, VA 22902. Telephone: (434) 977-4420. There are no specified application forms or deadlines.

Henry T. Wiggin Charitable Trust

The **Henry T. Wiggin Charitable Trust** (no web page) makes **“general purposes” and other**

grants to conservation and other organizations, primarily in Massachusetts. Groups seeking funding should direct requests to: James L. Smithson, Esq., Tyler & Reynolds, P.C., 77 Summer St., Boston, MA 02110. Telephone: (617) 695-9799. Requests should include a general description of the project or purpose for which funding is sought, along with a statement of need. There are no specific application forms or deadlines.

Windfall Foundation

The **Windfall Foundation** (no web page) **accepts requests for funding at any time without any stated geographical or subject matter limits.**

Requests should consist of a 1-3 page overview describing the project and the amount of the request, and include proof of the requesting organization’s tax-exempt status. Requests should be submitted to: Shelby Miller, President, The Windfall Foundation, P.O. Box 1867, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

Winfield Foundation (has given grants to historical organizations)

The **Winfield Foundation** (no web page) makes **grants to conservation and other groups and projects in New England and elsewhere.**

Organizations seeking funding should submit a written request at any time, including: a list of officers and directors; brochure; stated goals; indication of sources of and uses of funding; and letter from the IRS confirming the group’s tax-exempt status. Send it to: Helen Hooke, c/o Hollyer Brady LLP, 60 East 42nd St., Suite 1825, New York, NY 10165.

Clara B. Winthrop Trust (has given grants to historical organizations)

This foundation (no web page) supports a number of philanthropic causes, including **environmental and natural resource projects.** Funding is available for the following: annual campaigns; capital campaigns; continuing support; and general/operating support. Giving is primarily to organizations located in Boston and the North Shore. Requests for funding should be submitted to: Oliver A. Spaulding, c/o Welch Forbes, 45 School St., Boston, MA 02108, (617) 523-1635. Applications may be submitted in any form which reasonably informs the trustees of the tax-exempt status of the applicant, its general financial situation and the reason the grant is requested.

World Monuments Fund

WMF's mission is to **preserve the world's architectural heritage of significant monuments, buildings, and sites.** They help with funding and technical assistance for projects and issues of regional and global concern. Core programs include advocacy, education and training, cultural legacy preservation, capacity building, and disaster recovery. They also have special initiatives on the topics of climate change, Jewish heritage, modernism, and sustainable tourism. (Note: WMF's website provides no details about how to apply for WMF assistance. You'll need to call or email them directly for information.)

World Monuments Fund

350 Fifth Avenue
Suite 2412
New York, NY 10118
Tel. 646-424-9594
wmf@wmf.org
<http://www.wmf.org/>

Xerox Foundation

Xerox foundation funds a variety of **social, civic and cultural organizations that provide broad-based programs and services in cities where Xerox employees work and live.** The Foundation also has a program of grants to colleges and universities to prepare qualified men and women for careers in business, science, government, and general education. Also **to further advance knowledge in science and technology, and to enhance learning opportunities for minorities and the disadvantaged.**

The Foundation also invests contribution dollars in a number of organizations that contribute to the debate on major national public policy issues. Worldwide, Xerox philanthropy tries to engage national leadership in addressing major social problems and to support **programs in education, employability and cultural affairs.** Other areas of particular focus **include programs responsive to the national concern for the environment and the application of information technology.**

Send all proposals and requests to: Dr. Joseph M. Cahalan, President, Xerox Foundation, 45 Glover Avenue/P.O. Box 4505, Norwalk, CT 06856-4505.

http://www.xerox.com/downloads/usa/en/x/xerox_foundation_policy_guidelines.pdf

Don't forget your local businesses!

Often businesses are willing to donate funds, supplies, or expertise to projects in their

communities. Banks and other financial-service businesses, utility companies, regional and national chain stores and restaurants, local hardware stores and lumberyards, and many other types of businesses might be happy to assist your project. Some companies have designated philanthropy programs; you can often find information in the corporate information section of company websites (if you can't find anything under "grants" or "philanthropy," look for headings like "community relations," "corporate citizenship," "social responsibility" "good neighbor programs," "community investment," etc.). For example, both True Value and Ace Hardware have paint donation programs for schools (see: http://truevaluecompany.com/about_true_value/foundation-painting-brighter-future.asp; and http://www.acehardware.com/helpful/index.jsp#red_cross). In addition to corporation-wide philanthropy programs, local franchises for some chains are sometimes allotted funds that they can donate at their discretion within their service area (BJ's, for example – see http://www.bjs.com/local-giving.content.about_local_giving.A.about_community2). Make sure to check out businesses in neighboring towns as well as your own. You might also want to check out manufacturers of products you might need to use for your project (paint, power tools, etc.); even if they're not local, they might be interested in the promotional opportunity that could be gained by donating to your project.

