

# New Mexico State Forestry (NMSF)



We recommend that you contact your local New Mexico State Forestry (NMSF) District. Some of these resources require pre-application preparation with your District before an application is submitted. For the NMSF office near you, visit <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SFD/> or call 505-476-3325.

## Hazardous Fuels Treatments on Non-Federal Lands (NFL)

**Purpose:** Projects must reduce fire threat to communities that are surrounded by hazardous forest fuels which pose a threat in the event of a wildfire. Outcomes include improving wildfire prevention and suppression, reducing hazardous fuels, and restoring fire-adapted ecosystems.

**Who Can Apply:** Local governments, tribal governments and political subdivisions of the state (i.e. Soil and Water Conservation Districts). Projects must be in communities adjacent to federal lands where surrounding forest fuels pose a hazard in the event of a wildfire.

**Amount:** Grant amounts vary up to \$300,000

**Deadline:** Applications are typically due in March of each year.

**Match Requirement:** 10% non-federal

**Contact:** NM State Forestry, Andrew Frederick, 505-476-3343, [andrewg.frederick@state.nm.us](mailto:andrewg.frederick@state.nm.us)

## Wildland Urban Interface Grants (WUI)

**Purpose:** The planning and implementation of hazardous fuels mitigation projects that will reduce the fire threat in Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas in New Mexico. The emphasis is on hazardous fuel reduction, information and education, and community and homeowner action. Outcomes include improving wildfire prevention and suppression, reducing hazardous fuels, and restoring fire-adapted ecosystems.

**Who Can Apply:** Local governments, tribal governments and political subdivisions of the state (i.e. Soil and Water Conservation Districts). Projects must be within the boundaries of an approved Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

**Amount:** Grant amounts vary up to \$300,000

**Match Requirement:** 1:1 non-federal

**Deadline:** Applications are typically due in March of each year.

**Contact:** NM State Forestry, Andrew Frederick, 505-476-3343, [andrewg.frederick@state.nm.us](mailto:andrewg.frederick@state.nm.us)  
Visit <https://www.westernforesters.org/wui-grants> for more information.

## **Forest Health Initiative (FHI)**

**Purpose:** Provides cost share funds for the reduction of insect and pathogen (disease) risk through forest improvement. The objective is to improve degraded (e.g. overcrowded, infested, and/or infected) forestland to a healthier, more resilient state.

**Who Can Apply:** Landowners who have a minimum of 10 acres of forestland and a stewardship/management plan in place. However, up to 10% of Forest Health Initiative funds can be used to help landowners develop long-term forest management plans where none presently exist. Eligible applicants include private, state, and local government owners of forest or woodlands.

**Amount:** Grant amounts vary up to \$100,000

**Match Requirement:** 30% non-federal

**Deadline:** Varies depending on funding

**Contact:** NM State Forestry, John Formby, Ph.D., 505-476-3351, [john.formby@state.nm.us](mailto:john.formby@state.nm.us)

## **Forest and Watershed Restoration Act (FAWRA)**

**Purpose:** Prioritize and fund large-scale forest and watershed restoration projects on any lands in the state that:

- Increase the adaptability and resilience to recurring drought and extreme weather events of the state's forests and watersheds;
- Protect surface water and groundwater sources;
- Reduce the risk of wildfire, including plans for watershed conservation;
- Restore burned areas and/or thin forests; and
- Include related economic or workforce development projects or a wildlife conservation or habitat improvement project.

**Who Can Apply:** Local governments, tribal governments and political subdivisions of the state (i.e. Soil and Water Conservation Districts). Project proponents and partners must work with EMNRD Forestry Division district staff to ensure the project meets requirements. Ideally, the process would start far in advance of the call for projects to allow for project development and secure partners' commitments (financial/organizational investments, or to meet logistical/operational needs).

**Amount:** Funding amounts vary

**Deadline:** Applications for FY 2021 are due March 17, 2020.

**Match Requirement:** none, but projects that leverage other funding sources may rank higher

**Contact:** NM State Forestry, Andrew Frederick, 505-476-3343, [andrewg.frederick@state.nm.us](mailto:andrewg.frederick@state.nm.us)

## State Capital Outlay

**Purpose:** Projects must focus on large-scale forest restoration within priority watersheds as identified within the New Mexico Forest Action Plan. Projects can be multi-jurisdictional. Any federal lands considered within treatment areas should have existing environmental clearances (i.e. "NEPA ready") and have the ability to be implemented in a timely manner. Projects that compliment or connect to existing or planned treatments are encouraged. There is not a maximum project size or funding amount; however, projects must be completed within two years of award.

