

FUNDING FOR TRAIL-RELATED PROJECTS

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Whether to support initial trail planning, move established plans to implementation, or to maintain or improve existing trails, most trail efforts incur financial costs at some point. Funding will be needed to meet these costs. This can be in the form of direct fundraising, grant applications, or both. It would be useful early in a trail advocacy group's existence to assign responsibility to an interested and able individual or subcommittee to take the lead in fundraising and/or applying for grants. Good fundraisers should like organizing special events. They should be skilled at describing the goals and merits of the trail project to any potential donor or supporter and speaking in public. A good grant writer should be skilled at writing clearly, concisely, and persuasively about the trail project's goals and merits, as well as being detail oriented for assembling the required application budget and supporting documents.

While fundraising can appear to be a daunting task, a sense of creativity, fun, and imagination has reaped great rewards for some trail organizations. Here are several examples of successful trail fundraising activities and events:

- A dairy in Dutchess County, New York supported the Appalachian Trail by creating "Appalachian Trail Mix Ice Cream." A percentage of the proceeds were donated to trail groups maintaining the Appalachian Trail.
- A microbrewery in Park City, Utah covered the costs of their local trail's promotional celebration by selling "Rail Trail Ale" in specially labeled bottles.
- Eastern Mountain Sports (E.M.S.) and the Albany Pine Bush Commission sponsored a snowshoe hike in the Pine Bush and held a raffle for a pair of snowshoes. The proceeds were donated to the Albany Pine Bush Commission.

- Local sportsmen's clubs in the Hudson River Valley actively raise funds by sponsoring raffles and holding auctions.
- Don't forget service organizations. The local Lions Club in Grand Junction, Colorado raised more than \$90,000 for a greenway along the Colorado River.
- Other fundraising ideas include the sale of buttons, T-shirts, calendars, cookbooks, posters, raffle tickets, educational brochures, decals, and books.
- In-kind assistance from community – Local businesses and professionals may be willing to donate products and services or to assist with the project.
- Basic organizational or friends group membership fees may help defray basic costs and overhead.

One of the best days to hold your largest fundraising event is on **National Trails Day**, held on the first Saturday of June each year. This event builds awareness about trails and trail systems throughout the U.S. The American Hiking Society is the national sponsor. By participating, your local community event gains added profile as part of a coordinated national movement/effort. For more information on National Trails Day, contact the American Hiking Society at 1422 Fenwick Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or call (301) 565-6704, ext. 204. You can also visit their website at www.americanhiking.org. You can also contact the Hudson River Valley Greenway Trails Director at (518) 473-3835 or (800) TRAIL 92.

TRAIL FUNDING RESOURCES

The following is a list of regional organizations and foundations working in the Hudson River Valley that provide assistance for trail related projects. Contact each organization to receive grant applications, grant guidelines and funding cycle information. Whether successful or not, work to build a good ongoing relationship with the funding source and keep them apprised of your efforts, successes and challenges. See Appendix I for a chronological schedule of deadlines.

Greenway Conservancy Grants Program

The Greenway administers a grant program that offers technical and financial assistance to municipalities and nonprofit organizations within the legislatively designated Greenway area. This annual program provides funding for natural and cultural resource protection, regional planning, economic development, heritage and environmental education, and the promotion of public access to the river. Projects to plan and implement community trails that further the development of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Land and Water Trail System are also eligible. Total funding available is \$100,000. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$10,000. A local match of 100% of funds requested is required, with many eligible forms of in-kind match. For information, please contact the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc., Capitol Building, Capitol Station, Room 254, Albany, NY 12224 or call (518) 473-3835.

1996 Clean Water / Clean Air Bond Act

There is an annual call for proposals. The specific due-date changes each year. The following are programs within this fund that have particular relevance to Greenway Trail System development:

Hudson River Valley Greenway

- Capital construction costs only – No land acquisition.
- Municipalities and not-for-profit organizations within the legislatively designated Greenway area are eligible applicants.
- Requests for funds may not exceed \$300,000.
- A 100% local match is required. Federal and State funds are not eligible.
- Eligible project categories are: public and private infrastructure projects related to the development of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail System, waterfront and main street revitalization, including those projects that protect resources and improve or rehabilitate existing facilities; infrastructure development related to a regional tourism strategy and natural resource inventories. Contact the Hudson River Valley Greenway at Capitol Station, Room 254, Albany, NY 12224, or call (518) 473-3835.

