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## Grant Information Summary

*For Conservation Projects in Illinois*

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This summary is intended to assist individuals, groups, and local units of government in search of funding or other financial assistance or incentives for conservation projects in Illinois. The list is divided into four categories: federal funding sources, state funding sources, other sources, and reference sources. A key has been developed to identify eligible groups for each grant after the title of the grant:

**Key to group eligibility:**

- “I” individuals eligible
- “O” all organizations eligible to apply
- “G” local units of government
- “P” private not-for-profit (501C3) groups only eligible
- “E” educational institutions
- “U” unknown or eligibility varies, need to contact administrators

For the purposes of this document, conservation is defined as holistically as possible to include grants or financial incentives that promote the wise use and management of natural, social and cultural resources in urban, suburban, and rural communities. Some of these grants may not have conservation as a specific goal, but could be used to achieve multiple objectives that could include the conservation of natural resources as a result.

The intent of this document is to provide the reader with examples of available financial support. This document is provided as a public service and does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement of any grant or program; also note that the absence of any particular grant or program does not constitute a negative endorsement.

While an effort has been made to provide an accurate listing, funding information constantly changes, and omissions or errors may occur. Funding alternatives best suited to local needs may not be listed here. Other sources should be consulted and evaluated to ensure an informed decision. Please recycle previous editions. For corrections, comments or additional copies of this summary please contact:

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# Federal Funding Sources

## *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)*

The CFDA is the single best place to search all federal funding sources. The catalog should be available at local libraries and can also be accessed on the CFDA website on-line at: <http://www.cfda.gov>. The website lists all federal funding programs available, including those for conservation. Federal agency websites will provide more detailed information about federal programs and provide information on other opportunities for assistance. All organizations applying for federal funding must have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) identification number.

**Websites that provide more information on DUNS and that offer program eligibility information:**

<http://www.Grants.gov> and <http://govbenefits.gov/index.jsp>

## *U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)*

### ***USDA-NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): (I, O, U)***

- Purpose: to reward and assist conservation farmers/landowners who promote the conservation of soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life located on their working lands.
- Contact: county-based USDA Service Centers for application deadlines and most current information.
- Past conservation efforts and voluntary conservation enhancements drive eligibility and funding.
- Website is at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/index.html> or call the local USDA Service Center listed in the phone book under "United States Federal Government."

### ***USDA-NRCS Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP): G, P E, U***

- Purpose: to permanently preserve prime farmland or protect lands with historical and archeological resources.
- Contact: county-based USDA Service Centers for application deadlines and current information.
- Matching and in-kind services are required.
- Website is at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/index.html> or call the local USDA Service Center listed in the phone book under "United States Federal Government."

### ***USDA-NRCS Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP): I, E, G, P, O, U***

- Purpose: to create high quality wildlife habitats that support significant wildlife populations.
- Contact: county-based USDA Service Center for current information.
- File applications at anytime.
- Flexible cost-share agreements up to 75%, depending upon landowner commitment
- Website is at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/index.html> or call the local USDA Service Center listed in the phone book under "United States Federal Government."

### ***USDA-NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation***

#### ***Innovation Grants: I, O, U***

- Purpose: to enhance conservation practices & stimulate innovation in conservation and technology transfer.
- Contact: county-based USDA Service Center for current information.
- Grants fund up to 50% or more of project costs.
- Website is at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/index.html> or call the local USDA Service Center listed in the phone book under "United States Federal Government."

### ***USDA-NRCS Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP): I, O, U***

- Purpose: to restore and protect wetlands with a permanent or 30 year easement and restoration agreement.
- File applications at any time.
- Funding from 75% to 100% depending upon length of commitment
- Eligible lands must be restorable, contribute significantly to wetland functions and values, and be suitable for wildlife habitat.
- Website is at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/index.html> or call the local USDA Service Center listed in the phone book under "United States Federal Government."

## ***U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA)***

### ***USDA-FSA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP): U***

- Purpose: to reduce soil erosion and agricultural commodity production on environmentally sensitive lands.
- Eligibility is generally limited to agricultural producers with marginal cropland and pasturelands.
- Funding is provided in the form of annual rental payments per enrolled acre.
- Payment rates are based upon soil productivity.
- Contract duration is between 10-15 years.
- Website is at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/>, click on "conservation programs" or call the local USDA Service Center listed in the phone book under "United States Federal Government."

