



Potential Funding Resources for Land Conservation, Acquisition, and Stewardship for Drinking Water Protection

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Quality

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✓			OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD Engagement Grants	Goal of funding is to support communication and engagement with landowners, organizations, and the community about the need for eligible restoration, acquisition, or resource assessment/ planning projects tied to a specific geography.	Local or Tribal government, non-profit organizations, and institutions for higher education with a Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN). Contact your local OWEB program representative to confirm applicant/ project eligibility before applying. Find your local representative.	No maximum or minimum funding request amount. Match requirement is \$1.	Open solicitation program has application deadlines in the spring and fall. The next application deadline is April 29, 2024. Learn more about this grant. Sign up to receive OWEB grant solicitation emails.
✓			OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD Technical Assistance Grants: TA-1: Technical Design and Engineering TA-2: Resource Assessment and Planning	Provides funding to develop a technical assistance design for a restoration project (TA-1) or to assess habitat and water quality conditions or develop a plan for implementing restoration activities (TA-2).	Local or Tribal government, non-profit organizations, and institutions for higher education with a Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN). Contact your local OWEB program representative to confirm applicant/ project eligibility before applying. Find your local representative.	No maximum or minimum funding request amount. Match requirement is \$1.	Open solicitation program has application deadlines in the spring and fall. The next application deadline is April 29, 2024. Learn more about this grant. Sign up to receive OWEB grant solicitation emails.

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✓			<p>OREGON WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Place-Based Water Planning Fund</p>	<p>The fund will award grants for actions supporting place-based integrated water resources planning.</p>	<p>Any person, Tribe, or non-profit organization may apply for funding. "Person" includes individuals, corporations, associations, firms, partnerships, joint stock companies, public and municipal corporations, political subdivisions, the state and the federal government.</p>	<p>Grant availability and cost match will be determined at a future date.</p>	<p>Applications cycles will be announced on the Water Resources Planning Grants page.</p> <p>Learn more about this grant.</p> <p>Contact: wrd_dl_placebasedplanning@water.oregon.gov</p> <p>Sign up for the mailing list.</p>

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✓			RURAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CORPORATION	Variety of loans for water and/or wastewater planning, environmental work, and construction. Also offers funding application assistance.	Non-profit organizations, public agencies, tribes, and low-income rural communities with population 50,000 or less, or 10,000 or less if guaranteed by USDA Rural Development financing.	Varies	Learn more about this grant . Contact: Trisha Kent, Rural Development Specialist tkent@rcac.org

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✓			THE FORD FAMILY FOUNDATION Technical Assistance Grants	Technical Assistance grants help organizations build their internal capacity to make a positive impact. They can be used to develop additional leadership expertise, engage in strategic planning or hire an outside consultant with specialized expertise.	Supports a wide range of organizations. Most grants awarded to governmental agencies, Tribal nations, and nonprofits.	Grant funding available up to \$5,000 per project.	Applications are always open. Apply online – responses typically take 6 to 10 weeks. Learn more about this grant.
	✓		OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION Land and Water Conservation Fund	LWCF grants are available for the acquisition, development, and major rehabilitation of public outdoor recreation facilities. Acquiring land and water for public access is eligible Lands purchased with this fund must be open to the public and maintained forever for outdoor public recreation.	Cities, Counties, Park and Recreation Districts, Metropolitan Service Districts, Port Districts, Federally-recognized Indian Tribes in Oregon, Oregon State Agencies	Approximately \$4 million available annually. Minimum grant: \$50,000 (\$100,000 total project costs), unless otherwise authorized by Oregon Parks and Recreation Director. No maximum grant amounts. 50% match required.	2024 dates to be announced. Learn more about this grant.
	✓		UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE Community Forest Program	Provides financial assistance to establish community forests. Eligible lands are private forest lands threatened by conversion to non-forest use that provide community benefits and is at least 5 acres in size and at least 75% forested. Public access is required.	Community Forests can be owned by local governments, Tribal governments, and qualified nonprofit entities.	Individual grant applications may not exceed \$600,000. Full fee title acquisition is required; conservation easements are not eligible. The program pays up to 50% of the project costs and requires a 50% non-federal match.	Next round of applications will be due in early January 2025. Learn more about this grant. Contact: Candice Polisky 971-710-2346 candice.polisky@usda.gov

