

Appendix A: Selected Federal/State Programs and Funding Initiatives Pertinent to the Gulf of Maine Region

This table summarizes selected discretionary (e.g., optional) funding programs that could or are currently having an effect on the goals and objectives of the Gulf of Maine Council.

Federal Agency	Program	Purpose	Funding
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (“NOAA”)	Coastal Zone Enhancement Grant Program ¹	Wetland protection/enhancement and projects that reduce threats to life and property from sea level rise, increasing public access, reducing marine debris, controlling and managing coastal development, preparing coastal management plans, planning for use of ocean resources and others.	Funding is awarded to states based upon the criteria established pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C.A. §1456b(d).
	Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (“CELCP”)	To protect coastal and estuarine lands considered important for their ecological, conservation, recreational, historical or aesthetic value.	Funds projects that ensure conservation of these areas for the benefit of future generations, and that can be effectively managed and protected. ²
	Community Restoration Partnerships	To bring together citizen groups, NGOs and all levels of government to restore fishery habitat around the coastal US	Projects that will benefit living marine resources funded directly and through regional organizations ³
	Landscape Characterization and Restoration Program (“LCR”)	Within Coastal Services Center, LCR develops geographic and issue-based environmental characterizations that integrate natural and socio-economic information to help managers. Characterizations may be geographic or issue-based, either may have regional, multiple-state emphasis	Grants for geographic characterizations are funded and administered as cooperative agreements. Issue-based projects use a “best value” approach to select qualified applicants to help coastal managers. ⁴
	National Estuarine Research Reserves	To support research, education and interpretation activities within designated research reserves	Funding is awarded on a competitive basis to Great Bay and Wells Reserves
	Northeast Consortium (“NEC”)	Acting through a partnership of four research institutions (UNH, UMaine, MIT and WHOI), NEC encourages and funds cooperative projects between fishermen, scientists and managers in Gulf of Maine.	NEC administers \$5 million annually from NOAA for cooperative research on issues ranging from gear to socioeconomic research ⁵
U.S. EPA	Clean Water Act 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 <i>et seq</i>	“...restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation’s waters.”	Numerous sources are available for water quality planning and implementation ⁶

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	National Estuary Program (“NEP”)	To improve the quality of estuaries of national importance. The NEP is designed to promote the restoration of estuary habitat, and develop a national estuary habitat restoration strategy	There are a variety of funding sources for establishment and research related to watersheds and NEP-designated estuaries ⁷
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“ACOE”)	Estuary Restoration Act of 2000, 33 U.S.C. §§ 2901 <i>et seq.</i>	Use an ecosystem level approach to bring together the collective expertise and financial resources of the federal community with tribal, State, local and NGOs and the corporate world to restore the integrity of the nation’s estuarine systems	Funding is authorized by the Act and the subsequent Final Estuary Habitat Restoration Strategy. 67 CFR 232 (December 3, 2002) ⁸
	Section 206 Program Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration	Section 206 of the WRDA 1996 allows the ACOE and a non-federal sponsor, to study, design and construct projects to improve the aquatic environment	USACE receives funds each year which are distributed nationwide as needed. Cost share is 65% federal with a max of \$5 million per project ⁹
	Section 1135 Program: Project Modification to Improve the Environment	Section 1135 of the WRDA 1986 allows for projects for the restoration of habitat affected by a Corps project.	USACE receives funds each year which are distributed nationwide as needed. Cost share is 75% federal with a \$5 million cap per project ¹⁰
US Fish and Wildlife Service	Coastal and Estuary Program; Gulf of Maine Coastal Program	The USFWS component of the Estuary Restoration Act of 2000, its purpose is to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats to support healthy coastal ecosystems.	The USFWS Gulf of Maine provides matching funds to states and qualified organizations that match goals. ¹¹
State Agency	Program	Purpose	Funding
Maine State Planning Office	Land for Maine’s Future	Created to secure “the traditional Maine heritage of public access to Maine’s land and water resources or continued quality and availability of natural resources important to the interests and continued heritage of Maine people.” ¹²	Proposals for protection of lands consistent with the mission of LMF may be submitted to the trustees.
Collaborative Maine State Planning Office; NOAA, <i>et al.</i>	Maine Coast Protection Initiative (“MCPI”)	MCPI goals are to strengthen access to information and professional and technical capacity of Maine’s coastal conservation organizations through collaboration, capacity building and funding of conservation groups, land trusts and others.	Funding is available for implementation, capacity building and GIS projects consistent with goals and missions ¹³
Massachusetts Environmental Trust	Massachusetts Environmental Trust Program	To fund and coordinate projects that encourage cooperative efforts to raise environmental awareness and enable innovative approaches that can protect, restore and improve water and related resources of the Commonwealth	Funding available through grants for water quality initiatives designed to improve and safeguard water resources in the Commonwealth ¹⁴

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Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management	Coastal Programs for: Pollutant Remediation; Nonpoint Source Pollution; Monitoring Grant Program	Program goals are consistent with Mass CZM mission "...to balance the impact to human activities with protection of coastal and marine resources through planning, public involvement, education, research and sound resource management."	Grants available for Pollutant Remediation, Nonpoint Source Pollution assessment and prevention, and coastal monitoring ¹⁵
Coastal America Partnership	National Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership	A public-private partnership between the federal government, state governments and private corporations to restore wetlands and other aquatic habitats The CWRP's objective is to protect, enhance and restore wetlands and other aquatic habitats by partnering to leverage the collective resources, skills and processes of the private and public sectors. Opportunities exist in all three Gulf of Maine border states.	Funding is through participating private corporations that will donate funds for either site specific wetland or other aquatic habitat restoration projects or provide matching funds to a national or regional effort in support of aquatic ecosystem restoration activities. ¹⁶
NH Dept. of Resources and Economic Development	Forest Legacy Program	Goal is to purchase development rights from willing sellers to protect forestlands. Streamside lands are among program priorities	Provides up to 75% of purchase price for development rights to forest/streamside lands. ¹⁷

¹ 16 U.S.C.A. §1456b; <http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/czm/czmenhancement.html>

² <http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/landconservation.html>;

http://www.tpl.org/tier3_cd.cfm?content_item_id=10569&folder_id=191

³ http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/funding_opportunities/funding.html

⁴ <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/cr/lcrgrants.html>

⁵ <http://www.northeastconsortium.org/>

⁶ <http://www.nal.usda.gov/wqic/funding.html>

⁷ <http://www.epa.gov/owow/estuaries/fund.htm>; <http://www.epa.gov/owow/funding.html>

⁸ http://www.usace.army.mil/civilworks/cecw/estuary_act/

⁹ 33 U.S.C.A. §2330

¹⁰ 33 USC § 2316

¹¹ <http://www.fws.gov/coastal/CoastalProgram/pdfs/MAINE%20FS.PDF>

¹² <http://www.state.me.us/spo/lmf/>

¹³ <http://www.protectcoastalmaine.org/About/MCPI.htm>

¹⁴ <http://www.agmconnect.org/massenvironmentaltrust/grant-seekers-existing-grantees.htm>

¹⁵ <http://www.mass.gov/czm/jobsandgrants.htm>

¹⁶ <http://www.coastalamerica.gov/text/cwrp.html>

¹⁷ <http://www.nh.nrcs.usda.gov/features/Buffers/riparianquickguide.html>