## ***United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USDA-FS)***

### ***USDA-FS Urban and Community Forest Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program: G, E, I, O***

- Purpose: to help establish and support urban and community forests and forestry activities.
- February deadlines
- Non-federal match of 50% required
- More information can be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/ucf/> .

## ***United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)***

### ***HUD Brownfields Economic Development Initiative and other programs: G***

- Purpose: to support low and moderate income persons and address needs such as redeveloping idle industrial sites.
- Funds can be used for site remediation and a variety of other uses.
- More information can be found at <http://www.hud.gov/grants/> or call 1-800-HUD-8929.

## ***United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)***

### ***USEPA Guidebook for Financial Tools & Catalog of Funding Sources for Watersheds***

- Useful document for identifying programs that will protect both urban and rural watersheds
- <http://www.epa.gov/efinpage>.

### ***USEPA Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants: G, P, U***

- Purpose: re-use and remediation of brownfield sites throughout Illinois.
- \$2 to \$3 million annually appropriated
- Cleanup grants require 20% cost-share, grants range from under 15K up to 200K.
- Call 312-886-7576, 301-589-5318, or visit <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/> for more information.

### ***USEPA Environmental Education Grants Program: E, P, G***

- Eligible projects include environmental education activities such as curricula design or dissemination, designing or demonstrating educational field methods for the public, and training educators.
- Call or visit the website for most current information and deadlines.
- Minimum of 25% matching funds or in-kind services
- Awards up to \$50,000 or less granted by regional offices
- Contact USEPA at <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html> or call 312-353-5282/202-564-1000.

### ***USEPA Environmental Justice Small Grant Programs: E, P***

- Program targets disadvantaged communities with disproportionate environmental or public health issues.
- No match is required.
- Up to \$25,000 per non-superfund site
- Contact USEPA at <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/grants/index.html> or call 312-886-5993, fax -2737 or 1-800-962-6215.

## ***United States Department of Energy (USDOE)***

The Department of Energy has a comprehensive website detailing programs on alternative energy sources. Link is at: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/> click on "programs" and "financial opportunities."

## ***United States Department of the Interior-Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)***

The USFWS has a comprehensive website detailing all their grants according to type of organization. Link is at <http://www.fws.gov/grants/>

### ***USFWS Northeastern Illinois Wetlands Conservation Account: I, G, O, P, E.***

- Eligible projects include restoration, enhancement, and preservation of wetlands and those that promote understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of wetlands in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties
- Application deadlines vary. \$650-\$60,000 typical grant range.
- Matching funds preferred but not required.
- Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 847-381-2253 for information.
- <http://www.fws.gov/Midwest/Chicago/NEIWCA.htm>

### ***USFWS Private Stewardship Grants Program: O, I, E, G***

- Purpose: to provide assistance that benefits at-risk, threatened, or endangered species.
- Grants to be used on private lands for wildlife habitat restoration for endangered or threatened species
- Application deadlines vary.
- Matching funds of 10% required
- Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at <http://grants.fws.gov/conserve.html> or call 847-381-2253 or 309-793-5800.

## ***United States Department of the Interior-National Park Service (NPS)***

### ***NPS Preserve America Grants Programs: P, E, G***

- Purpose: to provide assistance that preserves historical or cultural resources.
- Application deadlines in December or vary.
- Matching funds of 50% required
- Visit the U.S. National Park Service website at <http://www.nps.gov/history/grants.htm>.

## ***United States Department of Defense-Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)***

### ***USACE Section 1135 Project Modifications for the Improvement of the Environment: G, U***

- Federal funds and technical assistance available for studies, planning, engineering, construction and administration
- Federal cost-share up to \$5 million plus non-federal match
- Requires local cost-share of 25%
- Contact Army Corps of Engineers at <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/pub/ap/facts/sec1135.pdf> or call 509-527-7239, 312-846-5562, 309-794-5590, 314-331-8404 for more information.

### ***USACE Section 206 Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration: G, U***

- Funding and assistance to carry out ecosystem restoration and enhancement that is documented to be in the public interest, will improve the environment, and is cost effective
- Federal cost-share of up to \$5 million available
- Requires 35% non-federal cost-share
- Contact the Army Corps of Engineers at <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/pub/ap/facts/sec206.pdf> or call 509-527-7239, 312-846-5562, 309-794-5590, 314-331-8404.