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

- Projects must develop, expand or enhance public access to bodies of water, promote water-based recreation, or enhance the natural, cultural, or historic aspects of water.
- Standard funding cap of \$500,000.
- Special funding cap of \$1,000,000 for projects over \$4,000,000.
- A 100% local match is required. Federal and State funds are not eligible as match.
- Eligible project categories are:
 - A) Parks – improve, protect, preserve, rehabilitate or restore lands, waters or structures for park, recreation or conservation purposes.
 - B) Historic Preservation – improve, protect, preserve, rehabilitate or restore properties on the State or National Register for use by all segments of the population for park, recreation, conservation or preservation purposes in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation.
 - C) Acquisition – a permanent easement in or fee title to lands, waters, or structures for use by all segments of the population for park, recreation, conservation or preservation purposes, including open space or properties on the State or National Register, identified in a local Heritage Area management plan, or listed in the New York State Open Space Plan.
 - D) State Designated Heritage Areas - implementation of management plans.
- Contact: **Saratoga/Capital District Region** (Albany, Greene, Rensselaer, and Schenectady) - Harold Hagemann - Saratoga Spa State Park, 19 Roosevelt Drive, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-6214, (518) 584-2000; **Taconic Region** (Ulster, Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam, and Westchester) and **Palisades Interstate Park Commission** (Ulster, Orange, and Rockland) - Ron Rader - Mills Mansion, Staatsburg, NY 12580, (914) 889-4100.

Environmental Protection Fund

There is an annual call for proposals. The specific due date changes each year. The following are programs within this fund that have particular relevance to Greenway trail system development:

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

- As established under Environmental Conservation Law § 54-09.
- Funding cap of \$350,000.
- Funding cap of \$1,000,000 for projects over \$4,000,000 total.
- A 100% local match is required. Federal funds are not eligible, State funds are.

- Eligible project categories are:
 - A) Parks – improve, protect, preserve, rehabilitate or restore lands, waters or structures for park, recreation or conservation purposes.
 - B) Historic Preservation – improve, protect, preserve, rehabilitate or restore properties on the State or National Register for use by all segments of the population for park, recreation, conservation or preservation purposes in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation.
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*New York Department of State – Division of Coastal Resources
and Waterfront Revitalization*

- As established under Environmental Conservation Law § 54-11.
- Planning, design, feasibility studies, and construction projects that advance preparation or implementation of Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs (LWRP) are eligible for funding.
- Any municipality located on New York State’s coastal waters (including the tidal Hudson River) or on a designated inland waterway is eligible, although some restrictions apply.
- A 100% local match is required.
- Trail-relevant priorities include:
 - A) General Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Preparation/Implementation – planning needed to prepare or complete an LWRP or components of a program; or, project planning, feasibility, design or construction of projects identified in a LWRP or component which frequently include public access and/or trails projects.
 - B) Waterfront Redevelopment – financial assistance available to prepare and implement redevelopment strategies for abandoned and underutilized waterfronts, where development can provide new public access, spur economic activities, and improve environmental quality of the redeveloped area.

- C) Public Coastal Education – to start or expand educational and interpretive programs designed to build public awareness and stewardship of coastal resources such as citizen actions to improve water quality, design and dissemination of information on critical resources, and volunteer programs to improve coastal resources.
- Contact: New York Department of State’s Division of Coastal Resources
Albany, NY 12231-0001, (518) 474-6000.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

- Administers acquisition of significant natural, scenic, cultural, and recreational lands identified through public and agency input in the official New York State Open Space Plan. There is no competitive application. DEC allocates EPF funds as they are available. Contact your regional DEC office to contact your regional open space committee, or receive a copy of the plan. The Greenway Area is located within DEC Regions 3 and 4.

Hudson River Improvement Fund

The Hudson River Improvement Fund supports physical projects that require capital construction, development, or improvement. Priority categories are: Public Access – development or improvement of facilities that increase physical or visual access for the public to the Hudson River with a special interest in disabled facilities; Education Facilities – development or improvement of facilities suitable for Hudson River education programs; Habitat – repair, restoration, or creation of habitat including acquisition of unique shore and shallows habitats. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations 501(c)(3), and governmental bodies. Application deadlines for 2000 are March 15 and October 16. Grants typically range from \$500 to \$20,000 though a few larger awards are made. In-kind services and matching funds are encouraged. For more information contact the Hudson River Improvement Fund at the Hudson River Foundation, 40 West 20th Street, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10011 or call (212) 924-8290.