**Who Can Apply:** Local governments, tribal governments and political subdivisions of the state (i.e. Soil and Water Conservation Districts). Project proponents and partners must work with EMNRD Forestry Division district staff to ensure the project meets requirements. Ideally, the process would start far in advance of the call for projects, to allow for project development and secure partners' commitments (financial/organizational investments, or to meet logistical/operational needs).

**Amount:** Based on proposal

**Deadline:** Continuous

**Match Requirement:** none

**Contact:** NM State Forestry, Andrew Frederick, 505-476-3343, [andrewg.frederick@state.nm.us](mailto:andrewg.frederick@state.nm.us)

## Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR)

**Purpose:** Projects must promote collaborative, science-based restoration of priority forest landscapes, leverage public and private resources and further priorities identified in the state's Forest Action Plan. Projects are encouraged to be cross-boundary and include a combination of landownerships on non-federal lands including combinations of tribal, state and/or local government and private lands. Projects are encouraged to prioritize funding and other resources towards one or more objectives identified below:

- Reduce the risk of uncharacteristic wildfires;
- Improve fish and wildlife habitats, including for threatened and endangered species;
- Maintain and improve water quality and watershed function;
- Mitigate invasive species, insect infestation, and disease;
- Improve important forest ecosystems;
- Measure ecological and economic benefits including air quality and soil quality and productivity.

**Who Can Apply:** Local governments, tribal governments and political subdivisions of the state (i.e. Soil and Water Conservation Districts).

**Amount:** Grant amounts vary up to \$300,000

**Deadline:** Applications are typically due in September of each year.

**Match Requirement:** 1:1 non-federal

**Contact:** NM State Forestry, Andrew Frederick, 505-476-3343, [andrewg.frederick@state.nm.us](mailto:andrewg.frederick@state.nm.us) or visit <https://www.thewflc.org/landscape-scale-restoration-competitive-grant-program/fy-2020-landscape-scale-restoration> for more information.

## New Mexico Counties (NMC)



The Wildfire Risk Reduction Program for Rural Communities was established in 2005 under the National Fire Plan to assist communities throughout New Mexico in reducing their risk from wildland fire on non-federal lands. New Mexico Counties, a nonprofit community foundation, has partnered with the Bureau of Land Management to administer the program and distribute awards.

### Wildfire Risk Reduction for Rural Communities Program (WRRRC)

**Purpose:** Program targets at-risk communities by offering seed money to help defray the costs of reducing wildland fire risk to non-federal wildland urban interface areas in New Mexico. Funding directly benefits communities that may be impacted by wildland fire initiating from or spreading to BLM public land.

**Who Can Apply:** Eligible applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- County government or municipality, a 501(c)(3) organization in the State of New Mexico, a statutorily recognized political subdivision such as a Soil and Water Conservation District, or a Native American tribe working on behalf of one or more communities at risk of wildfires in the state; and
- Contribute at least 10% cost share to the project that can include “in-kind” services. In-kind services may be comprised of labor, staff work, or any other non-federal agency participation costs; and
- Have local BLM Fire/Fuels Management Officer review and sign-off on the application for evaluation, which could lead to funding. Additional signatures are needed for Hazardous Fuels Treatments.

**Amount:** Grant amounts vary up to \$50,000

**Deadline:** Applications are typically due in March of each year.

**Match Requirement:** 10% cost share

**Contact:** Aelysea Webb at 505-395-3403, [awebb@nmcounties.org](mailto:awebb@nmcounties.org) or for more information, visit <https://www.nmcounties.org/services/programs/>

## New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA)



The 2001 Legislature enacted the Water Project Finance Act which created the Water Project Fund in the NMFA and charged the NMFA with the administration of the Fund and the Water Trust Board. The Water Trust Board is a diverse 16-member Board that recommends to the NM Legislature and the NMFA projects to be funded through the Water Project Fund.

### NM Water Trust Board, Water Project Fund (WTB)

**Purpose:** The Water Project Fund gives priority to projects that have urgent needs, that have been identified for implementation of a completed regional water plan that is accepted by the Interstate State Stream Commission and that have matching contributions from federal or local funding sources; and authorizes qualifying water projects to the authority that are for: (1) storage, conveyance or delivery of water to end users; (2) implementation of federal Endangered Species Act of 1973; (3) restoration and management of watersheds; (4) flood prevention; and (5) conservation, recycling, treatment or reuse of water as provided by law.