## ***Other***

### ***Federal Tax Incentives for Conservation: I, O, U***

- Significant federal tax deductions are available for owners of environmentally sensitive and agricultural lands that has been donated for conservation purposes, or lands that has been placed in a conservation easement, or simply managed for conservation. The tax code is variable from year-to-year. Look for the most recent information.
- Source of incentives are in the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Codes 170(a) (1), 1.170A-14, [170(h)], 26 CFR CH 1 (4-1-03 edition et al...).

### ***-Special 50% Limit for Qualified Conservation Contributions (QCCs).***

Qualified conservation contributions (QCCs) are limited to 50% of adjusted gross income minus deductions for all other charitable contributions. Carry-over of any contributions are permitted if individuals are not able to deduct for the year 2007 because of this limit (criteria here subject to change).

**-100% limit for QCCs of farmers and ranchers.**

A qualified farmer or rancher is one whose gross income from the trade or business of farming is more than 50% of gross income for the year. Deduction for QCCs is limited to 100%, rather than 50%, of adjusted gross income minus the deduction for all other charitable contributions. If the donated property is used in agriculture or livestock production (or is available for such production), the contribution must be subject to a restriction that the property will remain available for such production. If not, the limit is 50% (please see IRS rules in more detail at: <http://www.irs.gov/publications/p526/ar02.html#d0e3155>).

- Web information sources are at <http://www.irs.gov/publications/p526/ix01.html> , <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/>, <http://www.irs.gov/> , and <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-04-41.pdf>.
- For agricultural producers, soil and water conservation tax assistance is outlined in IRS Publication 225 - Farmer's Tax Guide at <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/lists/0..id=97819.00.html> .
- Before taking action, contact the IRS or your federal tax advisor for the most current information and planning.

## **State Funding Sources**

*The State of Illinois administers numerous conservation programs under various state agencies.*

### ***Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)***

***IEPA Non-point Source Pollution Control Grant Program (Section 319 grants): G, O***

- Eligible projects include controlling or eliminating non-point pollution sources.
- Application deadline in August
- Requires 40% matching funds or in-kind services
- Contact Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/> click "water" then "financial assistance" or call 217-782-3362.

***IEPA Illinois Clean Lakes Program: G, P***

- Financial assistance available for publicly-owned lakes larger than 6 acres with public access
- Application deadlines: need to investigate
- Requires 40% match for phase I up to 50K, 50% local match for phase II up to 300K
- Contact IEPA at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/index.html> or call 217-782-3362.

***IEPA Lake Education Assistance Program: G, E, P***

- Eligible projects include educational programs on inland lakes and lake watersheds.
- Maximum funding of \$500 is reimbursed after completion
- Deadlines in September and January
- Contact IEPA at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/index.html> or call 217-782-3362.

### ***Illinois Dept of Natural Resources (IDNR)***

<http://www.dnr.state.il.us/grants/> or <http://dnr.state.il.us/OREP/C2000/Incentives.htm#EQIP>

***IDNR (Division of Wildlife or Resource Protection and Stewardship) Trees, Shrubs and Seedlings at No Cost: I, U***

- Purpose: to encourage landowners to reforest land, increase wildlife, and control erosion.
- Approved management plan required
- Contact IDNR at 217-785-8774.

***IDNR (Planning Division) Recreational Grants-In-Aid Programs: G,P,O.***

- A collection of various trail and open space programs where eligible projects include bicycle paths and facilities
- 0%-50% match required, depending upon which type of grant
- Contact IDNR at <http://dnr.state.il.us/ocd/gaoutnew.htm> or call 217-782-7481.

***IDNR (Forestry) Forestry Assistance Grant Programs: G, I, U.***

- Purpose: to create or enhance landowner or local forestry programs.
- May and other deadline and requires 50% match
- Reimbursement up to \$5,000, visit website for other programs' criteria.
- For more information, visit IDNR at <http://dnr.state.il.us/conservation/forestry/> , or call 217-782-2361.