Hudson River Estuary Management Program Grants

This program supports projects within the Hudson River Estuarine District. Eligible recipients include municipalities and non-profit corporations. Projects must be consistent with the Estuary Action Plan and fall into one of the following five categories: Community Interpretive Centers and Education Projects, Habitat Protection and/or Restoration, Scenic Resource Conservation, Community Conservation and River Stewardship, and River Access: Boating, Fishing, Swimming, Wildlife-related Recreation. Grants range from \$2,500 to \$100,000. A 20% local share of project cost is required. For further information contact John Albert, Hudson River Estuary Grants Administrator at NYSDEC, 50 Wolf Road Room 410C, Albany, NY 12233-4255, or call (518) 457-4208.

Transportation Enhancements Program – TEA-21

Federal Highway funding program administered by New York State Department of Transportation. These Transportation Enhancements Program (TEP) funds are dedicated to transportation-related projects that do not fall under the ‘traditional’ heading of highways and bridges. The eligible categories for TEP funding include the following:

- Provision of facilities for bicycles and pedestrians, including safety and educational activities
- Preservation of abandoned railway corridors, including conversion and use for bicycle and pedestrian trails
- Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites
- Landscaping and other scenic beautification
- Environmental mitigation to reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity
- Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities
- Scenic or historic highway programs and provision of tourist and welcome center facilities
- Archaeological planning and research
- Establishment of transportation-related museums
- Control and removal of outdoor advertising
- Historic preservation
- Mitigation of water pollution due to highway runoff

Funding is on a reimbursement program and requires a 20% local share of project cost. Minimum eligible project cost is \$50,000; maximum is \$2.5 million. Eligible applicants include Municipalities, State Agencies, and Authorities. Local Municipal Planning Organizations (MPO's) review and rank project applications. MPO contacts for counties in the Hudson River Valley Greenway Area are as follows: **Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga & Schenectady** - Capital District Transportation Committee (518) 458-2161. **Dutchess & Town of Lloyd** - Poughkeepsie / Dutchess Transportation Council (914) 486-3615. **Westchester, Putnam & Rockland** - New York Metropolitan Transportation Council – Lower Hudson Valley (212) 938-3310. **Orange** - Newburgh / Orange Transportation Council (914) 291-2318. **Ulster & Columbia** - New York State Department of Transportation – Region 8 (914) 431-5729. **Greene** - New York State Department of Transportation – Region 1 (518) 486-5520. **Bronx & Manhattan** - New York Metropolitan Transportation Council – New York City (212) 938-3310.

National Recreational Trails Program – RTP

This program is a trail trust fund financed by a portion of the federal gas tax attributable to off-highway vehicle use (i.e. snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, etc.). States receive an annual apportionment of which 30% must be used for motorized trail recreation, 30% for non-motorized trail recreation, and 40% discretionary with an emphasis on trail projects that serve compatible multiple uses. Eligible projects include trail development, acquisition of trail easement or rights-of-way, and trail maintenance activities. Projects must be identified in, or further a specific goal of a recreational trail plan, New York's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, (SCORP). The program is administered by NYS Office of Parks and Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). The total fund is \$1,000,000, and grant amounts range from \$5,000 to \$80,000, with a 20% minimum local share of project cost. Contact: Regional OPRHP Grants Administrators in the Palisades and Taconic Regions at (914) 889-4100, and in the Saratoga/ Capital District area at (518) 584-2000 ext. 150.

American Hiking Society (AHS) National Trails Endowment

AHS provides funds for trail projects normally beyond the financial resources of the sponsoring organization, putting the money where the need is most urgent. Types of projects eligible for endowment grants are: The construction of new trails and/or improvement of existing trail facilities, increasing access to people with disabilities, purchasing of trail lands, and trail research projects. Grants are typically limited to \$10,000. New grants will be announced in March 2000. For more information contact the National Trails Endowment, American Hiking Society at 1422 Fenwick Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or call (301) 565-6704 ext. 204. You may also visit the American Hiking Society at www.americanhiking.org to learn more about the program.

Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) Recreation and Conservation Grants

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to not-for-profit organizations working to protect and restore the environment for recreation. Community Recreation projects include outdoor education, recreational access, and safe participation in muscle-powered sports. Grants of either funding or equipment are available in this category. Conservation projects are those dedicated to mobilizing community support, encouraging advocacy and influencing public policy to protect, encourage access, and enhance opportunities for recreation on public lands and water. Contact: REI, P.O. Box 1938, Summer, WA 98390-0800. Phone: (253) 395-3780 or online at www.rei.com.

Preserve New York

The Preservation League of New York and the New York State Council on the Arts offer a grant program to municipalities and not-for-profit organizations undertaking **historic structure reports, historic landscape reports** and **cultural resource surveys**. The Preservation League, a statewide, not-for-profit organization, and the Council, the state's arts funding agency, seek to support efforts to plan for the preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic buildings and landscapes throughout the state. This program is intended to support the direct costs of carrying out broad historic overview and existing conditions statements, detailed descriptions of historic buildings and sites, statements of historic and architectural significance, photographs and maps, nominations for local, state and national historic designation. These costs can include consultant fees and travel, photography, report production costs and other associated expenses. A total of \$106,500 is available and will be split among all three project types. Grants will range between \$3,000 and \$15,000 each. Applications must be postmarked by May 1 and applicants will be notified in September. Prospective applicants are advised to first discuss their projects with League staff. Contact Emily Curtis, Program Coordinator (518) 462-5658 extension 17 (Albany), or Tania Werbizky, Director, Technical and Grants Programs, (607) 272-6510 (Ithaca).

Furthermore

The Kaplan Fund's *Furthermore* program provides grants for publications (maps, pamphlets, books, guides, and catalogues) that expand the public interest in the built and natural environment: historic resources and preservation, cultural history, art landscape, and design. Grants range up to \$20,000 and are awarded in April and October with March 1 and September 1 deadlines. For more information call (518) 828-8900 or write to 518 Warren Street, P.O. Box 667, Hudson, NY 12534.

Land and Water Conservation Fund

A Federal Program that provides money for land acquisition and recreational/park improvements, including trails. Grants in the past have ranged from \$7,000 to \$400,000. Nearly twenty million dollars may be available to New York annually for state and local projects. Contact your congressional representatives for more information about this recently re-established grant source.

TRAIL AWARDS PROGRAMS

Kodak American Greenways Awards

Non-profit organizations, public agencies, and individuals are eligible for small grants of \$500 to \$2,500 (typically up to \$1,000) to stimulate the planning and implementation of greenways in communities throughout America. Grants may be used for activities such as mapping, conducting ecological assessments, creating brochures, hosting conferences, surveying land, producing interpretive displays, building trail and trail facilities and other creative projects. Applications may be submitted from March 1 and June 1 each year. Announcement of awards will be made in early fall. Contact: American Greenways The Conservation Fund, 1800 North Kent St., Suite 1120, Arlington, VA 22209. Phone (703) 525-6300. Visit their Website at www.conservationfund.org.

Trails for Tomorrow Awards Program

Dupont Cordura recognizes ten trail groups that best display the spirit and goals of National Trails Day with a Trails for Tomorrow award. Winning clubs receive a \$500 cash prize from Cordura and nearly \$1,500 worth of packs, footwear, and apparel from Cordura partner manufacturers that clubs can auction off to raise money for future trails projects. Winners also receive recognition in the American Hiking Society Newsletter and *Backpacker* magazine. A representative from each group is also treated to a trip to Salt Lake City for a special awards banquet. To receive a nomination form, contact the American Hiking Society at 1422 Fenwick Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or call (301) 565-6704 ext. 204. Visit them on the web at www.americanhiking.org. You may also visit Dupont Cordura's website at www.dupont.com/cordura/html/ntdftf.

Vibram Volunteer of the Year Awards

Vibram Soles sponsors an award through the American Hiking Society for the top volunteers from each of the 50 states who dedicate their time and sweat to trail maintenance, construction, and improvement. The selected volunteers are honored on National Trails Day each year. For a nomination form, please write to American Hiking Society at 1422 Fenwick Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or call (301) 565-6704 ext. 204, or visit them on the web at www.americanhiking.org.

