

Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund

Grant Awards Round 25-2

Grants Awarded on October 30, 2025

Category 1 Fisheries & Wildlife & Habitat Conservation

252-01-01 DMR	Marine ROV-based Video Survey System for Seafloor Habitat Assessment Dept. of Marine Resources <i>Purchase a ROV-based camera system for collecting high-resolution video for seafloor habitat assessment and analysis of the density of lost fishing gear and invasive species.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$20,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$25,000	Casco Bay, Midcoast
252-01-05 DMR	Using Genetics to Estimate Absolute Abundance of Atlantic Bluefin Tuna University of Maine System Acting Throuth the University of Maine <i>Estimating absolute abundance of Atlantic Bluefin Tuna with close-kin mark recapture.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$19,826 <i>Requested:</i> \$24,782	Gulf of Maine
252-01-09 ACF	Enhancing the Climate Resilience of Conserved Forestland in Western Maine Greater Lovell Land Trust <i>Increase the diversity of tree species and stand structure in forests on conserved lands in wester Maine degraded by past land use to better withstand the increasing pressures from introduced pest and changing climate conditions.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$3,645 <i>Requested:</i> \$10,000	Lovell & Bridgton
252-01-10 IFW	Mapping Lake Bathymetry and Thermal Structure for Fish Habitat University of New England <i>Use bathymetry mapping equipment to map the depths of some Maine lakes.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$20,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$24,766	Biddeford
252-01-11 ACF	Early Detection and Management of High Priority Invasive Plants in Maine Maine Natural Areas Program <i>Increasing capacity to locate and control high-priority terrestrial invasive plants in Maine that pose a threat to natural areas.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$17,300 <i>Requested:</i> \$21,000	Statewide
252-01-14 ACF	Continued Long-Term Ecological Monitoring at Holt Research Forest, Maine Maine TREE Foundation <i>A continuation of long-term ecological monitoring at a coastal oak-pine forest in Maine</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$13,800 <i>Requested:</i> \$17,250	Arrowsic
252-01-17 DMR	Monitoring the Northern Range Expansion of Atlantic Blue Crabs in Maine Manomet Conservation Sciences <i>Build upon a pilot monitoring program in the New Meadows Lakes focused on understanding blue crab abundance, distribution, habitat use, and diet, as well as a crowdsourcing data initiative that documents blue crab observations throughout the Gulf of Maine.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$19,724 <i>Requested:</i> \$24,655	New Meadows Lakes
252-01-18 IFW	Allagash Wilderness Waterway - Coldwater Fishery Temperature Monitoring Allagash Wilderness Waterway Foundation <i>Establish a baseline thermal conditions in tributaries essential to populations of native, wild brook trout in the lakes and river that comprise the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$8,705 <i>Requested:</i> \$12,000	Allagash Wilderness Waterway

Total Amount Funded for Category: 1 \$123,000

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

252-02-01	BAX	Maine Appalachian Trail Wilderness Education Maine Appalachian Trail Club <i>Backcountry educators will protect Maine's environment with education, outreach and stewardship</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$19,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$25,000	Appalachian Trail
252-02-04	WNERR	White's Marsh Brook Great Works Regional Land Trust (GWRLT) <i>Fee purchase of a 108-acre parcel of forest and wetlands in South Berwick, ME to expand contiguous habitat corridors managed by multi-organization alliances within statewide focus areas.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$19,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$25,000	South Berwick
252-02-05	DEP	Community Science Trainings and Certification for Special Interest Groups Lake Stewards of Maine <i>This project provides special interest groups with water quality and aquatic invasive species training and certification workshops, expanding statewide stewardship and data collection efforts.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$9,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$14,000	Statewide
252-02-06	IFW	Protecting Habitat at Babbidge Woods Falmouth Land Trust <i>Permanently protect a forested wetland at Babbidge Woods near Highland Lake in Falmouth, Maine for the benefit of wildlife and outdoor heritage pursuits.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$19,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$25,000	Falmouth
252-02-11	ACF	Owl Pond Loon Echo Land Trust <i>Conservation easement to protect habitat and public acces on 960 acres of undeveloped forestland.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$19,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$25,000	Cumberland County
252-02-12	IFW	Expanding Pleasant Hill Preserve Scarborough Land Trust <i>Purchase 25 acres for watershed protection and provide recreational access.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$19,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$25,000	Scarborough
252-02-16	ACF	Pejepscot Reservoir Access Project (Settle mire) Town of Brunswick <i>The acquisition of the 45 acre Settle mire property will provide public access to the Androscoggin River.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$19,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$35,000	Brunswick

Total Amount Funded for Category: 2 \$123,000

Category 3 Endangered & Threatened Species Conservation Projects

252-03-01	ACF	Guiding Management of Maine's Heritage Maine Natural Areas Program <i>Update the state's official list of endangered and threatened plant species.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$23,450 <i>Requested:</i> \$23,450	Statewide
252-03-02	IFW	Repeating Historical Purple Sandpiper Surveys in Maine to Update Population Status Assessments Maine Natural History Observatory <i>Maine supports the largest overwintering population of Purple Sandpipers in the US. This project will continue coast-wide surveys of this SGCN shorebird in support of an updated population assessment.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$23,700 <i>Requested:</i> \$23,700	Statewide

Total Amount Funded for Category: 3 \$47,150

Category 4 Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protection of Public Health

252-04-01	DMR	Detection of the Human Pathogen, Vibrio Parahaemolyticus, in Maine Oysters Department of Marine Resources <i>Seek funding for PCR supplies to detect the levels of pathogenic Vibrio parahaemolyticus (VP) in Maine oysters from eight productive oyster farms.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$20,243 <i>Requested:</i> \$20,243	Boothbay Harbor
252-04-02	ACF	Impacts of Artificial Night Lighting in Public Recreational Land on Mosquito-Borne Disease Risk University of Maine System Acting Through University of Maine <i>Determine whether artificial night lighting used in public parks and recreational land can increase exposure to nuisance and pathogen-transmitting mosquitoes.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$23,151 <i>Requested:</i> \$23,151	Penobscot County

Total Amount Funded for Category: 4 \$43,394

of Grants Awarded: 19 Total All Categories: \$336,544