

Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund

Grant Awards Round 212

Grants Awarded on October 28, 2021

Category 1 Fisheries & Wildlife & Habitat Conservation

212-01-01	DMR	Alewives Fish Counting Equipment on the Medomak River Town of Waldoboro <i>The Town of Waldoboro would purchase fish counting equipment for the alewives population.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$7,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$7,000	Waldoboro
212-01-02	DMR	River Herring Network Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries <i>Working across social and institutional boundaries to better manage, restore, and understand river herring; a species that connects our communities to our rivers and oceans.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$24,998 <i>Requested:</i> \$24,998	Statewide
212-01-06	ACF	Managing High Priority Invasive Plants in Maine through Treatment and Suppression Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-& Forestry- MNAP <i>Facilitate state response to newly discovered invasive plants and provide funds to support treatment of priority invasive plants on private lands and on MDIFW and BPL lands. Provide education and outreach to support Early Detection - Rapid Response.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$16,500 <i>Requested:</i> \$16,500	Statewide
212-01-07	DMR	Applying Environmental DNA to the Monitoring and Management of Anadromous Fish University of Maine Systems <i>Use environmental DNA to investigate the ecological roles and impacts of river herring, as well as evaluate eDNA as a management and monitoring tool for migratory fish.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$19,847 <i>Requested:</i> \$19,847	Penobscot River
212-01-08	DMR	Temple Stream Restoration Project Atlantic Salmon Federation <i>The Walton's Mill Dam will be removed from Temple Stream and a town park will be revitalized to re-connect 52 miles of cold-water habitat to the Kennebec and ultimately to the Gulf of Maine for the benefit of native fish and the Farmington community through expanded recreational and educational opportunities.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$23,755 <i>Requested:</i> \$25,000	Franklin County - Kennebec Watershed
212-01-09	IFW	Kids in Nature Hirundo Wildlife Refuge <i>Provide opportunities and education to youth in the area of wildlife and nature.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$13,400 <i>Requested:</i> \$13,400	Old Town

Total Amount Funded for Category: 1 \$105,500

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

212-02-02	ACF	Merrymeeting Park Water Access Project Town of Brunswick <i>Purchase a 40+ acre property on the Androscoggin River with significant ecological and historical value.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$15,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$20,000	Brunswick
212-02-03	ACF	Downeast Sustainable Trails Project Downeast Conservation Network <i>Strengthen outdoor recreation opportunities in Downeast Maine.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$12,850 <i>Requested:</i> \$12,850	Hancock & Washington Counties
212-02-04	ACF	Sewall Woods and Whiskeag Trail Expansion Kennebec Estuary Land Trust <i>Add 8.2 acres to the Sewall Woods Preserve and expand the multi-use Whiskeag Trail system which connects local preserves, schools, and athletic facilities with 5 miles of trail.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$15,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$15,000	Bath
212-02-05	ACF	Medomak Rest Area Access Town of Waldoboro <i>The Town of Waldoboro would install a temporary boat ramp for recreation. The items would be installed at a town-owned pocket park to allow safe water access for residents to paddle upstream.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$2,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$2,000	Waldoboro
212-02-06	DEP	Lake Monitoring in AMC's 100-mile Wilderness: Developing baseline data and outreach to keep Maine's remote lakes and ponds clear and clean Appalachian Mountain Club <i>Assess the water quality of remote lakes and ponds in Maine's 100-Mile Wilderness region in order to develop extensive baseline data and long-term management strategy that will be communicated with the public and local school groups.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$11,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$11,000	100-Mile Wilderness Region
212-02-07	IFW	Whales Back Frenchman Bay Conservancy <i>Permanently protect 4800 acres of high value wildlife habitat in the Union River watershed.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$20,650 <i>Requested:</i> \$22,000	Aurora

Total Amount Funded for Category: 2 \$76,500

Category 3 Endangered & Threatened Species Conservation Projects

212-03-01	IFW	Assessing the Distribution and Abundance of Bridle Shiners in Maine Maine Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, University of Maine <i>Characterize the population status and distribution of Bridle Shiner in Maine to inform conservation.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$17,500 <i>Requested:</i> \$25,228	Statewide
212-03-02	ACF	Facilitating Rare Plant Protection in Maine by Working with Plant Conservation Volunteers Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-& Forestry- MNAP <i>Rare plant species in Maine are becoming increasingly vulnerable as everything from energy infrastructure and subdivisions to recreation access and invasive species threaten their often limited habitats. Having current and accurate data on the location and status of rare plant sites is critical to ensuring these sites can be addressed in the pre-planning stages of projects that might harm them. This project will significantly improve the quality and extent of our data on rare plant species in the state.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$15,000 <i>Requested:</i> \$17,589	Statewide

Total Amount Funded for Category: 3 \$32,500

Category 4 Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protection of Public Health

212-04-01	DMR	<p>Expansion of Real-time Monitoring of Tagged White Sharks in Maine</p> <p>University of New England</p> <p><i>A real-time acoustic receiver will be deployed in Saco Bay to expand the existing array and enhance early detection of coastal white sharks to educate the public.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$16,788</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$16,788</p>	Saco Bay
212-04-02	IFW	<p>Essential Communication and Navigation Equipment for Highlands Search & Rescue</p> <p>Highland Search and Rescue (HISAR)</p> <p><i>Highlands Search and Rescue, a new all-volunteer non-profit Ground and Mounted SAR unit with 18 experienced SAR volunteers, is in need of portable radios and GPS units so that they can effectively train, and assist at searches and rescues.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$11,260</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$11,260</p>	Statewide
212-04-03	IFW	<p>Greenville Fire Department Rescue Trailer</p> <p>Greenville Fire Department</p> <p><i>Purchase a covered trailer for use in safely storing, hauling and deploying rescue equipment to emergency scenes.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$6,000</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$6,000</p>	Moosehead Lake Region
212-04-04	ACF	<p>Rescue UTV and Personal Watercraft (PWC) for Popham Beach State Park</p> <p>Maine Dept of ACF - Bureau of Parks and Lands</p> <p><i>Acquisition of a UTV with patient insert and personal watercraft, with tow behind rescue sled and trailer, to facilitate rescue operations and patient extrication at Popham Beach State Park.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$29,958</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$29,958</p>	Popham Beach State Park
212-04-05	SRCC	<p>Protecting Public Health in Maine: The SRCC's Initiative to Expand E. coli Testing in the Saco River Basin</p> <p>Saco River Corridor Commission</p> <p><i>This project will assist the SRCC in implementing effective water quality monitoring practices by enhancing our methods of bacteria sampling analysis through the utilization of our own equipment.</i></p>	<p><i>Funded:</i> \$6,364</p> <p><i>Requested:</i> \$6,364</p>	Cornish

Total Amount Funded for Category: 4 \$70,370

of Grants Awarded: 19

Total All Categories: \$284,870