**Who Can Apply:** Under the Water Project Finance Act, eligible entities include:

1. State agencies;
2. Intercommunity water or natural gas supply associations or corporations organized under Chapter 3, Article 28 NMSA 1978;
3. Recognized Indian nations, tribes or pueblos, the boundaries of which are located wholly or partially in New Mexico, or an association of such entities created pursuant to the Point Powers Agreements Act or other authorizing legislation for the exercise of their common powers; and
4. Political subdivisions
  - a. Municipalities;
  - b. Counties;
  - c. Land grant-merced controlled and governed pursuant to Sections 49-1-1 through 49-1-18 or 49-4-1 through 49-4-21 NMSA 1978;
  - d. Regional or local public water utility authorities created by statute;
  - e. Irrigation districts;
  - f. Conservancy districts;
  - g. Special districts;
  - h. Acequias;
  - i. Soil and water conservation districts;

- j. Water and sanitation districts; and
- k. Associations organized and existing pursuant to the Sanitary Project Act.

**Amount:** 15% of the available WTB funds for all projects within the funding cycle

**Deadline:** Applications are typically due in October of each year, with Notice of Intent in August.

**Match Requirement:** 0% to 20% non-state

**Contact:** Water Trust Board administrator by email to [WTBAdmin@NMFA.net](mailto:WTBAdmin@NMFA.net) or by phone at 505-984-1454. Visit <https://www.nmfa.net/financing/water-programs/water-project-fund/> for more information.

## Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

### Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)



**Purpose:** The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program authorized under the Agricultural Act of 2018 that helps landowners install measures to protect soil, water, plant, wildlife, and other natural resources while ensuring sustainable production on their farms, ranches and forest lands. Funding toward conservation work is competitive, with priorities decided by local NRCS field offices. Forest work through NRCS can include items such as forest thinning projects and riparian restoration.

**Who Can Apply:** Landowners of “non-industrial” private forestlands and/or agricultural producers; Tribes and Pueblos.

**Amount:** Varies. Reimbursements are made after the practice is complete and approved.

**Match Amount:** Match is not a requirement; however, often in-kind match is needed, and/or additional funds are sometimes needed based on practice, location and market rates.

**Deadline:** Applications accepted throughout the year with decisions generally made early in the year.

**Contact:** Your local NRCS office. Every county in New Mexico has a field office (except for Los Alamos). Visit the NRCS New Mexico website for contact information or call 505-761-4400.

Additionally, locate your Local Service Centers at

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nm/contact/local/>

**For More Information:** [www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nm/programs/financial/eqip/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nm/programs/financial/eqip/)

### Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

**Purpose:** The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is a voluntary conservation program

through the Natural Resources Conservation Service that encourages producers to address resource concerns in a comprehensive manner by (1) undertaking additional conservation activities, and (2) improving, maintaining, and managing existing conservation activities.

**Who Can Apply:** CSP is available on Tribal/Pueblo and private agricultural lands and “non-industrial” private forestland.

**Amount:** Varies based on improvements and acreage.

**Match Amount:** Not required.

**Deadline:** Applications accepted throughout the year with decisions generally made early in the year (around February).

**Contact:** Your local NRCS office. Visit the NRCS New Mexico website for local contact information or call 505-761-4400. Additionally, locate your Local Service Centers at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nm/contact/local/>

**For More Information:** [www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nm/programs/financial/csp/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nm/programs/financial/csp/)

## **Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)**

**Purpose:** The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) promotes coordination between NRCS and its partners to deliver conservation assistance to producers and landowners. NRCS provides assistance through partnership agreements and program contracts or easement agreements. The process of developing RCPP agreements includes prioritizing conservation issues, identifying the best solutions and developing outreach plans.

**Who Can Apply:** Agricultural or silvicultural producer associations, farmer cooperatives or other groups of producers, state or local governments, American Indian tribes, municipal water treatment entities, water and irrigation districts, conservation-driven nongovernmental organizations and institutions of higher education

**Amount:** Varies.

**Match Required:** Yes. Proposals with high amounts of match are more competitive.

**Deadline:** Determined annually by USDA NRCS, and typically announced on national NRCS website, in state news releases, and published on Grants.gov.

**Contact:** Visit the NRCS New Mexico website or call 505-761-4404. To locate your Local Service Centers at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nm/contact/local/>

**For More Information:**

[www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/farbill/rcpp](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/farbill/rcpp)

# NM Department of Game & Fish (NMDG&F)

## Wildlife Habitat Restoration Programs

**Purpose:** The NM Department of Game & Fish (Department) supports collaborative multi-year wildlife habitat enhancement projects throughout New Mexico with an assortment of state and other non-federal funds matched to federal aid dollars through the Wildlife & Sportfish Restoration Program at the US Fish & Wildlife Service. The majority of these funds are generated by hunters, trappers, anglers, and through the sale of hunting equipment. Internal funds include those generated through the Habitat Stamp, the HMAV Stamp, and through funds produced through the annual auction and raffle of select big game enhancement authorizations. In addition, the Department has matched federal funds with non-federal funds from external partners including NM State Forestry, the Water Trust Board, the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, private donors such as Coca-Cola, and others. The Department has prioritized forests, grass/shrublands, wetland/riparian, and aquatic systems for restoration emphasis realizing the considerable influence these ecosystems have on biological diversity.