***IDNR (Division of Education) Schoolyard Habitat Action Grants: E, U***

- Eligible projects include enhancement of wildlife habitat, with emphasis on youth involvement and education
- Project must involve a trained Project WILD educator or facilitator
- Maximum funding to \$600
- October application deadline
- Contact IDNR at <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/education/CLASSRM/grants.htm> or call 217-524-4126.

***IDNR (Office of Realty & Environmental Planning) Conservation 2000 - Ecosystems Program: O***

- Eligible projects include habitat protection or improvement, technical assistance, and education.
- The Ecosystems Program provides financial and technical support to groups (ecosystem partners) which seek to maintain and enhance ecological and economic conditions in key watersheds of Illinois.
- February deadline
- Contact IDNR at <http://dnr.state.il.us/orep/c2000/ecosystem/> or call 217-782-7940.

***Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA)***

***IDA (Land & Water) Streambank Stabilization & Restoration Program (SSRP): O, I***

- Eligible projects include naturalized stream bank stabilization practices in rural and urban communities.
- Projects must be sponsored and approved by the local Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District.
- Contact IDA at <http://www.agr.state.il.us/Environment/conserv/index.html> or call 1-800-864-7300/217-782-6297; or your local Soil & Water Conservation District that services your county. Offices are listed in the phone book under "local government."

***IDA (Land & Water) Sustainable Agriculture Grant (Conservation 2000) Program: I, O, G***

- Eligible projects include those that carry out research, protect the environment, and maintain profitability.
- Grants awarded up to \$10,000 per individual; \$25,000 per eligible organization.
- Proposals accepted annually in early fall
- Contact IDOA at <http://www.agr.state.il.us> or call 217-782-6297 or contact the local Soil & Water Conservation District that services your county. Offices are listed in the phone book under "local government."

***Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)***

***IEMA Pre-disaster Mitigation Program: G, P***

- Purpose: to acquire flood-prone properties prior to or after emergency events.
- Example projects include flood-prone real property limited to open space or living snow fences to prevent damage.
- Visit <http://www.state.il.us/iema/planning/planning> or call 217-782-8719.

***Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)***

***IDOT Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program-Illinois Green Street Initiative: G.***

- Eligible projects include those that create tree or prairie plantings along roads and right of ways.
- Planning is encouraged at present, in order to be completed for new disbursements.
- Local 20% match required for projects.
- Contact Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) <http://www.dot.state.il.us/opp/itep.html> or email [itep@dot.il.gov](mailto:itep@dot.il.gov).

***Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)***

Useful website to search for educational grants at: <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/grants/default.htm> .

## *Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)*

### ***DCEO Community Development Assistance Program (Community Dev. Block Grant): G***

- Eligible projects must include activities that improve moderate or low-income areas.
- Conservation-related projects can possibly include the acquisition of real property (e.g., flood-prone areas), construction of water or sewer facilities, and initiatives for energy conservation.
- Money originates at the federal level as the Community Development Block Grant and is administered directly to “entitlement” communities. In other areas, units of local government should contact their county to apply for funds under the Community Development Assistance Program.
- Contact is at [http://www.illinoisbiz.biz/dceo/Bureaus/Community\\_Development/Grants/](http://www.illinoisbiz.biz/dceo/Bureaus/Community_Development/Grants/) or call 217-785-6142.

### ***IL State Tax Incentives***

<http://dnr.state.il.us/OREP/C2000/Incentives.htm>

### ***Illinois State Tax Incentives for Conservation: O, I***

- Environmentally-sensitive lands or dedicated open space may qualify for significant property tax reductions:

#### **Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act** (525 ILCS 30/1 et.seq)/17 Ill Adm. Code

- If land is qualified by being designated as an Illinois Nature Preserve, it may be assessed at \$1/year in perpetuity.

#### **Preferential Assessment of Farmland** (Property Tax Code, Sec. 1-60 (Definitions.) Sec. 10-110 et seq.)

- If qualified, assessments are based on Cropland as 33 1/3% of the agricultural economic value; Permanent Pasture as 1/3 of its value of cropland; other farmland at 1/6 of its value as cropland; and wasteland without a contributory value to farmland at zero.

#### **Open Space Assessment** (Illinois Property Tax Code Sections 10-155)

- A lower use evaluation is used for land in open space.
- 10 acre minimum area
- This assessment is not applicable in Cook County.

