



## The Newsletter of the Massachusetts Land Conservation Community

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"I resolved to stop accumulating and begin the infinitely more serious and difficult task of wise distribution." -- Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919), Businessman & Philanthropist --

"As I started getting rich, I started thinking, 'what the hell am I going to do with all this money?'... You have to learn to give." -- Robert Edward "Ted" Turner (b. 1938), Businessman & Philanthropist --

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### SPECIAL ISSUE - GRANTS, RFPS & COMMONWEALTH CAPITAL!

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### 1) FY 2009 CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP GRANT ROUND NOW OPEN! PROPOSALS DUE BY JULY 16

EEA Secretary Ian Bowles has announced a new round of Conservation Partnership Grants for land trusts. The purpose of the Conservation Partnership Grants is to assist not-for-profit corporations in acquiring land and interests in lands suitable for conservation or recreation. This is a great program and we want to make sure that this round is successful and get as many land trusts as possible submitting applications! The program and application process are described below.

I STRONGLY URGE EVERY MASS. LAND TRUST TO LEARN ABOUT THIS PROGRAM!  
Participating in it is one of the best possible ways to strengthen the critical public-private partnership between the state conservation agencies, non-profit land trusts, and the donors and foundation's who support our work.

Best, Bernie McHugh  
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### **Conservation Partnership Grants RFR Now Available!**

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is pleased to announce the release of the FY09 Conservation Partnership grant program Request for Response (RFR). This grant program provides funding to assist not-for-profit corporations in acquiring interests in land suitable for conservation or recreation purposes.

The maximum grant award for a single project is \$60,000. The maximum reimbursement amount available for a single project is 50% of the total project cost. Qualified applications will be selected on a competitive basis. There is no guarantee that monies will be awarded.

#### **Potential projects fall into one of two categories:**

- 1.) Land or a conservation restriction purchased by an eligible Applicant**
- 2.) Land or a conservation restriction gift donated to an eligible Applicant**

Applications for these grants will be accepted from qualified IRS 501(c)(3) organizations that have been formed for one of the purposes described in Section 4 of Chapter 180 of the General Laws. An organization must have 501(c)(3) status at the time an application is submitted.

#### **How to Apply**

The RFR has been posted on Comm-PASS, the state's procurement website. The grants will be due July 16, 2008 by 3:00 pm. Please follow the instructions below on how to find the application. Go to:

<https://www.ebidsourcing.com/processPublicSolSummView.do?action=soltypeCd&docStatus=OPEN&docViewType=OPEN&docUserId=201600&doValidateToken=false&docId=112669&soltypeCd=UNIVERSAL>

OR (if the link doesn't work), go to:

<http://www.comm-pass.com/>

and do the following

Click on the "Solicitations" tab at the top of the page

Click on "Browse All Open Solicitations"

Click on "By Entity/Department"

Click the checkbox to the right of "Executive Office of Environmental Affairs"

Click on the "glasses" icon to the right of "GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Conservation Partnership"

For more information, go to the Division of Conservation Services web site at:

<http://www.mass.gov/envir/dcs/> <<http://www.mass.gov/envir/dcs/>>

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## **BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!**

### **2) FIELDS POND & TTOR OFFER ASSISTANCE FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The state's Conservation Partnership Grant program (CPG) is a great resource for land trusts. It is the only program which land trusts can apply to directly for reimbursement of costs of a land acquisition project (fee or CR).

However, it can be challenging and even intimidating for small resource-poor land trusts to meet the CPG requirements and this has led to a shortage of applicants in previous rounds. All applicants **MUST** submit a map of the property being protected and an appraisal, even for a project that might otherwise not need one.

So, the Fields Pond Foundation and The Trustees of Reservations have teamed up to bring you the resources you need to take advantage of this great grant opportunity. Fields Pond will help pay for the appraisal and the Trustees will make the maps for free! ***All this whether or not your application is successful!*** Here are the details.

#### **APPLICATION ASSISTANCE for Conservation Partnership Grants (CPG)**

The Fields Pond Foundation will pay **50% of the cost of the required appraisal**, to a maximum grant of \$1,500 per organization and The Trustees of Reservations' GIS department **will make you the maps** required to apply for a CPG.

#### **Eligibility:**

Any 501(c)(3) Massachusetts land trust with an annual operating budget under \$250k, applying to CPG for a project that is generally eligible under CPG guidelines (i.e., a land protection project on which a CR will be granted to a state or local entity and which will be publicly accessible), whether or not the CPG application is successful.