**Who Can Apply:** The Department works with partners to support habitat restoration projects across land ownership types, dependent upon funding source. Prioritized projects are supported as budget authority allows.

**Amount:** The NM Habitat Stamp Program expends approximately \$750,000 annually. All other funding sources vary annually as budget authority and federal matching funds fluctuate.

**Deadline:** Applications to the NM Habitat Stamp Program are due in March. Other funding sources typically do not have strict deadlines.

**Match Requirement:** No match requirement, however, projects are prioritized to address wildlife habitat issues in collaborative large-scale restoration landscapes.

**Contact:** Jacob Davidson, Habitat Program Manager, [Jacob.davidson@state.nm.us](mailto:Jacob.davidson@state.nm.us) or 505-476-8112

**For More Information:** Visit the NM Department of Game & Fish website:  
<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/>



# USDA Forest Service (USFS)

## Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP)

**Purpose:** This is a national Forest Service grant program that seeks applications that: 1) promote healthy watersheds and to reduce the threat of large, high intensity wildfires, insect infestation, and disease in the forests in New Mexico, 2) improve the functioning of forest ecosystems and to enhance plant and wildlife biodiversity by reducing the unnaturally high number and density of small diameter trees on Federal, Tribal, State, County, and municipal forest lands, 3) improve communication and joint problem solving among individuals and groups who are interested in restoring the diversity and productivity of forested watersheds in New Mexico, 4) improve the use of, or add value to, small diameter trees, 5) encourage sustainable communities and sustainable forests through collaborative partnerships whose objective is forest restoration, and 6) develop, demonstrate, and evaluate ecologically sound forest restoration techniques.

**Who Can Apply:** Eligible applicants are local and tribal governments, educational institutions, landowners, conservation organizations, and other interested public and private entities. The projects may be entirely on, or on any combination of, Federal, Tribal, State, County, Land Grant (political sub- divisions of the state), or Municipal forestlands.

**Amount:** Individual grant awards will not exceed \$360,000 in Forest Service funding over 4 years, and not more than \$120,000 in any one year.

**Deadline:** For applications due in federal fiscal year 2021 the due date will change for previous years. The due date will either be in late summer or early fall of 2020.

**Match Requirement:** Applicants must demonstrate a 20% match of the total project cost from non-federal sources. In-kind contributions can be considered as part of the cost share. The application must demonstrate that all costs will be actual costs to the recipient during project implementation.

**Contact:** Ian Fox, Southwestern Regional CFRP Program Manager, [ian.fox@usda.gov](mailto:ian.fox@usda.gov) or 505 842-3425

**For More Information:** Visit the Forest Service Wood Innovations website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r3/workingtogether/grants>

## Wood Innovations Program (WIP)

**Purpose:** This is a national Forest Service grant program that seeks proposals that significantly stimulate or expand wood products markets and wood energy markets and industry that serve as an agent for forest restoration. Emphasis areas for the program include: (a) reduction of hazardous fuels and improved forest health on National Forest System and other forest lands, (b) reduction of costs of forest management on all land types, and (c) promotion of economic and industry growth.

**Who Can Apply:** Eligible applicants are for-profit entities; State, local, and Tribal governments; school districts; communities; not-for-profit organizations; institutions of higher education; and

special purpose districts (e.g., public utilities districts, fire districts, conservation districts, and ports).

**Amount:** The maximum for each award is generally \$250,000; however, the Forest Service may consider awarding more to a proposal that shows significant impact, where the project closely aligns with program goals and yields significant hazardous fuels reduction in a timely manner. All awards are based on availability of funding

**Deadline:** Determined annually by USDA-Forest Service in mid to later January.

**Match Requirement:** Yes. Applicants must contribute at least 50% of the Forest Service requested funds. For every \$2 of Federal funding requested, applicants must provide at least \$1 in match. The match may include cash or in-kind contributions. All matching funds must be directly related to the proposed project.

**Contact:** Buck Sanchez, Southwestern Regional Biomass Coordinator, [buck.sanchez@usda.gov](mailto:buck.sanchez@usda.gov) or 505-842-3498.