Other potential grant sources for trail efforts can be located in the following publications:

Guide to Federal Funding and Assistance for Rivers, Trails and Open Space Conservation

This guide published by the National Center for Recreation and Conservation provides comprehensive overviews of federal grants, loans, and other types of financial assistance and technical assistance (non-monetary support) for rivers, trails, and open space conservation projects. Limited copies of the guide are available from the Hudson River Valley Greenway, or contact the National Center for Recreation and Conservation, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127 or call (202) 343-3780.

Guide to Foundation Grants for Rivers, Trails and Open Space Conservation

This guide published by the National Center for Recreation and Conservation provides a comprehensive list of potential grantors for rivers, trails, and open space conservation projects. Limited copies of the guide are available from the Greenway Conservancy or contact the National Center for Recreation and conservation, National Parks Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127 or call (503) 241-3506.

Directory of Funding Sources for Grassroots River and Watershed Conservation Groups

This comprehensive guide published by River Network lists potential funding sources for grassroots river and watershed organizations. To purchase a guide, contact River Network at P.O. Box 8787, Portland, OR 97207-8787 or call (503) 241-3506.

Other Helpful Fundraising Hints

Courtesy of the American Hiking Society and *Saving America's Countryside**.

Present a Positive Public Image. Develop a positive public image before your organization initiates a fundraising campaign.

Establish Contacts. Use all possible contacts in the community – friends, neighbors, civic groups, second homeowners, officers of local corporations and community boards.

Collect Names. Make sure that your organization has a device to collect the names of those who attend your trail events. People attending trail events may not be prepared to donate funds to your organization at the event, but they will probably do so in the future since they have been exposed to the great benefits that trails provide and the work of your organization. These same people can also be contacted in the future to volunteer with fundraising activities, advocacy mailings and trail maintenance or stewardship projects.

Maintain a Volunteer Time Record. Record volunteer hours in order to show community support for your project. Volunteer time may also be used as an in-kind match for some grant programs.

Communication. Keep volunteers, partner organizations and the community informed of your organization's progress and invite them to events.

Personal Contact. Personally contact prospective donors. Invite them to events and keep them involved and up to date. This type of contact is most effective because it puts a face to a name on a grant application.

Media Coverage. Don't forget to alert the media (TV, radio, and newspapers) about your events. Prepare a press release and submit it to these media outlets. This is an excellent way to reach a larger audience to publicize your trail and organization.

Be Specific. Specify funds or items when making a request. Estimate in advance what a donor may be able to give.

Provide Information and Publications. An information table set-up at a trail event with brochures or publications is extremely helpful to educate the public on the trail and your organization. Post a wish list of items needed by your organization at trail events because someone may be willing to donate these items.

Don't give up. Fundraising can be time consuming with unexpected delays and even rejection. Have patience and your efforts will be rewarded.

* Stokes, Samuel N., and Watson, A. Elizabeth. *Saving America's Countryside: A guide to Rural Conservation*. Baltimore, M.D.: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1989: p.83.