#### **Requirements:**

- a. Contact The Trustees of Reservations with your mapping needs for a CPG application no later than June 20, 2008. (<mailto:afreeman@ttor.org> <<mailto:afreeman@ttor.org>> ; 978-840-4446 x1929).
- b. Submit CPG application to EOEEA by July 16, 2008 (or such later date as the CPG deadline may be extended.)
- c. Send Fields Pond Foundation copies of your application and the invoice for the appraisal cost. Payment can be directed to appraiser or the land trust. (PO Box 540667; Waltham, MA 02454-0667; <mailto:brehrig@fieldspond.org> <<mailto:brehrig@fieldspond.org>> )

More info at:

<http://fieldspond.org/CPGFY09.pdf> <<http://fieldspond.org/CPGFY09.pdf>>

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### **3) L.A.N.D. GRANTS PROGRAM NOW OPEN (WAS 'SELF-HELP')**

Conservation Land Grants - DCS is seeking applications for the FY09 Local Acquisition for Natural Diversity (LAND) Program (formerly the Self-Help program). The LAND Program provides funds to municipal conservation commissions for the purchase of conservation land for natural resource and passive outdoor recreation purposes, including wildlife habitat; trails; natural, historic or cultural resources; water protection; forest; and farm land. Compatible passive outdoor recreational uses such as hiking, fishing, hunting, cross-country skiing, bird observation and the

like are encouraged. Access by the general public is required. Municipal application only.

A "How To" grant workshop will be held on May 21 from 10:00 a.m.-noon at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Please RSVP to Nicole Sicard at <<mailto:Nicole.Sicard@state.ma.us?subject=LAND%20Grants>>

For more information, please visit LAND Program web page <<http://www.mass.gov/envir/dcs/selfhelp/default.htm>>  
Applications are due by July 15.

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#### **4) P.A.R.C. GRANTS PROGRAM NOW OPEN (WAS 'URBAN SELF-HELP')**

Parks Grants - EEA's Division of Conservation Services (DCS) is seeking applications for the FY09 Parkland Acquisition and Renovation for Communities (PARC) Grant Program (formerly the Urban Self-Help program). The PARC Program assists communities with the acquisition of parkland, as well as construction of new parks and renovation of existing parks. PARC grants assist cities and towns in acquiring and developing land for park and outdoor recreation purposes. Any town with a population of 35,000 or more year-round residents, or any city regardless of size, that has an authorized park /recreation commission is eligible to participate in the program. Communities that do not meet the population criteria listed above may still qualify under the "small town," "regional," or "statewide" project provisions of the program

A "How To" grant workshop will be held on May 21 from 10:00 a.m.-noon at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Please RSVP to Melissa Cryan at <<mailto:Melissa.cryan@state.ma.us?subject=PARC%20Grants>>

For more information, please visit the PARC Grants web page <<http://www.mass.gov/envir/dcs/urban/default.htm>>  
Applications are due by July 15.

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#### **5) COASTAL AND ESTUARINE LAND CONSERVATION FUNDING FROM CZM**

Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Funding - CZM is seeking applications for funding under the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP). CELCP provides state and local governments with matching funds to purchase significant coastal and estuarine lands, or conservation easements on such lands, that are considered important for their ecological, conservation, recreational, historical, or aesthetic values. For detailed information on CELCP, go to: <<http://www.mass.gov/czm/celcp/index.htm>>

Applications will be reviewed and ranked for nomination to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for evaluation and potential Federal Fiscal Year 2009 CELCP funding.

To view the Request for Responses (RFR), visit the Comm-PASS Website <<http://www.comm-pass.com/>> and search for document number "ENV 08 CZM 03." Applications are due by July 2.

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#### **6) COMMONWEALTH CAPITAL DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT MAY 16**

Proposed Commonwealth Capital Changes for FY 09

Commonwealth Capital (CommCap) has become one of the state's key tools for promoting smart growth. CommCap encourages municipalities to implement land-use measures consistent with the state's Sustainable Development Principles by using state funding as an incentive. To date, well over 100 municipal smart growth reforms have been implemented as a result of the program.

A draft of the FY09 Commonwealth Capital program materials has been posted for public comment. Deadline for comments and suggested edits are due May 16, 2008. Materials include:

1. Commonwealth Capital Application
2. Application Guidance
3. Funding Programs included in CommCap
4. Public Meetings

Based on comments previously received and policy priorities of the Patrick Administration a number of criteria and eligible programs have been changed or added from last year's documents.

Please use this link to review last year's documents and the 2009 draft.

<http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=gov3subtopic&L=5&L0=Home&L1=Key+Priorities&L2=Job+Creation+%26+Economic+Growth&L3=Clean+Energy+%26+Smart+Growth-Smart+Energy&L4=Commonwealth+Capital&sid=Agov3>

Comments on FY 09 Commonwealth Capital documents should be sent to <mailto:commcap@state.ma.us> (preferred) or:

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