**Funding Opportunities for Maine Conservation Corps Partners**

[Recreational Trails Program](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/grants/recreational_trails_program.shtml)

* The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is an assistance program of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The RTP provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for motorized and nonmotorized recreational trail uses.
* RTP is a reimbursement program and grants are made on a matching basis. The federal share of the project costs shall not be more than 80% (maximum grant amounts may be set by the state). The local share may consist of cash or state-approved donations of labor and/or materials.
* The RTP Grant applications deadline is in late September. It is recommended to start the application several months in advance.
* Eligible projects may include:
* Maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails.
* Development and rehabilitation of trail side and trailhead facilities and trail linkages for recreational trails.
* Construction of new recreational trails.
* Acquisition of easements or fee simple title to property for recreational trails or recreational trail corridors.
* Operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection as those objectives relate to use of recreational trails.

[Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund](http://www.maine.gov/ifw/MOHF.html)

The Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund (MOHF) conserves wildlife and open spaces through the sale of instant, scratch lottery tickets. With proceeds from ticket sales, grants are awarded twice a year, totaling approximately $700,000 annually.

* Grant application deadlines are March 1 and September 1 of each year
* Before applying, applicants should discuss their proposed projects with Sponsoring Agency to determine appropriate sponsorship and deadlines. (See website for list of Agencies)

[Project Canopy](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/policy_management/project_canopy/)

Project Canopy Assistance Grants are available to state, county, and municipal governments, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations for developing and implementing community forestry projects and programs. Project Canopy anticipates that $90,000 will be available to support community forestry projects. Grants are awarded in two categories:

* [**Planning and Education**](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/policy_management/project_canopy/grants/grant_applications.html#planning)
$10,000 maximum award
Projects support sustainable community forestry management, and efforts to increase awareness of the benefits of trees and forests.
* [**Planting and Maintenance**](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/policy_management/project_canopy/grants/grant_applications.html#planning)
$8,000 maximum award
Projects increase the health and livability of communities through sound tree planting and maintenance.

**To be eligible to apply for 2019 Project Canopy Assistance grants, all applicants must attend a grant workshop prior to submitting an application**

[Quimby Family Foundation](http://quimbyfamilyfoundation.org/apply/)

The Quimby Family Foundation grants are awarded to qualifying 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations based in Maine who’s mission, vision and values are aligned with the Foundation. There are two grant cycles per year for each focus area:

* **April:** Movement - **Creating and supporting opportunities for people to consistently choose, and meaningfully experience, nearby nature and wilderness through movement and activity.**
* **August: Nourishment – Empowering people to consistently choose regional and plant-based foods that restore human and environmental health.**

[Fields Pond Foundation](http://fieldspond.org/)

The primary mission of Fields Pond Foundation is to provide financial assistance to nature and land conservation organizations that are community-based and that serve to increase environmental awareness by involving local residents in conservation issues.

*The Foundation is looking for grantmaking opportunities where a modest investment of*

*grant funds can help in a significant way to improve public access to and enjoyment of*

*natural areas, while maintaining the health and integrity of the environment. Projects in*

*which volunteerism is a significant component are more likely to be funded.*

* Grants range from $500 to $25,000.

**Explore other opportunities** [**here**](http://www.fundsnetservices.com/searchresult/13/Environment-%26-Conservation-Grants/3.html)