

STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAMS to Nonprofit Conservation Organizations for Land Acquisition

Authorization: s. 23.197(3)(br), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 51, Wis. Admin. Code

Budget: Fiscal Years 2010-2021 = \$12,000,000

Objective: Provide grants for the acquisition of land or conservation easements for permanent protection of natural resources and outdoor recreational opportunities.

Eligibility: Nonprofit Conservation Organizations (NCOs) that have defined in their bylaws or articles of incorporation land acquisition for conservation as one of their purposes. NCOs must be defined by the US Internal Revenue Code as 501(c)(3) organizations.

Level of Assistance: 50% match grants, or up to 75% match grants in certain circumstances.

Priorities: Natural Areas, Habitat Areas, State Trail, Ice Age Trail and Streambank Protection.

Eligible Types of Projects: Grants to NCOs can be used to purchase land or conservation easements.

Applications: For information about applying for Stewardship Grants, [contact regional DNR grant staff](#).

History: The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program was established in 1989 to preserve Wisconsin's most significant land and water resources for future generations. Stewardship grants, available to community-based nonprofits, allow the DNR's private sector partners to stretch state dollars to permanently protect natural resources and outdoor recreational opportunities statewide. Over forty-five NCOs have been awarded more than \$47.6 million in Stewardship Grants and raised well over \$48 million to directly match the state's investment.

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