Appendix I: Chronological Grant Deadline Schedule

Grant Name Source	Eligible Projects	Application Due	Funds Available	Contact
Furthermore (The Kaplan Fund)	Publications (maps, pamphlets, books, guides, and catalogues, etc.) to expand public interest in the built and natural environment, historic resources and preservation, cultural history, art landscape and design.	March 1 st and September 1 st	Grants range up to \$20,000.	(518) 828-8900
Hudson River Improvement Fund (Hudson River Foundation)	Physical projects that require capital construction, development or improvement. Priority categories: Public access, physical or visual with special interest in disabled facilities. Education facilities and habitat creation or restoration	March 15 th and October 16 th	Grants range from \$500 to \$20,000. A few larger awards are made.	(212) 924-8290
Recreation and Conservation Grants (Recreational Equipment, Inc.)	Not-for-profit organizations only: community recreation projects including outdoor education and recreational access, conservation projects to encourage community support, advocacy and public policy to protect access and recreational opportunities.	March	Grants up to \$5,000	(206) 395-7100
National Recreational Trails Program (NYS OPRHP & Federal Highway Administration)	Trail development, acquisition of trail easements or rights-of-way, and trail management activities.	Irregular call for proposals (Usually in the spring)	Total funding \$1,000,000. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$80,000.	(914) 889-4100 or (518) 584-2000 ext 150
Preserve New York (The Preservation League of NY & NYS Council on the Arts)	Historic structure and/or landscape reports and cultural resource surveys to plan for the preservation, restoration or rehabilitation of historic buildings and landscapes.	May 1 st	Total funding \$106,500. Grants range from \$3,000 and \$15,000.	(518) 462-5658 ext 17 or (607) 272-6510
American Greenways Awards (Kodak)	Projects to stimulate planning and implementation of greenways throughout America. Activities such as mapping, ecological assessments, surveying land, building trails and trail facilities are eligible.	June 1st	\$500 to \$2,500 typically up to \$1,000.	(703) 525-6300
Trails For Tomorrow Award (DuPont Cordura)	Award that recognizes ten trail groups that best display the spirit and goals of National Trails Day	June 19 th	\$500 cash prize plus nearly \$1,500 worth of gear.	(301) 565-6704 ext. 204
1996 Clean Water / Clean Air Bond Act	Hudson River Valley Greenway: capital construction projects related to development of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail System, waterfront and main street revitalization, regional tourism strategies, and natural resource inventories NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation: park preservation or rehabilitation, historic preservation of properties on the State or National Register, and acquisition of easements for use by general public for recreation, conservation, or preservation purposes.	Coordinated annual call for proposals (Usually in the summer)	Requests for funds should not exceed \$300,000 Standard funding cap of \$500,000, special funding cap of \$1,000,000 for projects over \$4,000,000	(518) 473-3835 (518) 584-2000 or (914) 889-4100

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Environmental Protection Fund	<p>NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation: park preservation or rehabilitation, historic preservation of properties on the State or National Register, and acquisition of easements for use by general public for recreation, conservation, or preservation purposes</p> <p>NY Dept. of State Division of Coastal Resources and Waterfront Revitalization: General local waterfront revitalization or redevelopment, public coastal education</p>	Coordinated annual call for proposals (Usually in the summer)	<p>Funding cap of \$1,000,000 for projects over \$4,000,000 total</p> <p>Typically \$10,000 to \$500,000</p>	<p>(518) 584-2000 or (914) 889-4100</p> <p>(518) 474-6000</p>
Transportation Enhancements Program (NYS Department of Transportation)	Dedicated to transportation related projects - facilities for bicycles & pedestrians, scenic or historic highway programs, tourist & welcome center facilities, transportation related museums, control & removal of outdoor advertising, environmental mitigation to reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality, landscaping & scenic beautification, etc.	Irregular call for proposals (Usually in the summer)	\$50,000 to \$2.5 million	See MPO contact list in full grants program description
Furthermore (The Kaplan Fund)	Publications (maps, pamphlets, books, guides, and catalogues, etc.) to expand public interest in the built and natural environment, historic resources and preservation, cultural history, art landscape and design.	March 1 st and September 1 st	Grants range up to \$20,000.	(518) 828-8900
Hudson River Estuary Management Program	Projects within the Hudson River Estuarine District - Community interpretive centers and education projects, habitat protection or restoration, scenic resource conservation, community conservation and river stewardship, and river access: boating, fishing, swimming, and wildlife related recreation.	October	Grants range from \$2,500 to \$100,000	(518) 457-4208
Hudson River Improvement Fund (Hudson River Foundation)	Physical projects that require capital construction, development or improvement. Priority categories: Public access, physical or visual with special interest in disabled facilities. Education facilities and habitat creation or restoration	March 15 th and October 16 th	Grants range from \$500 to \$20,000. A few larger awards are made.	(212) 924-8290
National Trails Endowment (American Hiking Society)	Construction of new trails or improvements of existing trail facilities, increasing disabled access, purchasing of trail lands, trail research projects, and constituency-building for a specific trail project	November 30 th	Typically limited to \$10,000.	(301) 565-6704 ext. 204
Greenway Grants Program (Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.	Natural & cultural resource protection, regional planning, economic development, heritage & environmental education, promotion of access to the Hudson River	Annual call for proposals (Usually in the winter)	Total funding \$100,000. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$10,000	(518) 473-3835
Land and Water Conservation Fund	Provides money for land acquisition and recreational/park improvements including trails.	Federal program not yet established	Grants have ranged from \$7,000 to \$400,000.	Congressional Representative