

Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership Land Protection Transaction Grant Program May 2018



The Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership is a collaboration of conservation organizations in the coastal watershed that promotes landscape-scale land conservation and stewardship.

Eligibility

Applicant ~ Qualified nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) conservation organizations or units of government may apply for a grant.

Project ~ Permanent land protection projects, including the donation and/or acquisition of full fee and conservation easements.

Geographic Eligibility ~ The property must be located wholly within the coastal watershed area of New Hampshire and Maine.

Property Eligibility ~

- Property must coincide with at least one of the four priority conservation resource areas.
- Competitive applications property includes more than one priority conservation resource area.
- 1. Conservation Focus Area
- 2. Tidal Water Shoreline
- Water Resource Conservation Focus Areas: Flood Storage and Risk Mitigation, Pollution Attenuation, and Public Water Supply
- 4. Important Wildlife Habitat (Wildlife Action Plan, NH projects only)



Grant Program 1 (Appraisal)

- Maximum grant amount: \$3,500 per project or 50% of the appraisal cost, whichever is less.
- A minimum of one-to-one (1:1) match requirement for grant funds.
- Eligible reimbursable appraisal expenses must be incurred after 1/1/2018 and before 12/1/2018.

Grant Program 2 (Completed Project).

- Maximum grant amount: \$20,000 per project.
- A minimum of one-to-one (1:1) match requirement for grant funds.
- Eligible projects should close after 5/4/2018 and by 12/1/2019.
- Expenses include Appraisal, Baseline Documentation Report, Environmental Hazard Assessment (Level I), Land Survey, Legal Fees, Recording Fees, Title Expenses.
- Expenses must be incurred after 1/1/2018 and before 12/1/2019.
- Eligible match expenses: Professional Fees, Staff Time, Stewardship Endowment and other transaction-related expenses.

Grant Award Limits

Single Organization: awarded up to \$40,000, including the combined awards from Grant Program 1 (Appraisal) and Grant Program 2 (Completed Project).

Grant Award Process

- GBRPP provides notification of award, provides Grant Agreement with Grantee.
- Reimbursement of approved expenses issued as a one-time lump sum.
- Invoices include documentation of reimbursable Grant costs and Matching costs.

Application

- I. Contact Information and Applicant Certification
- **II. Parcel Information**
- **III. Eligibility Criteria**
 - 1. Geographic Eligibility
 - 2. Parcel Eligibility
 - A. Conservation Focus Area
 - B. Tidal Water Shoreline
 - C. Water Resources: Water Quality, Flood Attenuation, Public Water Supply
 - D. Important Wildlife Habitats
 - **3. Reimbursable Grant Transaction Expenses**
 - 4. Project Completion
- IV. Maps
- V. Project Narrative

1. Grant Program 1 Project Narrative

- A. Resource and Community Values (400 words or less)
- B. Prospective Project Circumstances (150 words or less)
- C. Property appraisal completion date.

2. Grant Program 2 Project Narrative

- A. Resource and Community Values
- B. Applicant, Partners, Stewardship
- C. Project completion date (after property closing).

VI. Project Budget

1. Grant Program 1 Project Budget

2. Grant Program 2 Project Budget

Project Budget	Project Expense Description	LPTG Grant Funds	Match Funds	Total Grant & Match		
	A. Transaction Expenses eligible for Grant Funding & Match Expenses					
	Appraisal			\$0.00		
	Baseline Documentation Report			\$0.00		
	Environmental Hazard Assessment			\$0.00	C. Project Costs for Reporting Purposes (not for Grant Reimbursement)	Total Value of Protected Land or Conservation Easement
	Land Survey			\$0.00	×	
	Legal Fees			\$0.00	Easement Purchase Cost	
	Recording Fees			\$0.00	Full Fee Purchase Cost	
	Title Expenses			\$0.00	Donated Value	
	A. Grant Fund Transaction Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(Bargain Sale or Donation as determined by appraisal)	
	B. Other Transaction Expenses Eligible for Match but not Grant Reimbursement				Total Conservation Land Value	\$0.00
	Professional Fees			\$0.00		
	Staff Time			\$0.00		
	Stewardship Endowment			\$0.00		
	Other			\$0.00		
	A + B Project Transaction Cost Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		

http://www.greatbaypartnership.org/grants.html



Grant Due Date

Applications *postmarked* by 5/4/2018.