**For More Information:** Visit the Forest Service Wood Innovations website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/naspf/programs/wood-education-and-resource-center/wood-innovations-home>

### **Tier 3 Restoration Allocation Methodology (Tier 3)**

**Purpose:** This is a funding opportunity for National Forest within the Southwestern Region to compete for Regional restoration funding. **Tier 3** projects are designed to move the Southwestern Region toward desired conditions by concentrating funding to address key restoration goals and developing issues that are beyond the management flexibility of individual forests across the Southwestern Region. This funding process is intended to identify and fund restoration projects that are determined to be among top regional priorities. These projects will be recommended for funding by the Restoration Steering Team. Final funding decisions will be made by the Regional Executive Team.

**Who Can Apply:** Forest Supervisors of National Forest within the Southwestern Region.

**Amount:** No more than \$750,000 total request per forest and no individual project less than \$50,000

**Deadline:** Annually during early fall.

**Match Requirement:** No match requirement, however, projects must be identified on forest's Five Year Action Plan, or as a priority to address newly developing issues or emerging opportunities and must contribute to restoration goals in landscapes outside of existing Tier 2 (e.g., CFLRP) projects.

**Contact:** Forest Supervisors of the Southwestern Region's National Forests.

## **Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP)**

### **Purpose:**

Congress established the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP) with [Title IV of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009](#) (PDF, 40 KB) and reauthorized it in the [Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018](#) Section 8629 (the Farm Bill).

The purpose of the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program is to encourage the collaborative, science-based ecosystem restoration of priority forest landscapes and:

- encourage ecological, economic, and social sustainability;
- leverage local resources with national and private resources;
- facilitate the reduction of wildfire management costs, including through re-establishing natural fire regimes and reducing the risk of uncharacteristic wildfire;
- demonstrate the degree to which various ecological restoration techniques achieve ecological and watershed health objectives; and,
- encourage utilization of forest restoration by-products to offset treatment costs, to benefit local rural economies, to and improve forest health

**Who Can Apply:** Two projects per USFS Region, Region 3 (AZ and NM) submitted two projects on January 24, 2020. A new proposal (Rio Chama) was submitted and an extension (The Four Forest Initiative) was also submitted. A review and evaluation process by the Federal Advisory Committee in March 2020 will evaluate proposals and recommend funding.

Note: The Zuni Mountain CFLR project was funded originally in 2012 and has been funded an additional 2 years under the reauthorization.

**Amount:** Up to \$ 4 million annually for any one project

**Deadline:** January 24, 2020

**Match Requirement:** The Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Fund may be used to pay for up to 50 percent of the cost of carrying out and monitoring ecological restoration treatments on National Forest System (NFS) lands.

**Contact:** David Borland, Southwest Regional Stewardship Coordinator, [david.borland@usda.gov](mailto:david.borland@usda.gov)

For more information: <https://www.fs.fed.us/restoration/CFLRP/index.shtml>

## **Joint Chief's**

### **Purpose:**

The Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership is a tool for achieving USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue's vision for increased collaboration among Federal agencies, States, Tribes, and private partners to target investments for addressing landscape-scale priorities. This partnership exemplifies the shared stewardship model of working together with our partners to achieve consistency with the USDA Strategic Goals. These goals guide our work to ensure that these projects facilitate rural prosperity and economic development, strengthen the stewardship of private lands through technology and research, and ensure productive and sustainable use of National Forest System lands.

In keeping with the OneUSDA concept, the USDA's Forest Service (FS) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are requesting proposals for consideration of funding beginning in fiscal year (FY) 2020 within the Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership (JCLRP). The intent of the partnership is to achieve measurable outcomes through coordinated conservation activities on public and private lands. Selected projects will enhance collaboration among FS and NRCS, as well as many local, non-governmental, Tribal, and individual landowner stakeholders. Joint Chiefs' will align with shared stewardship by selecting projects that demonstrate a cross-boundary effort, work at the appropriate scale, and have mutually defined priorities that lead to desired outcomes.

### **Who Can Apply**

- Proposals must include two levels of signatures: local NRCS Conservationist and Forest Supervisor, with the concurrence of NRCS State Conservationist, State Forester, and FS Regional Forester.
- Proposals must include, at a minimum, a combination of activities on private and public land. In most cases, the public land will be within the National Forest System but may be or include State land.
- Proposed activities must include land treatments, as well as education, outreach, and coordination activities on public, State, Tribal, and private land.
- Projects may be up to 3 years in length; however, allocations are made on an annual basis and there is no guarantee of funding in subsequent years.

**Amount:** Averages 4 million USFS/ 8 million NRCS, 3 years of Funding

**Deadline:** Annually, Usually November 1st

**Match Requirement:** No match requirement per se, however the NRCS and USFS awards depend Heavily on leverage funds from Partners.

