

Potential Funding Sources in Support of the Restoration of the South Florida Ecosystem

Program	Purpose
FEDERAL	
DOI	
Federal land acquisition programs	
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) – Federal Land Acquisition	Acquisition for various federal agencies (FWS, NPS, BLM, and USDA Forest Service). Also provides grants to states for the acquisition or development of land for public outdoor recreation uses.
Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (FWS)	Receipts in this account allow FWS to acquire important migratory breeding areas, migration resting places, and wintering areas. Areas acquired become part of the refuge system.
Grant programs strictly for land acquisition by non-Federal entities	
Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund Act Program (FWS)	To provide grants to states for Recovery Land Acquisition. This includes the Conservation Grants; Recovery Land Acquisition, Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance, and Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition.
Grant programs that may be used for land acquisition and other purposes by non-Federal agencies	
State and Tribal Wildlife Grants (FWS)	To help states and tribes to implement comprehensive wildlife conservation plans and activities.
LWCF State Grant Program (NPS)	To provide matching grants to States and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities.
Sport Fish Restoration – Grants to States (FWS)	To provide funding for fisheries recreation and conservation efforts in the United States. Non-competitive apportionment based program.
Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration – Grants to States	This program apportions funds to states and territories for use in restoring and protecting wildlife.
Grant programs that may be used for land acquisition and other purposes by Federal and non-Federal agencies	
North American Wetlands Conservation Grants (FWS)	May fund the acquisition of habitat for waterfowl and migrating birds in support of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan.
DOI	
Other partnership programs supporting non-land acquisition conservation activities	
Private Stewardship Grants Program (FWS)	To provide grants for on-the-ground conservation projects on private lands benefiting federally listed, threatened, endangered species or other at-risk species.
Landowner Incentive Program (FWS)	Establish or supplement existing landowner incentive programs that provide technical or financial assistance, including habitat protection and restoration, to private landowners to benefit species at risk.
Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program (FWS)	To provide assistance to landowners to voluntarily restore wetlands, streams, grasslands, woodlands, and other important habitat that support fish and wildlife.
Coastal Program (FWS)	To work with coastal communities and other partners to focus and leverage resources on high-priority coastal habitat issues by providing important technical and financial support to our existing and new partners, including the Everglades/South Florida Ecosystem.

Federal Continued	
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NPS Challenge Cost Share	To increase the participation of neighboring communities and qualified partners in preserving and improving the cultural, natural, and recreational resources for which the Service is responsible.
FWS Challenge Cost Share	Foster innovative and creative cooperative efforts to restore natural resources and establish or expand wildlife habitat, with an emphasis on Federal lands and resources.
BLM Challenge Cost Share	To leverage federal dollars with private and state funding for conservation efforts, benefiting resources on BLM administered public lands. The program solicits partnerships and partnership funding through a variety of resource management programs, including fisheries, wildlife, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources and recreation.
DOD	
Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI)	To support habitat conservation and address encroachment on military installations through buffer land acquisition and conservation easements through partnerships with TNC and Working Legacy funding. The partners, not DOD will own the land.
DOT	
National Scenic Byways Program	To provide grants in support of eligible projects, including protection of natural resources in an area adjacent to a scenic byway.
Federal Lands Highway Program	To provide funds for eligible projects to include acquisition of necessary scenic easements and scenic or historic sites.
High Priority Projects	To support member priority projects.
Transportation Enhancements	To provide reimbursement for 12 eligible activities that enhance the transportation experience, including acquisition of scenic easements and sites.
HUD	
Sustainable Communities Grant Programs	To provide funding to support regional planning efforts that integrate housing, land-use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure development to bring economic competitiveness and revitalization to a community.
USDA	
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	To remove marginal agricultural lands from production and establish conservation practices to improve water quality and create wildlife habitat.
Forest Legacy Program	To help states acquire fee or easements for perpetual forest preservation.
Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)	To assist landowners in restoring wetlands and wetland functions.
Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FPP)	To purchase easements on farm and ranch lands that will remain in agricultural production.
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	To encourage the creation of high quality wildlife habitats that support wildlife populations on wetland, riparian, upland and aquatic habitat on Ag Lands.
Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (Farm Bill) Section 390	To provide \$200 million to the Secretary of the Interior to conduct restoration activities in the Everglades ecosystem in South Florida, including the acquisition of real property. This was a one time appropriation.
Grassland Reserve Program	The Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is a voluntary program for landowners and operators to protect grazing uses and related conservation values by conserving grassland, including rangeland, pastureland, shrubland, and certain other lands.

