

**STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAMS
for Conservation Organizations
for Land Acquisition and Habitat Restoration**

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Authorization: s. 23.197(4), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 51, Wis. Admin. Code

Budget: Fiscal Year 2009-2010 = \$8,000,000
Fiscal Year 2010-2011 = \$12,000,000

Objective: Provide grants for (a) the acquisition of land or easements for conservation or recreation purposes or (b) habitat restoration.

Eligibility: Conservation Organizations that are formed under ch. 181, Wis. Stats., have as one of their purposes the protection, enhancement, or restoration of the state's natural resources for the benefit of the public, and are not 501(c)(3) organizations (as defined by the US Internal Revenue Code).

Level of Assistance: 50% match grants up to \$20,000.

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

Eligible Types of Projects: Fee simple and easement acquisitions.

Applications: Application forms are available from Kimberlee Wright.

History: Authorized under the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship 2000 Program, which runs through 2010. Over ten Conservation Organizations received funding for habitat restoration projects in the first two years of the program.

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