

URBANWATERS

A Partnership for Restoring Urban Waterways and Revitalizing Communities

Featured Funding Opportunities

[The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program](#)



Student volunteers restore a beach as part of the Deadman's Island Restoration Project.
Credit: NFWF

The program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds, and the species and

habitats they support.

Potential projects include a variety of ecological improvements along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship. Ecological improvements may include one or more of the following: wetland, riparian, forest and coastal habitat restoration; wildlife conservation, community tree canopy enhancement, water quality monitoring and green infrastructure best management practices for managing run-off. Projects should also increase access to the benefits of nature, reduce the impact of environmental hazards and engage local communities, particularly underserved communities, in project planning, outreach, and implementation.

Award range: \$20,000 - \$50,000

Webinar: Thu, Nov 15, 2018 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

Proposal Due Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019 by 11:59 PM Eastern Time

[Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act \(GLFWRA\)](#)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is accepting project proposals to protect, restore and enhance Great Lakes fish and wildlife habitat under the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act (Act). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requests interested entities to submit restoration, research and Regional project proposals for the restoration of Great Lakes fish and wildlife resources.



Photo from FWS

The six goals of the Act are:

1. Restoring and maintaining self-sustaining fish and wildlife resources.
2. Minimizing the impacts of contaminants on fishery and wildlife resources.
3. Protecting, maintaining, and, where degraded and destroyed, restoring fish and wildlife habitat, including the enhancement and creation of wetlands that result in a net gain in the amount of those habitats.
4. Stopping illegal activities adversely impacting fishery and wildlife resources.
5. Restoring threatened and endangered species to viable, self-sustaining levels.
6. Protecting, managing, and conserving migratory birds.

*Award Range: \$2,300 - \$2 million

*Proposal deadline: January 7, 2019 by 5:00 PM EST

[Alliance for Community Trees: Open Request for Projects](#)

The Arbor Day Foundation wants to help find funding for a tree planting in your community. This proposal to us is no guarantee of funding, but rather an opportunity to submit a project that will make a difference in your community.

*No set deadline

*Award Ceiling: \$15,000

Spotlight on Success

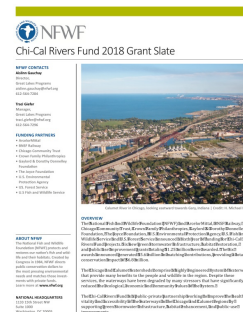
NWI Partners awarded Chi-Cal Rivers Fund Grants

Congratulations to NWI Urban Waters Partners, the Student Conservation Association (SCA) and Shirley Heinze Land Trust (SHLT), on being awarded 2018 grants through the Chi-Cal Rivers Fund!

SCA was awarded \$353,149 for the Calumet Tree Conservation Corps. SHLT was awarded \$141,957 for Restoration and Access Improvements Within the Little Calumet River Conservation Corridor.

Natalie Johnson Recognized as "20 under 40" Member

Former NWI Urban Waters Ambassador, Natalie Johnson has been recognized as a member of the Northwest Indiana Times' 2018 "20 Under 40" class for her work in her current role as Executive Director of Save the Dunes (a NWI Urban Waters partner organization). Congratulations, Natalie! Read more in the [NWI Times article](#).



Chi-Cal 2019 Grants



Natalie Johnson

Webinars, Events, and Resources

[Plastic-Free Great Lakes: An Advocacy Toolkit to Make a Difference in](#)

[Your Community](#)

[Webinar: Proper application and management of septic systems and wells to limit the impact of chemicals of emerging concern in the environment](#)

November 15, 1:30 to 3:30 CST

[NIRPC Complete Streets Policy Workshop](#)

December 7, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm CST
Portage, IN

Calumet Stormwater Collaborative Meeting

December 7, 10 a.m. to noon
[Metropolitan Planning Council](#), Chicago

[One Water Action Forum](#)

December 11-13, 2018
Indianapolis, Indiana

The Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement Great Lakes Public Forum

June 17-19, 2019
Milwaukee, WI

[River Rally 2019](#)

June 21-24, 2019
Cleveland, OH

Funding Opportunities

The Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Partnership may be able to provide assistance to further your initiatives by exploring grant opportunities, building partnerships, and helping you to developing competitive proposals. Contact [Jen Birchfield](#) to discuss your projects and ways we can help.

[DHS FEMA FY 2018 Pre-Disaster Mitigation](#)

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program makes available Federal funds to State, Local and Tribal Governments to implement and sustain cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding from future disasters.

*Applications due January 31, 2019

[DHS FEMA FY 2018 Flood Mitigation Assistance](#)

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program makes available Federal funds to State, Local and Tribal Governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

*Applications Due: January 31, 2019

[2019 Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program RFP](#)

The primary focus for applicants should be protection and stewardship of land in the watershed, not restoration of degraded habitats or projects with a strictly

water quality improvement outcome.

*Award Range \$50,000 - \$250,000

*Applications due February 1, 2019

The Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Partnership focuses on the Lake Michigan watershed in Lake, LaPorte and Porter Counties, Indiana.

Urban Waters works to connect urban communities, particularly those that are overburdened or economically distressed, with their waterways by improving coordination among federal agencies and state and local partners. The goals are to improve the Nation's water systems and to promote their economic, environmental and social benefits.