NFWF Funding Opportunities: At the Nexus of Habitat and Resilience

2021 RASCL Summit – Grant Funders Q&A

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Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund Overview

- **Purpose:** to conserve and restore natural areas, corridors and waterways on public and private lands to contribute to the vitality of fish and wildlife habitat and communities in the Delaware River watershed
- RFP release in early February, proposals due early April, awards in August
- Approximately $10-$15 million in grant funding available in 2022
- Grants from $75,000 - $1.5M; 1:1 nonfederal match required
- Major funding is provided by the U.S Fish & Wildlife Service; program administered in partnership with FWS
- Program designed to deliver the Delaware River Basin Restoration Partnership and Program Framework
- Emphasis on direct community engagement

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National Coastal Resilience Fund

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Brookhaven, NY

Purpose: Fund nature-based coastal resilience projects that reduce exposure for communities to coastal hazards AND enhance habitat for fish and wildlife.

Anticipated Available Funding: $138 million in 2022

Fundable Activities:

- Community Capacity Building & Planning
- Site Assessment & Preliminary Design
- Final Design & Permitting
- Restoration & Monitoring

Timeline:

- RFP release: March 2022
- Pre-proposals due: April 2022
- Final Awards: November 2022

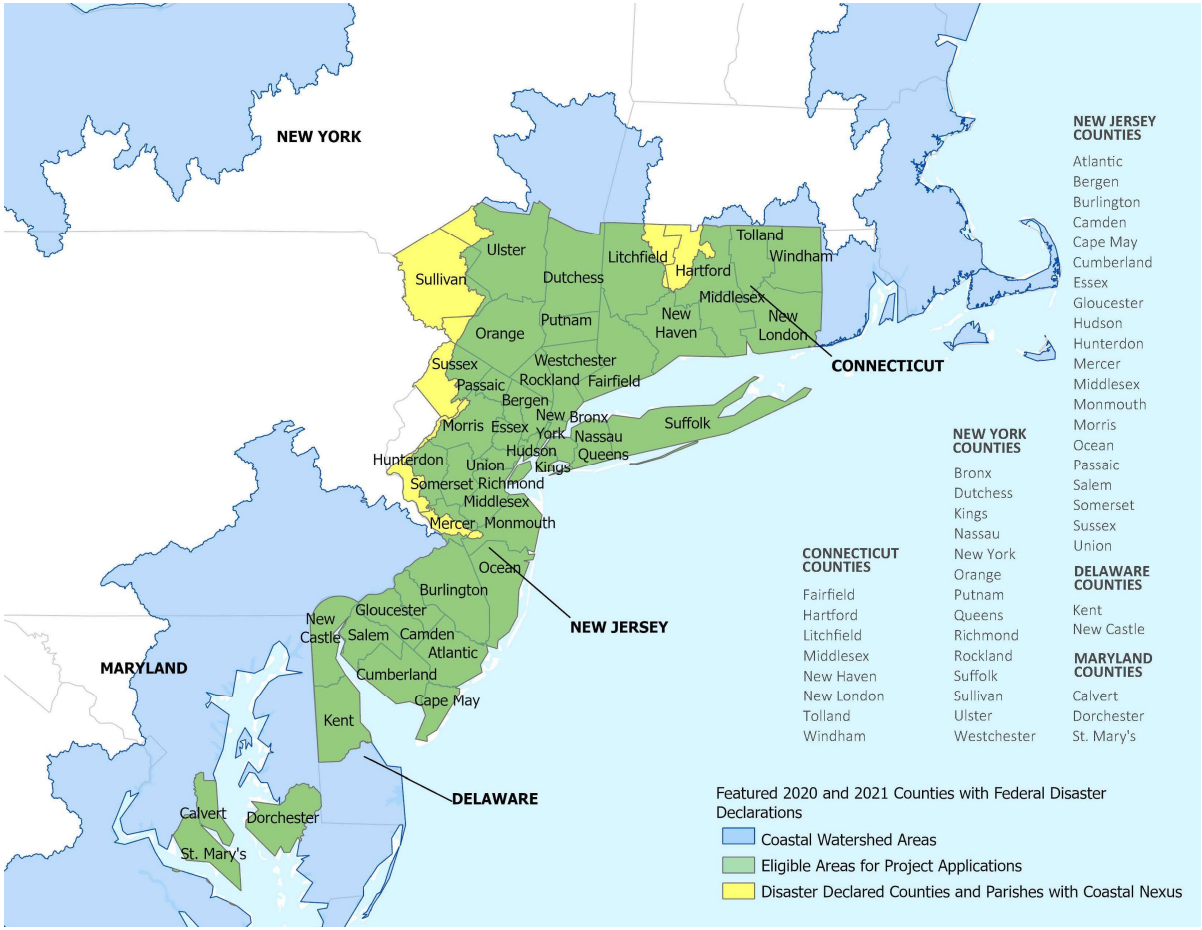
National Coastal Resilience Fund

Evaluation Criteria:

- Prioritized in resilience and other plans
- Clear articulation of project activities and nature-based solutions that will be advanced
- Specific habitat and community resilience benefits
- Appropriate scale to address resilience challenges and/or transferrable solutions
- Benefits to underserved communities
- Meaningful community engagement
- Broad project support and partnerships
- Strong project team with a track record of success
- Detailed budget
- Cost-effective and technically feasible

Emergency Coastal Resilience Fund

- Supports conservation projects that create and restore natural systems to help protect coastal communities
- Emphasis on shovel-ready projects
- RFP open now, closes 2/3/2022
- Eligible projects must be in impacted geography
- No match requirement



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CHESAPEAKE BAY STEWARDSHIP FUND

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CBSF Program	Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction	Small Watershed Grants – Implementation	Small Watershed Grants – Planning and Technical Assistance
Project Focus	**Regional-scale programs, partnerships, and collaboratives** capable of scaling up water quality improvements	**On-the-ground actions** to protect and restore water quality, species, and habitats in the Bay watershed	Enhancing local capacity through **assessment, planning, design, and other technical assistance**-oriented activities
Award Size	$500,000 – 1,000,000	$50,000 – 500,000	Up to $50,000
Match Requirements	1:1	One-third of grant request	None
Eligible Applicants	State agencies, colleges and universities, local governments, nonprofits, tribes	Local governments, nonprofits, tribes	Local governments, nonprofits, tribes, for-profit firms*
Application Deadline	Late November	Late April	Late April