#### **Preferential Assessment of Common Areas** (Illinois Property Tax Code Sections 10-35)

- Purpose is to encourage open space in residential developments.
- If qualifying, assessment is reduced to \$1/year.

#### **IL Historic Preservation Property Tax Assessment Freeze & Fed. Historic Tax Credit Programs**

- Eligibility includes rehabilitated properties that are listed or eligible for the national register or that qualifies through an approved local historic preservation ordinance.
- Assessed valuation of qualified properties is frozen for eight years at first year of program.
- State tax incentives under the “Real Property Conservation Rights Act.
- Contact is at 217-785-4512 or visit <http://state.il.us/hpa>.

- Other tax incentives that may also apply include:

**-Assessment of Property Encumbered by Easements**

**-Conservation Easements and Other Rights**

**-Exemption of Illinois Prairie Path Corporation Leases**

**-Exemption of Property Leased to a Park District**

**-Forest Legacy Program**

**-Forestry Management Plan**

**-Tax Bills Optional for Equalized Assessed Valuation Less Than \$150**

**-Tax Certification Program for Livestock Waste Management Facilities**

**-Vegetative Filter Strip Assessment**

For more information, link to the IDNR website. More tax incentives may apply in addition to those listed here. Contact IDNR regarding the Real Property Conservation Rights Act and the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act at 217-785-8774. Your local township or county assessor can help determine eligibility under other incentives.

## Other Sources

*Project funding sources that could potentially qualify as federal/state matching funds may come from a variety of local government, private, or foundations that support initiatives reflecting organizational policies. Eligibility criteria are as varied as the donors. Most require a Not-For-Profit (501c3, \*c4, etc.) corporate status.*

### ***Illinois Clean Energy Foundation: P, E, G, U***

- Eligible projects include those that enhance natural areas, increase renewable energy, or improve energy efficiency.
- Deadlines in January and July
- Contact is at <http://www.illinoiscleanenergy.org> or call 312-372-5191.

### ***Habitat Restoration Funds for Fox and Kishwaukee (NE IL) River Watersheds: I, O, E, G***

- Eligible projects include wetland restoration and wildlife habitat of aquatic resources.
- Deadlines in mid-March and mid-August
- 25% cost-share
- Cost-share cannot be used for match with federal funds.
- Contact Kane-DuPage, McHenry, Boone, North Cook or Lake Soil and Water Conservation District for most current program information, or visit <http://www.kanedupageswcd.org>.

### ***National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Keystone Initiative Grant Programs: P, O, E, G.***

- Eligible projects include bird, fish, coastal and habitat restoration .
- Deadlines vary per individual program.
- Requires 2:1 non-federal cost share. Sample grant sizes in Illinois range from \$50,000 to \$300,000.
- Contact is at <http://www.nfwf.org> or call 612-713-5173.

### ***Illinois Community Action Association-Rural Community Assistance Program: U***

- A network of non-profit groups that assist rural and low-income communities with populations less than 10,000
- Eligible projects include environmental assessment, water quality & waste-water treatment.
- Website is at <http://icaanet.org>, 217-789-0125 or make contact at [rcap@rcap.org](mailto:rcap@rcap.org).

### ***Wal-Mart Corporate-Giving Programs: G, E, P, Veteran and Civic Groups***

- Past funding included environmental grants to schools, nature trails, tree-planting, and water initiatives.
- Coordinate with nearest Wal-Mart or Sam's Store.
- Information can be found at <http://walmartstores.com/community> or call 1-800-530-9925.

### ***The Home Depot Foundation: U, P.***

- “The Home Depot Foundation is dedicated to building affordable homes for working families that are healthy to live in and affordable to own.”
- Preference is given to projects that incorporate trees and landscape into community development plans.
- Contact is at <http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/>.

### ***Trust for Public Lands (TPL): G, P, E, U.***

- A national not-for-profit conservation organization that works with local organizations to conserve lands for a variety of uses, to include farms, ranches, natural lands and lands of historic importance.
- TPL can assist local organizations identify lands to be protected and assist in financing and land transactions.
- <http://www.tpl.org>. Click on local programs-North Central Region. 312-427-1979 & 314-436-7255.

### ***Chicago Wilderness Small Grants Program: U.***

- The **Chicago Wilderness consortium** is an alliance of more than 200 public and private organizations working together to protect, study and manage the natural ecosystems of the Chicago region (NE IL / SE WI / NW IN ).
- Small grant proposals are accepted up to \$15,000.
- Contact is at <http://www.chicagowilderness.org/> or at 312-580-2137.



