



## Example Grant Opportunities

The National Association of Conservation Districts' (NACD) Board Members from the Pacific Region have gathered a variety of funders below who may have programs relevant for conservation districts and partners across the region.

NACD is not affiliated with these funders, we only provide this list as a resource, and it is not comprehensive of all potentially relevant opportunities. Conservation districts should reach out directly to each organization with any questions. Any successful conservation districts or other partners within the [National Conservation Planning Partnership](#) are also noted for each program as a resource.

If you have additional suggestions to add to this list, please contact NACD Pacific Region Representative [Ariel Rivers, Ph.D.](#)

## National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) awards competitive grants through our programs to protect and conserve our nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. The Foundation works with public and private partners in all 50 states and U.S. territories to solve the most challenging conservation problems.

The programs listed below are only examples and may not be open or available in each year, as programs vary year to year in funding and availability. More programs may exist that could be applicable for conservation districts; see all NFWF opportunities [by program](#) and [by species](#).

### **Conservation Partners Program**

**Summary – [More information online](#)**

The Conservation Partners Program provides vital grant funding to support organizations that provide staff and technical assistance to private landowners in order to maximize the benefits of Farm Bill programs on working lands.

Conservation districts have been very successful nationally in this program; [search for the full list here](#).

**Example Past Partner Awards – [More information online](#)**

- [Sonoma RCD](#), California (2019)
- [Umatilla SWCD](#), Oregon (2019)
- [Crook County SWCD](#), Oregon (2019)
- [Mendocino County RCD](#), California (2017)



- [Gold Ridge RCD](#), California (2013)

## **Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration**

### Summary – [More information online](#)

The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program seeks to develop nation-wide community stewardship of local natural resources, preserving these resources for future generations and enhancing habitat for local wildlife. Grants seek to address water quality issues in priority watersheds, such as erosion due to unstable streambanks, pollution from stormwater runoff, and degraded shorelines caused by development.

## **Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund**

### Summary – [More information online](#)

The Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund supports work that advances the conservation of the monarch butterfly and other at-risk native insect pollinators. Originally named the Monarch Butterfly Conservation Fund, the fund added the term 'Pollinators' to its title in 2018 to reflect an increased focus on a broader set of priority species.

### Example Past Partner Awards – [More information online](#)

- [Kansas Association of Conservation Districts](#), Kansas (2017)
- [California Association of RCDs](#), California (2019)

## **Northern California Forests and Watersheds**

### Summary – [More information online](#)

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has partnered with the U.S. Forest Service to restore and enhance National Forests and watersheds affected by wildfires within Northern California. The Northern California Forests and Watersheds program will administer an initial \$6 million in grants to projects that increase wildfire resiliency for Northern California National Forests and associated watersheds.

### Example Past Partner Awards – [More information online](#)

- [Shasta Valley RCD](#), California (2020)
- [Trinity County RCD](#), California (2020)
- [Amador RCD](#), California (2019)

## **Pacific Southwest Fuels Management**

### Summary – [More information online](#)

The Pacific Southwest Fuels Management Partnership identifies and funds fuel management projects that reduce the risk of severe wildfire, protects ecological values of U.S. Forest Service restoration



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investments, and reduces the chance of damage to public and private improvements near U.S. Forest Service Lands.

**Example Past Partner Awards – [More information online](#)**

- [Trinity County RCD](#), California (2020)

### **Southern California Forests and Watersheds**

**Summary – [More information online](#)**

The Southern California Forests and Watersheds Program supports strategic partnerships to help protect, restore, and sustain the region's unique environment for targeted landscapes and species important to the region, and local communities.

**Example Past Partner Awards – [More information online](#)**

- [Cachuma RCD](#), California

## USDA Agricultural Management Service (AMS)

### See all [AMS Opportunities](#)

### **Farmers Market Promotion Program**

**Summary - [More information online](#)**

The Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) funds projects that develop, coordinate and expand direct producer-to-consumer markets to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products by developing, coordinating, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, online sales or other direct producer-to-consumer (including direct producer-to-retail, direct producer-to-restaurant and direct producer-to-institutional marketing) market opportunities.