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STATE	
<u>Florida Forever Program/Board of Trustees (FDEP)</u>	To fund the acquisition and restoration of environmentally sensitive lands, lands to protect water resource development and supply, to increase public access, public lands management and maintenance, and increase protection of land by acquisition of conservation easements. Florida Forever is the umbrella funding source for the state programs listed below.
<u>Defense Infrastructure Grant Program</u>	To provide funds for land purchase of conservation easements to encroachment prevention and sustainability of military installations. The program is part of the Office of the Governor, administered by Enterprise Florida, Inc. to assist Florida's communities hosting defense industries, bases, and installations.
<u>Florida Forever Program Water Management Districts (FDEP)</u>	To fund the acquisition of lands and capital project expenditures necessary to implement the water management districts' priority lists.
<u>Florida Communities Trust Parks and Open Space Program (FCT)</u>	To fund the state's land acquisition grant program for local governments and non-profits to acquire lands that promote outdoor recreation and natural resource protection needs identified in local government comprehensive plans.
<u>Florida Forever Program Inholdings and Additions Programs (FDEP)</u>	To acquire inholdings and additions to existing conservation lands.
<u>Rural and Family Lands Protection Program (FDACS)</u>	To acquire agricultural lands, through perpetual easements and other perpetual less-than-fee techniques.
<u>Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts Florida Forever Grant Program (FCT)</u>	To acquire property to preserve working waterfronts used for commercial harvest of marine organisms or for promotion or education of the public about Florida's traditional working waterfronts.
<u>Florida Greenways and Trails (FDEP)</u>	To fund the statewide initiative to create a system of greenways and trails connecting communities and conservation areas.
<u>FL Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)</u>	To fund the acquisition or development of land for public outdoor recreation and the acquisition of inholdings and additions for state parks.
<u>Save Our Everglades Trust Fund (FDEP)</u>	To implement CERP, the Northern Estuaries Protection Program and the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern.
COUNTIES	
<u>Broward Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond Program</u>	To protect the remaining natural lands in Broward County not currently managed for preservation.
<u>Conservation Charlotte</u>	To purchase and conserve environmentally sensitive lands.
<u>Conservation Collier</u>	To acquire, preserve, restore and manage environmentally significant lands.
<u>Lee County Conservation Lands Program (Conservation 20/20)</u>	To acquire, restore and manage lands important to wildlife, water supply, flooding, water quality, and resource oriented public uses.
<u>Martin County Lands for Healthy Rivers and Natural Resource Protection (Healthy Rivers) and Lands for You</u>	Healthy Rivers: to acquire lands for river restoration, provide matching funds for state and federal land acquisition programs for conservation and protection of natural resources and provide for municipal infrastructure. Lands for You: to preserve and protect environmental resources and cultural history while providing expanded outdoor recreational opportunities.
<u>Miami-Dade County Environmentally Endangered Lands</u>	To acquire, preserve, enhance, restore, conserve, and maintain environmentally endangered lands for the benefit of the present and future generations.
<u>Monroe County Land Authority</u>	To acquire land for recreation, affordable housing, environmental protection, and the protection of private property rights.
<u>Orange County Green PLACE Program</u>	To preserve Orange County's natural resources and wildlife.

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<u>Osceola County Environmental Lands Conservation Program</u>	To acquire lands to protect open space and water quality, preserve natural areas, protect endangered or threatened animals or plants and provide passive recreation such as trails.
<u>Palm Beach County Land Acquisition Program for Conservation Purposes</u>	To acquire additional environmentally sensitive lands for perpetual preservation and to acquire agricultural lands to preserve agriculture in the County's Ag Reserve.
<u>Polk County Environmental Lands Program</u>	To acquire, preserve, manage and restore endangered and environmentally sensitive lands, water resources and wildlife habit.
<u>St. Lucie County Environmentally Significant Lands Program</u>	To preserve native ecosystems and meet County Comprehensive Plan open space requirements.
NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS	
<u>Conservancy of Southwest Florida</u>	For the preservation and stewardship of the land and water resources in and around the 60,000-acres Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW).
<u>Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast</u>	Strives to protect the environment, character, and biodiversity of bays, beaches and barrier islands by holding conservation easements and owning nature preserves, educating for responsible land stewardship, and collaborating with individuals, organizations and communities
<u>CREW Trust</u>	For the preservation and stewardship of the land and water resources in and around the 60,000 acre Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed.
<u>Florida Keys Land and Sea Trust</u>	For the preservation, conservation and the restoration of rare and endangered areas of the Florida Keys.
<u>Green Horizon Land Trust, Inc.</u>	To preserve environmentally valuable or sensitive lands and open space areas in and around the Central Florida Ridge for the benefit of the general public, and to educate the public as to the importance of such lands and their preservation.
<u>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation</u>	To award challenge grants that address priority actions promoting fish and wildlife conservation and the habitats on which they depend; work proactively to involve other conservation and community interests; leverage available funding; and evaluate project outcomes.
<u>National Park Foundation</u>	The South Florida National Parks Trust seeks to create a new tradition of philanthropy in support of Biscayne, Dry Tortugas and Everglades National Parks.
<u>The Conservation Fund</u>	To forge partnerships to preserve our nation's outdoor heritage, American's legacy of wildlife habitat, working landscapes and community open space.
<u>The Nature Conservancy (TNC)</u>	To preserve plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth. TNC works with partners to assist in securing funding for targeted land acquisitions and can purchase lands through revolving its loan program usually with an agreement to repay TNC.
<u>Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation</u>	Dedicated to preserving natural resources and wildlife habitat on and around Sanibel and Captiva islands.
<u>Treasured Lands</u>	Treasured Lands Foundation is committed to forging partnerships to purchase environmentally vital lands, reopen closed parks, streamline operating costs and maintain the programs that benefit so many children, seniors and families.
<u>Trust for Public Lands</u>	To help agencies and communities create a vision for conservation, raise funds for conservation and complete conservation real estate transactions. TPL raises public as well as private funds and packages projects to funders and agencies.