Loans

HUD 203(K) Rehab Loan (for homeowners!!)

Provides low-interest loans for the purchase and rehabilitation of one- to four-unit owner-occupied homes or mixed residential/commercial properties. Can often be helpful when the building needs substantial repairs and a conventional mortgage is difficult to obtain. 203(k) loans can also be used to relocate a building onto an existing foundation or to refinance existing liens for the purpose of rehabilitation.

Most mortgage financing plans provide only permanent financing. That is, the lender will not usually close the loan and release the mortgage proceeds unless the condition and value of the property provide adequate loan security. When rehabilitation is involved, this means that a lender typically requires the improvements to

be finished before a long-term mortgage is made.

When a homebuyer wants to purchase a house in need of repair or modernization, the homebuyer usually has to obtain financing first to purchase the dwelling; additional financing to do the rehabilitation construction; and a permanent mortgage when the work is completed to pay off the interim loans with a permanent mortgage. Often the interim financing (the acquisition and construction loans) involves relatively high interest rates and short amortization periods. The Section 203(k) program was designed to address this situation. The borrower can get just one mortgage loan, at a long-term fixed (or adjustable) rate, to finance both the acquisition and the rehabilitation of the property. To provide funds for the rehabilitation, the mortgage amount is based on the projected value of the property with the work completed, taking into account the cost of the work. To minimize the risk to the mortgage lender, the mortgage loan (the maximum allowable amount) is eligible for endorsement by HUD as soon as the mortgage proceeds are disbursed and a rehabilitation escrow account is established. At this point the lender has a fully-insured mortgage loan.

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/203k/203kabou

Real Estate Development Loans/Guarantees

Projects involving **redevelopment of blighted or surplus property** are eligible for permanent first position financing.

- Multi-tenant commercial, industrial, retail and mixed use projects qualify.
- Loans are up to \$3 million with a maximum term of 10 years; guarantees are up to \$500,000.

More information is available by contacting MassDevelopment at (800) 445-8030 or online at <http://www.massdevelopment.com/>

ShadeFund

Established by [The Conservation Fund](#) with a lead grant from the [U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities](#), **ShadeFund** provides loans to green entrepreneurs in such areas as sustainable forestry and forest products, sustainable or organic farming, eco-tourism, natural food and medicines, biomass, and **energy efficiency projects**. [Tax deductible contributions to ShadeFund](#) are pooled and lent

to qualified small green businesses nationwide. As entrepreneurs repay their loans, those same dollars are recycled to help other entrepreneurs grow their businesses. ShadeFund loans range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Most loans are expected to be \$20,000 or less.

<http://www.shadefund.org/home.htm>

Common Capital (formerly Western Massachusetts Enterprise Fund)

Provides **loans and technical assistance to small businesses and non-profits from Berkshire to Worcester County**.

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Holyoke, MA 01040

Phone: (413) 420-0183

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<http://www.common-capital.org/>

Tax Credits

Massachusetts State Historic Rehabilitation Tax

Credit: A tax credit of 20% of the cost of a substantial rehabilitation of an historic building that is used for an income-producing purpose.

- Properties must be certified as historic by the Massachusetts Historical Commission
- Properties must be at least 50 years old
- Can be combined with the Federal rehab tax credit

More information is available by contacting the Massachusetts Historic Commission at

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhctax/taxidx.htm>

Federal Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit

The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives program encourages private sector rehabilitation of historic buildings and is one of the nation's most successful and cost-effective community revitalization programs. It generates jobs and creates moderate and low-income housing in historic buildings.

The program is administered by National Park Service and the [Internal Revenue Service](#) in partnership with [State Historic Preservation Offices](#).

- The 20% rehabilitation tax credit applies to any project that the Secretary of the Interior designates a *certified rehabilitation of a certified historic structure*. The 20% credit is available for properties rehabilitated for commercial, industrial, agricultural, or rental residential purposes, but it is not available for properties used

exclusively as the owner's private residence.

