

Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund

Grant Awards Round 24-2

Grants Awarded on November 8, 2024

Category 1 Fisheries & Wildlife & Habitat Conservation

242-01-01	DMR	Evaluating Wild Scallop Enhancement Methods Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries <i>Evaluate scallop bed enhancement methods to increase scallop fishery productivity.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$25,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$25,000	Blue Hill Bay
242-01-02	IFW	Building Capacity for Coastal Conservation Ducks Unlimited, Inc. <i>Address existing gaps that are limiting coastal conservation activities in Maine by providing robust technical assistance to partners and coordinating deeper stakeholder collaboration for local and regional efforts.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$25,610 <i>Requested:</i> \$25,610	Statewide
242-01-03	ACF	Methods for an Inventory of Solar Energy Facilities in Maine to Inform Land Use and Development Policy The View Shed <i>Develop and test a methodology to inventory built solar energy facilities in Maine. Developing a method will then allow for a future inventory to provide information about location, extent and land use changes associated with solar.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$25,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$25,000	Statewide
242-01-04	DMR	Environmental Monitoring of International River and Marine Restoration in the Skutik (St. Croix) River Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries <i>Continuously monitors estuarine water quality and sea run fish habitat post dam removal.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$25,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$25,000	Skutik Estuary
242-01-05	IFW	Improving Stream Assessment for Trout and Salmon Restoration in AMC's Maine Woods Initiative Appalachian Mountain Club <i>Develop refined data sets for stream and wetland that can be applied in Maine's forested landscape.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$20,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$20,000	Statewide
242-01-06	IFW	Ice Angling for Panfish in Central Maine: Providing Sustenance in an Age of Scarcity University of Maine, Dept of Wildlife Ecology <i>Better understand dynamics of Panfish fisheries in central Maine ponds, especially effects of climate warming on ice-angling harvest.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$9,846 <i>Requested:</i> \$9,846	Central Maine
242-01-07	ACF	Engaging Maine Communities in Ash Tree Education & Conservation Maine Audubon <i>Developing multi-faceted and multicultural tools for engaging people of all ages in understanding and responding to the EAB crisis in their communities and the forests surrounding them.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$15,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$15,000	Statewide
242-01-08	IFW	Lake Whitefish Spawning Habitat Telemetry on International East Grand Lake St. Croix International Waterway Commission <i>Work to discover Lake Whitefish spawning habitat on International East Grand Lake.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$23,400 <i>Requested:</i> \$23,400	East Grand Lake

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242-01-09	ACF	A Modern Guide to the Seaweeds of Maine Maine Natural History Observatory <i>Document the seaweed species reported from Maine and create and publish a user-friendly identification guide to Maine's seaweed flora for conservatino professionals, the general public, land managers, and industry stakeholders such as harvesters and fishermen.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$24,550 <i>Requested:</i> \$24,550	Statewide
242-01-10	IFW	Opossum Watch: Monitoring the Northern Migration of the Virginia Opossum University of Maine System Acting Through the University of Maine <i>Survey throughout the state and record over-wintering behavior in the Orono area.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$20,311 <i>Requested:</i> \$20,311	Statewide
242-01-11	ACF	Mapping and Quantifying Old-Growth Forests in the Unorganized Townships of Maine Using LiDAR Our Climate Common <i>Revisit old-growth stands identified in the 1983 Old-growth report and known old-growth sites in the Maine Natural Areas Program database, to develop a computer model to locate and map true old-growth forest using LiDAR.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$20,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$20,000	Statewide
242-01-12	IFW	Wildlife Rehabilitation and Environmental Education Partnership Maine Wildlife Rehabilitation <i>Launch a new rehabilitation program to provide medical and rehabilitation care to injured Maine Wildlife as well as joint efforts in environmental education programming for the public.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$30,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$30,000	Hirundo Wildlife
242-01-13	ACF	Monitoring Erosion on Beaches in Saco, Biddeford, and Kennebunkport University of New England <i>Use drones to map southern Maine beaches in response to storm events.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$24,999 <i>Requested:</i> \$24,999	Southern Maine
242-01-14	SWCD	Water Quality Study for Brook Trout Streams in Hancock & Washington Counties Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District <i>A preliminary survey of Hancock and selected Washington County brook trout streams for ph, calcium, and alkalinity.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$14,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$14,000	Hancock & Washington Counties
242-01-16	SWCD	Maine Envirothon - Promoting Environmental Education through Natural Resource Competition Maine Association of Conservation Districts <i>Promote and enhance Maine Enviothon competition by upgrading tools and materials to support participation of high school aged student teams and advisors to take part in the natural</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$17,284 <i>Requested:</i> \$20,000	Statewide
242-01-17	DEP	Building Alliances and Enlisting Community Scientists to Protect Maine's Lakes Lake Stewards of Maine <i>This project aims to forge partnerships with lake user groups to actively engage them in protecting freshwater habitats.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$6,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$6,000	Statewide