**Example Partner Awards – [More information online](#)**

- [Upper Columbia Resource Conservation and Development Council](#), in collaboration with Spokane Conservation District, Washington (2020)
- [Ajo Center for Sustainable Agriculture](#), in collaboration with Tohono O'odham Soil and Water Conservation District, Arizona (2019)
- [Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development](#), Iowa (2018)
- [Appalachian Resource Conservation and Development Council](#), Tennessee (2017)

### **Local Food Promotion Program**



## **Summary – [More information online](#)**

The Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP) funds projects that develop, coordinate and expand local and regional food business enterprises that engage as intermediaries in indirect producer to consumer marketing to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products.

Grants can be used for the planning stages of establishing or expanding a local and regional food business enterprise or to improve or expand a food business that supports locally and regionally produced agricultural products and food system infrastructure by performing feasibility studies, market research, training and technical assistance for the business enterprise and/or for producers working with the business enterprise.

## **Example Partner Awards – [More information online](#)**

- [Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development](#), Iowa (2017)

## **Micro Grants for Food Security Program**

### **Summary – [More information online](#)**

The Micro-Grants for Food Security Program (MGFSP) assists agricultural agencies or departments in eligible states and territories to increase the quantity and quality of locally grown food in food insecure communities through small-scale gardening, herding, and livestock operations by competitively distributing subawards to eligible entities.

### **Example Partner Awards – [More information online](#)**

- [Guam Department of Agriculture](#), in collaboration with Northern and Southern Guam Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Guam (2020)

## **Regional Food System Partnerships**

### **Summary – [More information online](#)**

The Regional Food System Partnerships (RFSP) program supports partnerships that connect public and private resources to plan and develop local or regional food systems. The program focuses on strengthening the viability and resilience of regional food economies through collaboration and coordination.

## **USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)**

Search all [NIFA Opportunities](#)

## **Beginning Farmer & Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) Grant**



### Summary - [More information online](#)

The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (aka the 2018 Farm Bill) reauthorized the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program and provides mandatory funds for which supports education, mentoring, and technical assistance initiatives for beginning farmers and ranchers.

### Example Partner Awards

- [Petroleum County Conservation District](#), Montana (2020)
- [Tyonek Conservation District](#), Alaska (2018)
- [Shawnee Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc.](#), Illinois (2017)
- [Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and Development Council](#), Wisconsin (2015)
- [Rhode Island Association of Conservation Districts](#), Rhode Island (2011)

### **Community Food Projects (CFP) Competitive Grants Program**

#### Summary - [More information online](#)

In FY 2020 and FY 2021, NIFA's CFP intends to solicit applications and fund two types of grants. The types are entitled:

1. Community Food Projects (CFP) to create community-based food projects with objectives, activities and outcomes that are in alignment with CFPCGP primary goals.
2. Planning Projects (PP) to complete a plan toward the improvement of community food security in keeping with the primary goals of the CFPCGP. PPs are to focus on a defined community and describe in detail the activities and outcomes of the planning project.

### Example Partner Awardees

- [New Hampshire Association of Conservation Districts](#), New Hampshire (2014)

### **Food and Agriculture Service Learning Program**

#### Summary - [More information online](#)

The purpose of the Food and Agriculture Service Learning Program is to increase the knowledge of agricultural science and improve the nutritional health of children. The program's goal is to increase the capacity for food, garden, and nutrition education within host organizations or entities, such as school cafeterias and classrooms, while fostering higher levels of community engagement between farms and school systems by bringing together stakeholders from distinct parts of the food system. The initiative is part of a broader effort to not only increase access to school meals for low-income children, but also to dramatically improve their quality.

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

See all [EPA Opportunities](#)



## **Environmental Education (EE) Grants**

### **Summary - [More information online](#)**

Under the Environmental Education Grants Program, EPA seeks grant applications from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques.

### **Example Partner Awards**

- [Arizona Association of Conservation Districts](#), Arizona (2020)
- [Palouse Conservation District](#), Washington (2020)
- [Kent County Conservation District](#), Kentucky (2019)
- [Colorado Association of Conservation Districts](#), Colorado (2010)

## **Environmental Justice Small Grants**

### **Summary - [More information online](#)**

The Environmental Justice Small Grants Program supports and empowers communities working on solutions to local environmental and public health issues. The program is designed to help communities understand and address exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks.

Environmental Justice Small Grants fund projects up to \$50,000, depending on the availability of funds in a given year. All projects are associated with at least one qualified environmental statute.