- Current tax incentives for preservation, established by the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (PL 99-514; Internal Revenue Code Section 47 [formerly Section 48(g)]) include:
- 20% tax credit for the certified rehabilitation of certified historic structures.
- a 10% tax credit for the rehabilitation of non-historic, non-residential buildings built before 1936.
- For both credits, the rehabilitation must be a substantial one and must involve a depreciable building.

More information is available at:

<http://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives.htm>

Disabled Access Tax Credit

Federal tax credit for small businesses who are making their facilities accessible.

<http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/smallbusiness/smallbusprimer2010.htm#tax>

<http://www.eeoc.gov/facts/fs-disab.html>

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

American Planning Association's Community Assistance Program

The American Planning Association (APA)'s Community Assistance Program provides place-based assistance and advisory services to communities, regions, and neighborhoods. The program engages planning professionals and demonstrates the benefits of planning to communities around the country. The APA's **Community Planning Assistance Team (CPAT) Initiative** pairs multidisciplinary teams of expert planning professionals from around the country with community members, key stakeholders, and relevant decision makers to foster place-based community education, engagement, and empowerment. Each team is selected for the specific expertise needed on the project to offer *pro bono* assistance in developing a framework or vision plan that promotes a sustainable, livable, economically vibrant, and healthy community. Projects focus on localities with a demonstrated need for assistance, where planning resources and expertise may not otherwise be available.

<http://www.planning.org/communityassistance/index.htm>

Other resources:

Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations

Community development corporations (CDCs) often provide loans, grants, and/or technical services to businesses, homeowners, and non-profits in their service areas. Many CDCs have worked on historic preservation projects. Find out what CDCs serve your area by going to: <http://www.macdc.org/members/macdc-members>

Massachusetts Regional Planning Agencies

Regional planning agencies (RPAs) cover key services that cross community boundaries, such as transportation, economic development, job training, elderly services, housing, wetland and coastal zone management, solid waste management, clean air, growth management, water quality, substance abuse, child care, data and information services, infrastructure, technical assistance to local government and community development. They can often be good resources for information and technical assistance. Some RPAs manage community development funds, and might be sources for grants or loans. Some RPAs have historic preservation planners on their staffs. To find an RPA that serves your area, go to:

<http://www.mass.gov/portal/government-taxes/local/counties-regions/planning/>

FoundationSourceAccess

The Foundation Source Access website, established by the Fairfield, CT-based grant-making entity management company Foundation Source, is a place where **nonprofits can post info about themselves and their projects so that prospective donors can find out about them**. The posted info is also categorized.

<https://access.foundationsource.com/>

Online directories of grants:

Foundation Center

Database of funding resources (available by subscription only, but many libraries and colleges subscribe to this database, so check the institutions in your area), plus articles and webinars on fundraising and other topics of concern to nonprofits

<http://foundationcenter.org/gainknowledge/>

Fundsnet Services Online

Has an online directory of grants searchable by location and category – very helpful!

http://www.fundsnetsservices.com/searchresult.php?&sbcat_id=68&pg=1

Other useful organizations:

Center for Nonprofit Success

Nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide the training, knowledge and resources to help nonprofit organizations succeed. Provides mentoring and consulting services, and an on-going series of workshops in Boston on a variety of topics, including fundraising, grantwriting, and more.

<http://www.cfnps.org/Upcomingcity.aspx?C=Boston>

Development Resource Center

Offers in-person and online classes for nonprofits trying to manage their organizations more effectively.

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

Grantstation.com

[Grantstation.com](http://www.grantstation.com) offers a variety of webinars of interest to grantseekers.

Massnonprofit.org

Articles and advice for nonprofits on a variety of topics

<http://www.massnonprofit.org/index.php>

Mass. Non-profit Network

Online professional directory is a good resource if you're looking for grantwriters, fundraising experts, legal advice, and more:

<http://www.massnonprofitnet.org/resources/resource-directory/>

Network for Good

Website with helpful articles and tipsheets for grantwriting, fundraising, and more, including many free e-books.

www.fundraising123.org

Nonprofit Alliance

Website with helpful articles and tipsheets for grantwriting, fundraising, and more.

Nonprofitalliance.org

Philanthropy Massachusetts

Has a list of links to a number of private and public foundations and corporations that give grants to Massachusetts non-profits. Go to this website for information:

<https://www.philanthropyma.org/>