

Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund

Grant Awards Round 202

Grants Awarded on October 29, 2020

Category 1 Fisheries & Wildlife & Habitat Conservation

202-01-01	DMR	Marine Mapping in Support of Shared Ocean Management and Tracking Climate Impacts Maine Coastal Program, Dept. of Marine Resources <i>This project will collect marine habitat information to improve Maine's spatial management and inform policy to respond to changing ocean and coastal conditions.</i>	Funded: \$15,600 <i>Requested: \$15,600</i>	Statewide
202-01-02	IFW	Tracking Wildlife with Motus: A STEM Conservation Program for 4th and 5th Graders That Supports Migration Ecology Research. Maine Audubon <i>The Fields Pond Audubon Center Motus education and research project will install a Motus receiving station for migration research and create a conservation STEM education program for elementary students in the greater Bangor area. The project will include research partnerships with UMaine and will involve nanotagging.</i>	Funded: \$12,139 <i>Requested: \$12,139</i>	Holden, Bangor, Brewer
202-01-03	IFW	UMaine 4-H Environmental Education HUB Focused on Fisheries, Wildlife, Natural Community and Habitat Conservation Pine Tree State 4-H Foundation <i>UMaine and our 4-H Camp and Learning Centers including Greenland Point and Bryant Pond recognize that we need to adapt with virtual and in person education focused on the environment.</i>	Funded: \$18,000 <i>Requested: \$18,000</i>	Greenland Point
202-01-04	IFW	Thompson Lake Dam Fish Screen Replacement Project Town of Oxford <i>Restore fish screens at Thompson Lake to maintain & improve this high quality recreational fishery</i>	Funded: \$23,389 <i>Requested: \$23,389</i>	Thompson Lake
202-01-05	SWCD	Invasive Species Management for the Midcoast: Kennebec, Knox and Lincoln County Knox-Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District <i>This project seeks to continue and expand work already happening in Kennebec, Knox and Lincoln Counties on terrestrial invasive species using existing and new formats.</i>	Funded: \$14,593 <i>Requested: \$14,593</i>	Kennebec, Knox & Lincoln
202-01-06	SWCD	ME Environthon - Educating Tomorrows Environmental Leaders Maine Association of Conservation Districts <i>Create virtual resources for ME teams to continue to compete in Envirothon competitions.</i>	Funded: \$5,550 <i>Requested: \$5,550</i>	Statewide
202-01-07	IFW	Leach's Storm-Petrel Research and Conservation on Great Duck Island College of the Atlantic <i>Research the impact of hare eradication on forest regeneration and habitat for Leach's Storm-Petrel.</i>	Funded: \$12,075 <i>Requested: \$12,075</i>	Great Duck Island