***Support for Family Farms-Farm Aid: U, P.***

- Purpose is to strengthen Family Farm Agriculture.
- Projects have included sustainable agriculture and organic farming.
- Grants typically range from \$3,000 to \$7,500.
- Contact at <http://www.farmaid.org/> .

***University of Illinois-Cooperative Extension Service-Mini-grants Program: I, O, E, U, P.***

- The purpose of the Mini-Grant program is to develop the skills and competencies of agricultural professionals in the profit and not-for-profit sectors serving the food and fiber system.
- Projects given up to \$1,000.
- Contact is at [http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/smallfarm/sare/mini\\_grants.html](http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/smallfarm/sare/mini_grants.html) .

***1772 Foundation: U, P.***

- Mission is to preserve or enhance American historical entities with an emphasis on farming, industrial development, transportation or unusual buildings.
- Projects have included greenways linking historic sites
- Contact is at <http://www.1772foundation.org/>

***The History Channel-Save our History Grants: P, G, E.***

- Projects might focus on the history and/or efforts to help preserve a neighborhood, building, local heritage, cemetery, historic site, historic collections, or an historic event or tradition that is important to the local community.
- Collaborating with a local school or youth organization is mandatory in order to qualify for a grant.
- Awards up to \$10,000 per year.
- Contact is at <http://www.history.com/minisites/saveourhistory/>

## Reference Sources

*Several grant search engines and organizations exist to help identify funding sources. Except for IDNR, Fees for services or products may be charged by these organizations. When searching, be sure to clarify whether charges will be incurred. For “do-it-your-selves,” local grant data collection centers are available throughout Illinois.*

***Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)***

IDNR has a very good, comprehensive grant search engine at:  
<http://dnr.state.il.us/orep/c2000/grants/>

***Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance***

Click on Grant/Loans

<http://www.nextstep.state.mn.us/>

***Gateway Center for Giving***

Interesting website from a perspective on how to give grants to non-profits (St. Louis, MO metropolitan area focus)  
[http://www.centerforgiving.org/s\\_map/index.asp](http://www.centerforgiving.org/s_map/index.asp)

***Environmental Finance Center Network-Directory of Watershed Resources***

Although Illinois programs are not included in its target audience, Illinois conservationists should still find this website very comprehensive in identifying private or foundation funding sources.  
<http://efc.boisestate.edu/watershed/searchmenu.asp>

***State of Illinois Grant Data Collection Centers--Foundation Center Cooperating Collections***

***The Foundation Center***

79 Fifth Street, New York, New York 10003.

Phone: 212-620-4230

<http://www.fdncenter.org>

Cooperating Collections are free funding information centers in libraries, community foundations, and other nonprofit resource centers that provide a core collection of Foundation Center publications and a variety of supplementary materials and services in areas useful to grant seekers.

<http://foundationcenter.org/collections/ccil.html>

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405 W. Main St.  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 457-0354

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208 S. LaSalle, Ste. 735  
Chicago, IL 60604  
(312) 578-0175

**[PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE](#)** 

South Metropolitan Philanthropy Center  
202 S. Halstead  
Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
(708) 709-3500

**[EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY](#)** 

1703 Orrington Ave.  
Evanston, IL 60201  
(847) 448-8630

**[COLLEGE OF DUPAGE](#)** 

Philanthropy Center  
Student Resource Center  
425 Fawell Blvd.  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137  
(630) 942-3364

**[COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY](#)** 

Lake County Philanthropy Center  
John C. Murphy Memorial Library  
19351 W. Washington St.

Grayslake, IL 60030  
(847) 543-2071

**[ACORN PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT](#)** 

15624 S. Central Ave.  
Oak Forest, IL 60452  
(708) 687-3700

**[JOHN WOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE](#)** 

1301 S. 48th St.  
Quincy, IL 62305  
(217) 224-6500

**[ROCK ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY](#)** 

401 19th St.  
Rock Island, IL 61201  
(309) 732-7323

**[SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY](#)** 

Northwest Suburban Philanthropy Center  
130 S. Roselle Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60193  
(847) 985-4000

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