**Contact:** Clint Cross at [clint.cross@usda.gov](mailto:clint.cross@usda.gov)

For More Information:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/newsroom/features/?cid=stelprdb1244394>

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/initiatives/?cid=nrcseprd1415619>

### **Forest Health Protection (FHP) NFS**

**Purpose:** Forest Health Protection funds are available for approved forest insect and disease prevention and suppression projects on NFS lands. The Regional Forestry and Forest Health staff administers funds. The Regional Forester approves requests for project funding and ensures that all proposed projects meet standards in FSM 3430.

**Who Can Apply:** National Forest within the Southwestern Region

**Amount:** Amount varies depending on request. Typically, \$50-100k

**Deadline:** Fall

**Match Requirement:** None

**Contact:**

Arizona Requests

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## The National Forest Foundation (NFF)

### Matching Awards Program

**Purpose:** The National Forest Foundation (NFF) Matching Awards Program (MAP) provides funding for results-oriented on-the-ground projects that enhance forest health and outdoor experiences on National Forests and Grasslands.

MAP supports the implementation of on-the-ground conservation and restoration projects that have an immediate, quantifiable impact on the National Forest System. These projects provide a lasting impact to the lands, waters, and wildlife of the National Forest System through the alteration of the physical environment. Education, inventory and monitoring projects are not considered on-the-ground projects.

The current NFF strategic plan focuses on the Program Areas of Outdoor Experiences and Forest Health. Organizations may self-select into one of the Program Areas defined below, or choose to submit a proposal that cohesively integrates the two Program Areas. Projects that strongly integrate the program areas are highly encouraged. The NFF does not have funding targets for the Program Areas, and strongly encourages applicants to integrate the programs areas cohesively in their proposals.

**Who Can Apply:** 501(c)(3) nonprofits, universities, and Native American tribes are eligible to receive MAP grants. If an organization does not meet this eligibility requirement, it must utilize an [eligible fiscal sponsor](#).

Funding through MAP is separate and distinct from work funded through the [NFF Ski Conservation Fund, Forest Stewardship Fund](#), or strategically supported through NFF programs and initiatives like *Treasured Landscapes, Unforgettable Experiences*.

- Organizations applying for or anticipating to receive funding for work under the Ski Conservation Fund or Forest Stewardship Fund programs should not apply for MAP funding for work on the same National Forest or relevant geographic area.

- Organizations directly partnering with the NFF on its Treasured Landscapes Initiatives or any other NFF Invited Grant program should not include any related components in their MAP proposal.

Please contact the NFF well in advance of the application deadline to discuss any eligibility questions. Requesting feedback from NFF staff about eligibility is encouraged to ensure you are submitting a proposal that will not be disqualified.

**Amount:** Average Award in 2018 \$25,032

**Deadline:** MAP project selection occurs twice each year through a single-stage proposal process. In each round, submitted proposals are evaluated, with a subset receiving funding. The process from proposal submission to notification of funding generally takes about two months. Organizations may have only one MAP award open at a time and should submit no more than one application per round.

The proposed project period should be no more than 12 months long and start at least 2 months after the application deadline for the round.

- The award period for projects funded in Round 1 will begin in March/April 2020 and run for 12 months.
- The award period for projects funded in Round 2 will begin in August/September 2020 and run for 12 months.

All activities funded by the NFF MAP grant and its associated matching funds must occur within the award period. Applicants must consider foreseeable delays before submitting a proposal. If project completion cannot confidently occur within the periods specified above, please contact the NFF well in advance of the application deadline to discuss the merits of applying.

**Match Requirement:** MAP funds are federal and disbursed only as a 1:1 match to cash contributions from an eligible non-federal source. Matching funds must be expended within the dates of the NFF grant (see project timing section above), and toward completion of the same project activities proposed for NFF funding. Award recipients cannot use in-kind or federal contributions to meet MAP matching requirements.

**Contact:** Kerry Morse, Conservation Programs Officer at (406) 830-3358 or [kmorse@nationalforests.org](mailto:kmorse@nationalforests.org).

**For More Information:** <http://www.ifnfgrants.org/>

## **Innovative Finance for National Forests Grant**

**Purpose:** The Innovative Finance for National Forests (IFNF) is a grant program for local communities and stakeholders looking for new ways of funding healthy forests, project developers who can help connect investment capital to forested landscapes, and Forest Service managers and collaborators with projects that are ripe for private investment capital.

Innovative Finance for National Forests program success is developing, refining, or scaling tools, templates, and approaches that direct private investment capital to improve the health of the National Forest System through projects that deliver environmental and social outcomes and financial returns. Project activities may take place on the National Forest System, on adjacent state, private or tribal lands, or across boundaries provided outcomes of project activities contribute to the health of Forest Service ownership.