Submission Requirements

Six copies of each project application, including one original and five copies, and a CD or USB flash-drive including the application and property shape file.

Mail applications to

Dea Brickner-Wood Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership 1 Colony Cove Road Durham, NH 03824 603-868-6112 ~ <u>bluesky24@comcast.net</u>

Eligibility Screening & Mapping using the Coastal Viewer

- **o** Getting to the Coastal Viewer
- **Basic Navigation (zoom in, zoom out, pan)**
- Changing Base Map
- Turning Layers on/off: parcel data
- Screening (CFA, Tidal, Water Resources FA, Wildlife Habitat)
- Creating maps
 - Topographic
 - Aerial
 - Eligibility

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The Land Protection Transaction Grant Program

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The Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership offers the Land Protection Transaction Grant Program. The matching grants program assists with the costs for permanent land protection projects (donation and/or acquisition of full fee and conservation easements) within the coastal watershed including coastal New Hampshire and part of southern Maine. Eligible applicants include qualified nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) conservation organizations and units of government.

Since 2014, the Partnership has provided 36 transaction grants to land trusts and municipalities working to conserve over 7,000 acres of significant conservation land in seventeen communities, leveraging over \$520,000 in other funds.

The Partnership's funding for the Land Protection Transaction Grant Program is provided by the New Hampshire Chantable Foundation and the Thomas W Haas Fund of New Hampshire Chantable Foundation. The Nature Conservancy serves as the fiscal and administrative agent for the Partnership. The Announcements section below contains information for upcoming grant cycles and previously funded projects.

Announcements

Land Protection Transaction Grant Program May 2018

Application Due Date: May 4, 2018 (postmarked)

The Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership (GBRPP) is offering grants to assist with land transaction costs for the permanent land protection projects in the Piscataqua Region coastal watershed area of New Hampshne and Mane. Links to the May 2018 grant application and instructions are available below.

Application Instruction Webinar: April 17, 2018 from 10 am to 11 am

Webinar Registration by April 13, 2018

A webinar will be offered on 4/17/2018 to review the 2018 application and provide a live demonstration on how to use the Coastal Viewer to determine project eligibility. Prospective applicants may participate in the webinar (remote access) or attend the presentation live at The Nature Conservancy Offices in Concord NH. Participation is not a requirement for application submittal. Webinar participants and meeting participants must register by 4/13/18. Webinar and meeting instructions will be emailed to registrants on 4/16/18.

To register contact the Great Bay Coordinator.

The May 2018 Grant Program Information and Application Instructions (download in MS Word or PDE) and Application Form (download in MS Word or PDE)

News

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<u>Appendix</u> <u>Instructions: NH Coastal Viewer to Determine Project Eligibility</u>

The New Hampshire Coastal Viewer is an online mapping tool with a geographic focus on New Hampshire's coastal watershed communities. Specific data sets are available for Maine's coastal watershed communities. The Coastal Viewer can be used to screen your project's eligibility for this grant program. *Note that the following instructions are based on the March 2018 version of the Coastal Viewer. Users should refer to guidance on the Coastal Viewer for updates that may be introduced in subsequent releases of the website.*

A landing page on the Coastal Viewer was developed specifically to meet the screening needs of this program at <u>http://nhcoastalviewer-lptg.unh.edu/</u>. This page only displays the data layers that are relevant to the grant program's eligibility; to view all the Coastal Viewer data layers use the dropdown on the left side of the screen under the "Layers" heading and select "All Layers".

There are a variety of getting started and training resources for the Coastal Viewer at <u>http://www.nhcoastalviewer.org/</u>. If you are new to the Coastal Viewer please consider watching the 9-minute <u>Get Started</u> video, which will help you to understand how to use the application. Basic navigation of the viewer and its tools are described.

Data layers in the Coastal Viewer are organized by folders, some of which you need to drill down through (clicking the check box along the way to activate them) to get to the data layer that you want to view. Folders are differentiated in the list below by <u>underlined headings</u>, whereas data layers are shown in **bold** below. When you turn on a <u>folder</u> you are not turning on a viewable data layer, but rather enabling the viewing of a **data layer** within the folder; the **data layer** needs to be turned on to view it (and all folders it is within also need to be activated—*this is a common pitfall and frustration for these types of applications*).

When you open the Coastal Viewer using this <u>link</u> you will see the following structure of <u>folders</u> and **data layers** available for viewing in the "Layers" list on the left side of the screen:







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