Total Amount Funded for Category: 1 \$326,000

Category 2 Acquisition & Mgmt of Public Lands, Parks, Wildlife Conservation Areas & Public Access

242-02-01	IFW	Expanding Silver Brook Preserve Scarborough Land Trust <i>Purchase a 130-acre property for watershed protection and provide recreational access.</i>	<i>Funded: \$25,000</i> <i>Requested: \$25,000</i>	Scarborough
242-02-02	ACF	Deane Pond Conservation Area Androscoggin Land Trust <i>Protect and preserve 300 acres in Greene in the Allen Pond/Hooper Pond watershed.</i>	<i>Funded: \$25,000</i> <i>Requested: \$25,000</i>	Greene
242-02-03	ACF	Establishing Hideaway Farm Preserve Brunswick - Topsham Land Trust <i>Create public access at Hideaway Farm Preserve by building a parking area, trail network and water overlook along the Cathance River.</i>	<i>Funded: \$14,000</i> <i>Requested: \$14,000</i>	Topsham
242-02-04	ACF	Watson Woods Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust <i>Fee simple acquisition of Watson Woods 79 forested acres , the largest unprotected forested parcel remaining in Cumberland and adjacent to existing conservation land and part of a 2000-acre protected corridor.</i>	<i>Funded: \$25,000</i> <i>Requested: \$25,000</i>	Cumberland
242-02-05	ACF	Porter Hills Initiative - Phase II - Making Connections Francis Small Heritage Trust <i>Acquire critical properties in the Porter Hills for conservation and recreation.</i>	<i>Funded: \$25,000</i> <i>Requested: \$25,000</i>	Porter
242-02-06	ACF	Hirundo wildlife Refuge Paddling Operation Hirundo Wildlife Refuge <i>Create access for visitors to paddle the streams that run through Hirundo's conserved land using the paddling gear provided by Hirundo.</i>	<i>Funded: \$8,175</i> <i>Requested: \$8,175</i>	Old Town
242-02-07	ACF	Rumford Community Forest Universal Access Trail Inland Woods & Trails <i>Allows recreators to easily access natural features in this new parcel.</i>	<i>Funded: \$25,000</i> <i>Requested: \$25,000</i>	Rumford
242-02-08	ACF	Center Point All Persons Trail Kennebec Estuary Land Trust <i>Upgrade an existing private roadway, and build a new section of trail to create a more sustainable and accessible trail system at its Center Point Preserve</i>	<i>Funded: \$50,000</i> <i>Requested: \$50,000</i>	Bowdoinham
242-02-09	ACF	Appalachian Trail - Trail Crew Restoration Maine Appalachian Trail Club <i>Restore Targeted, eroding sections of the Appalachian Trail</i>	<i>Funded: \$23,404</i> <i>Requested: \$23,404</i>	Maine AT

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242-02-10	ACF	McKay Woodlands, Moose Pond, Otisfield Western Foothills Land Trust <i>Protect 80 acre woodlands with 3,300 feet frontage on Moose Pond, Otisfield</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$18,700 <i>Requested:</i> \$18,700	Otisfield
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Total Amount Funded for Category: 2 \$239,279

Category 3 Endangered & Threatened Species Conservation Projects

242-03-01	DMR	Using Blood to Study Shark Stress University of Maine System Acting Through University of Maine <i>Fund the purchase of an I-Stat and associated supplies for sampling and processing blood which can be used to assess the blood chemistry of sharks caught on hook-and-line fishing gear.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$17,191 <i>Requested:</i> \$17,191	Gulf of Maine
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Total Amount Funded for Category: 3 \$17,191

Category 4 Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protection of Public Health

242-04-01	DMR	Town of Scarborough Shellfish Surveillance Equipment Scarborough Police Department <i>Assist the Scarborough Marine Resources in obtaining Surveillance Equipment.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$3,800 <i>Requested:</i> \$3,800	Scarborough
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242-04-02	DMR	Monitoring Micro and Macrofauna in Saco Bay to Enhance Public Health and Safety University of New England <i>The UNE Saco Bay real-time buoy will be enhanced by adding phytoplankton sensor for early detection of harmful algal blooms and extend white shark monitoring</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$10,656 <i>Requested:</i> \$10,656	Saco Bay
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242-04-03	DEP	Assessing the Threat of Stormwater on Water Quality Friends of Casco Bay <i>To assess and reduce the impacts of stormwater pollution into Casco Bay</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$14,300 <i>Requested:</i> \$14,300	Casco Bay
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242-04-04	ACF	Growing Maine's Stewardship Hub Network Maine Tree Farm Program <i>Develop a self-guided & asynchronous virtual forest management tour network that educates people about sustainable forestry practices</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$22,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$22,000	Statewide
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Total Amount Funded for Category: 4 \$50,756

of Grants Awarded: 31

Total All Categories: \$633,226