The IFNF grant program is a new approach. It provides grants to engage investment capital, to complement existing philanthropic and public resources, to meet National Forest System needs and the mission of the USDA Forest Service. It is funded by and administered by the USDA Forest Service (USFS) National Partnership Office (NPO), National Forest Foundation (NFF), and U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities (Endowment).

*Innovative Finance for National Forests* is a planned \$4 million, five-year, competitive grant program beginning in 2020. Grant funds will be awarded to applicants in multi-year contracts based on agreed milestones. Forest Service units and programs cannot receive funding directly.

#### Focus Areas

Applicants must propose finance tools to address one or more of the following Focus Areas:

- 1) Forests as watershed infrastructure;
- 2) Sustainable recreation infrastructure; and,
- 3) Market-based approaches that drive these two focus areas and/or that promote forest health.

*Forests as watershed infrastructure:* The National Forest System and adjacent forested landscapes are an important network of built and natural infrastructure that support clean and abundant drinking water, watershed resilience to natural and human disturbance, and aquatic habitat. Demands on forests to support healthy watersheds and deliver public benefits are increasing in the face of changing conditions.

*Sustainable recreation infrastructure:* National Forest System and adjacent forested landscapes provide a range of recreation opportunities that serve a diverse American public as they connect to nature and access outdoor experiences. It is important that the new and existing infrastructure facilitating these experiences is well-maintained, financially and economically sustainable.

*Market-based approaches that drive these two focus areas and/or that support forest health.* National Forest System and adjacent forested landscapes are active in and dependent upon markets for timber products, non-timber forest products, and forest-dependent products such as water and recreation. Market-based approaches (supply-chains, consumer-driven, wood utilization, etc.) can create sustainable and systemic change. Improvements to forest products market infrastructure can provide social, ecological, and financial outcomes at the landscape level, at the facility, and for the consumer.

#### Jurisdiction and Ownership

Projects must benefit the long-term health and resilience of the National Forest System. Finance tools may be applicable to either National Forest System Lands, or adjacent state, private and tribal lands or a project with some cross-boundary combination of both NFS and adjacent lands.

**Who Can Apply:** The following entities are eligible for funding: not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organizations; for-profit companies; tribes; intertribal consortia; state and local government agencies, and; colleges and universities. A single organization or a consortia/team of organizations may apply. Unincorporated individuals are not eligible.

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age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior credible activity.

#### Ineligible Activities and Limitations on Activities

- Operations/administration beyond recovered indirect costs;
- Lobbying, litigation or political advocacy. Other limitations on allowable costs may be found at [2 CFR Part 200](#);
- Match for any other federal program;
- Education or research projects without on-the-ground benefits;
- Total project costs in the following areas may not exceed 15% of request: education, interpretation, land management planning (NEPA), convening, scientific research, market standards/tools, and monitoring.

**Amount:** Grants are anticipated to range from \$100,000 to \$500,000

**Deadline:** TBD for next round in 2021

**Match Requirement:** A minimum of 20% non-federal match of cash or in-kind services is required.

**Contact:** Interested parties are encouraged to contact one of the below to discuss ideas or opportunities.

Program Coordinator: Jeff Lerner; [jalanlerner@gmail.com](mailto:jalanlerner@gmail.com); 202-236-1883

National Partnership Office: Cindy McArthur, [cindy.mcarthur2@usda.gov](mailto:cindy.mcarthur2@usda.gov); 808-744-2792

National Forest Foundation: Marcus Selig, [mselig@nationalforests.org](mailto:mselig@nationalforests.org); 720-437-0290

**For More Information:** <http://www.ifnfggrants.org/>

## The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

### Rio Grande Water Fund (RGWF)

**Purpose:** The Rio Grande Water Fund is a public-private partnership with a goal of generating sustainable funding for a 20-year program of large-scale forest and watershed restoration treatments – including thinning overgrown forests, managing fire, restoring wetlands and streams, educating youth, providing research to policy makers, and creating forestry and wood products jobs.

Eligible projects fall into one of two broad categories: Forest Restoration or Stream, Wetland and Aquatic Restoration Projects. All projects should contribute to broader landscape restoration efforts and are open to all land ownerships and may cross ownership/management boundaries. Projects are encouraged to involve multiple stakeholders and partners from diverse backgrounds and expertise.

**Who Can Apply:** Any entity—within the Rio Grande Water Fund boundary—other than a state or federal government is eligible for funding, for example: non-profit organizations, non-governmental organizations, businesses, tribes, acequia associations or land grants.



**Amount:** TNC plans to issue contracts or subawards which may total \$400,000 - \$500,000 for new projects under the 2020 RFP.