Total Amount Funded for Category: 1 \$101,346

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

202-02-02	DEP	<p>Lake Monitoring in AMC's 100-Mile Wilderness: Developing a Sustainable Watershed Management Plan to Keep Maine's Lakes and Ponds Clear and Clean</p> <p>Appalachian Mountain Club</p> <p><i>Assess the water quality of threatened lakes and ponds in Maine's 100-Mile wilderness region in order to develop a management plan and long-term management strategy that will be available to the public.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$10,000</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$10,000</p>	100-Mile Wilderness Region
202-02-03	ACF	<p>Protection of Littlefield Woods and Trails on Chebeague Island</p> <p>Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust</p> <p><i>CCLT seeks to purchase a forested property on Chebeague Island that includes an essential junction between two well used and beloved trails and is primary component of the largest forested block in the interior of the island.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$15,000</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$25,000</p>	Chebeague Island
202-02-04	ACF	<p>Campaign for New Gloucester's Lower Village, The Little League Field and the Intervale Meadows</p> <p>Royal River Conservation Trust</p> <p><i>Royal River Conservation Trust (RRCT) and Gray-New Gloucester Little League (GNLL) are working to conserve and invest in 180 acres for habitat, history, and human connection.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$14,000</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$20,000</p>	New Gloucester
202-02-05	IFW	<p>Strawberry Creek Project</p> <p>Harpwell Heritage Trust</p> <p><i>Acquire three properties totaling 3.3 acres of forested upland, including a small island, 13.2 acres of associated tidal wetlands, and 1.845 feet of frontage on Strawberry Creek and Harpswell Sound, in order to protect the extraordinary ecological value of the associated and adjacent salt marsh, rockweed beds, mud flats, and eel grass beds.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$17,500</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$20,000</p>	Harpwell
202-02-06	ACF	<p>Moosehead Lake Waterfront Park Dock Project</p> <p>Moosehead Lake Reg. Eco. Dev. Corp.</p> <p><i>This project is to purchase a dock system to be installed at a new waterfront park on Moosehead Lake that will serve 16 boats as well as seaplanes and that will be available free to the public coming from the Lake to shop, dine, or visit the Greenville area. There currently are very limited public dock slips in Greenville.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$16,000</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$20,000</p>	Greenville
202-02-07	ACF	<p>Bass Falls Addition</p> <p>Midcoast Conservancy</p> <p><i>Acquire three properties totaling 152 acres including 100 feet along the Sheepscot River to provide wildlife habitat and protect the property from heavy logging and development. The land will be open to the public for recreational use including hunting, fishing, hiking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$10,929</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$19,300</p>	Newcastle
202-02-08	ACF	<p>Saddleback Mountain Resource Protection</p> <p>Maine Appalachian Trail Club</p> <p><i>Maine Appalachian Trail Club will protect the ecological integrity of Saddleback Mountain through multiple efforts.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$14,000</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$20,323</p>	Saddleback Mountain
202-02-10	ACF	<p>Revealing the Legacy of LWCF Assisted Parks and Lands at the State, County and Local Levels</p> <p>Bureau of Public Lands</p> <p><i>Maine BPL will digitize all LWCF project files and create a GIS data layer detailing project location, boundaries and amenities. Enhanced data will be publicly available to towns, state agencies.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$10,000</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$20,000</p>	Statewide
202-02-12	ACF	<p>Reducing Information Barriers for Accessible Trails Through Maine Trail Finder</p> <p>Quebec-Labrador Foundation/Center for Community GIS</p> <p><i>The proposed project aims to support broader participation in outdoor recreation by Mainers with disabilities by improving the quality, searchability, and promotion of information about statewide accessible trails via Maine Trail Finder.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$15,071</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$20,000</p>	Statewide

Total Amount Funded for Category: 2 \$122,500

Category 3 Endangered & Threatened Species Conservation Projects

202-03-01	DMR	Acoustically Tracking Right Whales Using Mini-Computers on Lobster Traps University of Maine <i>Directly collaborate with the fishing industry using off the shelf, economical research tools, based on proven passive acoustic monitoring (PAM) technology, to determine the overlap between in the distribution of critically endangered North Atlantic, right whales and the lobster fishing effort.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$15,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$18,555	Statewide
202-03-02	DEP	Collecting Continuous Baseline Data to Assist Atlantic Salmon Restoration Efforts on the Sheepscot River Midcoast Conservancy <i>Despite multi-agency efforts to enhance and restore the Sheepscot River, no continuous, long term baseline dataset exists to guide efforts for Atlantic Salmon recovery and water quality projects.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$7,500 <i>Requested:</i> \$10,725	Sheepscot River Watershed
202-03-03	ACF	Clearing the Path: Enhanced Collaboration for Energy Siting and Conservation Planning Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-& Forestry- MNAP <i>Facilitate a streamline review of Solar Energy Projects, Town Comprehensive Plans, and Forest Management Plans through increased collaboration between DACF (MNAP, MFS, Agriculture, MPAP), MDIFW, and DEP.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$15,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$17,500	Statewide
202-03-04	IFW	Role of Pre-Commercially Thinned Stands in Rusty Blackbird Habitat Selection Audubon Society of New Hampshire <i>Inform habitat guidelines for Rusty Blackbirds on commercial forest lands where pre-commercial thinning is employed as a management practice.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$15,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$17,848	Statewide

Total Amount Funded for Category: 3 \$52,500

Category 4 Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protection of Public Health

202-04-01	DMR	Aiding Law Enforcement in Sea Run Atlantic Salmon Outreach and Protection Dept. of Marine Resources- Bureau of Sea Run Fisheries & Habitat <i>Create resources for an educational campaign to help law enforcement increase public awareness regarding species identification and endangered status of sea run Atlantic salmon and provide equipment for DMR Marine Patrol to provide them with the ability to identify PIT tagged salmon.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$6,131 <i>Requested:</i> \$6,131	Statewide
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Total Amount Funded for Category: 4 \$6,131

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Total All Categories: \$282,477