### **Example Partner Awards**

- [Grounded Strategies, Inc](#) in collaboration with Allegheny CD, Pennsylvania (2019)

## **Source Reduction Assistance Grant Program**

### **Summary - [More information online](#)**

Source Reduction Assistance (SRA) grants fund innovative source reduction approaches (also known as “pollution prevention” or “P2”). P2 means reducing or eliminating pollutants from entering any waste stream or otherwise released into the environment prior to recycling, treatment, or disposal.

In keeping with the statutory authorities under this program, SRA grant projects must use one or more of the following technical assistance methods to carry out source reduction/P2 activities: a) research, b) investigation, c) experiments, d) education, e) training, f) studies and/or g) demonstration of innovative techniques.

### **Example Partner Awards**

- [Okanogan CD](#), Washington (2019)



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- [Okanogan CD](#), Washington (2017)

### **Urban Waters Small Grants**

Summary - [More information online](#)

The Urban Waters Small Grants are expanding the ability of communities to engage in activities that improve water quality in a way that also advances community priorities.

EPA supports and empowers communities, especially in under-served areas, who are working on solutions to address multiple community needs and fostering successful collaborative partnerships.

The grants are competed and awarded every two years, with individual award amounts of up to \$60,000.

### **Example Partner Awards**

- [Ciudad SWCD](#), New Mexico (2011)
- [Curry County SWCD](#), Oregon (2011)
- [Washakie County CD](#), Oregon (2011)

## U.S. Forest Service

### **National Agroforestry Center, Agroforestry Outreach - [More information online](#)**

Summary - [More information online](#)

The U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service) requests proposals to substantially expand and accelerate the availability of science-based information to inform landowner decisions on the adoption and design of agroforestry systems.

Proposals awarded under this announcement will create educational and outreach materials that support agroforestry.

## Western Sustainable Agriculture, Research and Education (SARE) Program

SARE offers competitive grants to fund research and education projects that advance sustainable agricultural practices in the United States. Search all [Western SARE Opportunities](#).

### **Professional + Producer Grants**



## **Summary - [More information online](#)**

This grant program involves agricultural professional (main applicant) and producers implementing projects to address identified needs in sustainable agriculture. With the collaboration of producers, projects must integrate research and education aiming to advance the three components of sustainable agriculture- environmental, economic, and social- and use innovative educational outreach to disseminate new knowledge to producers and other agricultural stakeholders.

It is expected that outcomes of funded projects will result in quantifiable benefits for producers, increase the preservation of the natural and social resources upon which agriculture relies, and be shared with other producers.

## **Example Partner Awards**

- [Amador Resource Conservation District](#) (RCD), California (2019)
- [Fairbanks SWCD](#), Alaska (2018)
- [Okanogan CD](#), Washington (2018)
- [Kenai SWCD](#), Alaska (2018)
- [Jackson SWCD](#), Oregon (2013)

## **Professional Development**

### **Summary - [More information online](#)**

This grant program focuses on training agricultural professionals to help them spread knowledge about sustainable agriculture concepts and practices. Grants can run for up to three years, with the final year to be focused on project evaluation.

## **Example Partner Awards**

- [East Stanislaus RCD](#), California (2017)
- [University of Hawaii at Manoa](#) in collaboration with West Oahu SWCD, Hawaii (2019)
- [Ada SWCD](#), Idaho (2018)
- [Okanogan CD](#), Washington (2018)
- [Coos SWCD](#), Oregon (2016)
- [Benton SWCD](#), Oregon (2011)

## **Research to Grassroots**

### **Summary - [More information online](#)**

These grants are built on the SARE concept that results of applied research are used to train agricultural professionals and producers in the latest principles of sustainable agriculture. Successful RGR projects will take the research results from previously funded SARE projects and bring those results into the field through education to ag professionals and producers.

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- [Ecostudies Institute](#) in collaboration with Thurston CD, Washington (2021)
- [Pierce CD](#), Washington (2021)
- [Walla Walla CD](#), Washington (2021)
- [Stevens County CD](#) in partnership with Ferry CD and Pend Oreille CD, Washington (2020)
- [King CD](#), Washington (2019)
- [University of California Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program](#) in collaboration with Napa RCD, California (2020)