**Deadline:** March 11, 2020

**Match Requirement:** None; RFP does request applicants list applicable leveraged funding.

**Contact:** Collin Haffey, The Nature Conservancy, [collin.haffey@tnc.org](mailto:collin.haffey@tnc.org) and visit [www.RioGrandeWaterFund.org](http://www.RioGrandeWaterFund.org) for the full RFP and Response Template.

## Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

### Reserved Treaty Rights Land (RTRL)

**Purpose:** Funding provided for Tribal resource management landscape restoration focuses fuels efforts on Reserved Treaty Right Lands (RTRL). Treaties recognize and establish a unique set of rights, benefits, and conditions for Tribes who agreed to cede millions of acres of their lands to the United States in exchange for guarantees and protections. Like other treaty obligations of the United States, Indian treaties are considered “the supreme law of the land,” and are the foundation upon which Federal Indian law and Federal Indian trust relationships are based.

Within the treaty-making process, Tribes retained reserved rights to hunt, fish and gather on usual and accustomed grounds, and in some cases have co-management responsibilities with Federal agencies. For many Tribes, the reserved rights areas fall under the management of other Federal agencies. These Federal agencies may not share the Tribes’ priorities for fuels management or may not have the funds to manage acres commensurate with Tribal goals and objectives for protection of both Tribal trust and reserved rights lands. Consequently, it is essential that Tribes have the ability to participate in collaborative projects to improve the management of these lands. DOI will continue to direct \$10 million of Fuels Management funds annually to Tribes nationally for this purpose, in addition to the allocation of Fuels Management funds provided to the BIA.

**Who Can Apply:** Tribes in coordination with partner land management agencies and BIA.

**Amount:** Amount varies depending upon project.

**Deadline:** Established by BIA annually

**Match Requirement:** N/A

**Contact:** Local BIA Agencies. <https://www.indianaffairs.gov/regional-offices/southwest-region/agencies>

**For More Information:**

Southwest Region BIA - Forestry  
100 Indian School Road. NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87104  
505-563-3375

# State Land Office (SLO)

## Restoration and Remediation Fund

**Purpose:** The Restoration and Remediation's Fund was created to utilize 1% of land maintenance Fund Revenue for the purpose of the remediation and restoration projects on state trust land under Chapter 24 of the Laws of New Mexico 2017. Amount Collected in excess of \$5,000,000 will revert to the State Land Office beneficiaries.

**Who Can Apply:** Projects are developed internally depending on resource needs and opportunity to leverage funds.

**Amount: Up to \$5,000,000.00**

**Deadline:** Projects are considered throughout the year and may be subject to a fiscal year end completion deadline.

**Match Requirement:** The division worked collaboratively with other agencies, such as soil and water conservation districts, State Forestry, Department of Game and Fish, U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. Restoration and Remediation Funds may be used to provide match non-federal match for federal grants and other partnerships.

**Contact:** Mark Meyers, [mkmeyers@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:mkmeyers@slo.state.nm.us), 505-827-4453

## Land Maintenance Fund

**Purpose:** In the past 20 years, state trust lands and the permanent funds have contributed more than \$4 billion to education in New Mexico, while generating revenues resulting in the \$8 billion Land Grant Permanent Fund. The State Land Office is responsible for administering 9 million acres of surface land and 13 million acres of subsurface rights for the beneficiaries. Each section of land is designated for a specific beneficiary, with public schools as the designee for the majority of the acreage.

As part of our enabling legislation, the Land Office also has the right and responsibility to manage our lands according to the best interest of the trust. In doing so, the Land Office has initiated natural resource project activities to improve, restore, and rehabilitate current land conditions. Furthermore, the Land Office has been authorized by the New Mexico Legislature to maintain and protect those lands administered by the Commissioner of Public Lands. In doing so, revenues from renewable resources, such as agricultural leases, commercial leases, mineral and oil and gas rentals, rights-of-way, and interest on earnings and bonuses are paid into the Land Maintenance Fund. The activities (project work) associated with the Land Maintenance Fund are intended to restore, rehabilitate, secure, and remediate the land to a more productive and healthy state.

**Who Can Apply:** Projects are developed internally depending on resource needs and opportunity to leverage funds.

**Amount:** Up to 1.4 Million

**Deadline:** Projects are considered throughout the year and may be subject to a fiscal year end completion deadline.

**Match Requirement:** The division works collaboratively with other agencies, such as soil and water conservation districts, State Forestry, Department of Game and Fish, U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. Land Maintenance Funds may be used to provide match non-federal match for federal grants and other partnerships.

**Contact:** Mark Meyers, 505-827-4453, [mkmeyers@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:mkmeyers@slo.state.nm.us),

## Rural Economic Development

### Program Name

**Purpose:**

**Who Can Apply:**

**Amount:**

**Deadline:**

**Match Requirement:**

**Contact:**

**For More Information:**