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	✓		UNITED STATE FOREST SERVICE Forest Legacy Program	Purchase privately-owned forestlands located within an Oregon Forest Legacy Area that face threats of conversion to non-forest use by development pressures. Program goal is to promote stewardship and sustainable management of private forest lands by maintaining working forests that conserve important forest resource and conservation values. View Oregon Forest Legacy areas .	All properties entered into Oregon's Forest Legacy Program – either through conservation easement, fee acquisition or donation – have their forest resources and conservation values protected and managed in accordance with a State Forester-approved Forest Stewardship Plan.	Funds for eligible private forestlands for the purchase of development rights through either conservation easement or fee-title acquisition into public ownership. Funds awarded through this program must be matched with at least 25% non-federal funds.	ODF and interested landowner/third-party partner project consultations should occur by March 15, 2024. Applications due to ODF by April 5, 2024. Applications due to USFS by May 10, 2024. Learn more about this grant. Contact: Christina Helige Christina.N.Helige@ODF.Oregon.Gov
	✓		OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD Land Acquisition Grants	Funding to protect/restore watersheds and habitat for native fish and/or wildlife. Grants could be leveraged if drinking water source areas overlap with high quality native fish/ wildlife habitat and no proposed actions conflict with habitat protection goals (such as timber harvest or water treatment infrastructure).	Local, state, and federal agencies, Tribes, nonprofit land conservation organizations and trusts, state institutions of higher education, independent non-profit institutions of higher education or political subdivisions of the state.	No maximum funding request. 25% match requirement.	Pre-application discussions are required. Request for applications occurs once per year, application deadline in the fall. Learn more about this grant. Contact: Miriam Forney 971-345-7023 Miriam.forney@oweb.oregon.gov

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	✓		NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION Walmart's Acres for America	Acres for America was established to provide urgently needed funding for projects that conserve important large-scale habitats for fish, wildlife, and plants through land acquisitions and perpetual conservation easements.	Local/ municipal governments, nonprofits, state agencies, Tribal governments and organizations, education institutions.	Requires minimum 1:1 match, Federal funds may be considered as match.	Pre-proposals due February 29, 2024. Request for proposals released in early spring, pre-proposals due in late spring. Following a review period of about four weeks, appropriate pre-proposals will be selected and applicants will be invited to submit full proposals. Learn more about this grant.
	✓		UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Land and Water Conservation Fund	Funds the acquisition of land and interest in land to safeguard natural areas, water resources, and cultural heritage, and to provide recreation opportunities to the community.	Federal agencies (BLM, National Park Service, USFWS, USFS), state and local governments.	Agency determines which projects receive funds and the amount of funding distributed to each applicant.	Contact your local BLM office (505-954-2222 for OR and WA) for more information about the fund. Learn more about this grant.
		✓	OREGON WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Fund	Provides funding for repair or replacement and abandonment of dry or severely declining household wells in areas impacted by drought or wildfire.	Low to moderate-income individual households, or members of a federally recognized tribe in Oregon.	Grants up to \$40,000 Note: this funding source is temporarily out of funds as of November 2023.	Learn more about this grant. Contact: Lisa Kingsley 503-779-5763 OWRD.Well.Funding@water.oregon.gov
		✓	NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grant	Support for transformational habitat restoration projects that restore marine, estuarine, or coastal ecosystems. Project must benefit species/ fisheries outlined in program priorities. See grant announcement for project prioritization guidelines.	Local / state/ Tribal governments; non-profits and for-profit organizations, institutions of higher education.	Funding awards in the range of \$1 – 25 million. There is no non-federal matching requirement but partnerships and cost sharing are encouraged.	Applications are due Summer 2024. Proposals must be received through Grants.gov . Learn more about this grant. Contact: resilience.grants@noaa.gov

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		✓	<p>NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION</p> <p>Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program</p>	<p>Program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by assisting diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species/habitats they support.</p> <p>Eligible projects will include a variety of ecological improvements alongside targeted community outreach, education, and stewardship. Projects must include elements from each of the five priority areas: (1) on-the-ground restoration, (2) environmental outreach, education, and training, (3) community partnerships, (4) measurable results, and (5) sustainability.</p>	<p>Local and municipal governments, non-profits, state government agencies, Tribal governments and organizations, and educational institutions.</p>	<p>Awards range from \$25,000 - \$50,000. Grants should span 12-18 months with a start date in late summer/early fall. Projects required to meet or exceed a 1:1 match ratio to be competitive. Match must be non-federal and can include in-kind contributions. Grantees for this program commonly use a large amount of in-kind matching contributions to reach the 1:1 match threshold by utilizing community partners to generate match. The cost of recent land acquisition or easement may qualify as match for a project involving work at the acquired site.</p>	<p>There is one round of full proposals annually. Funding announcement expected in late 2024 with proposals due in early 2025. All application materials must be submitted through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundations' Easygrants system.</p> <p>Learn more about this grant.</p> <p>Contact Julian Fedorchuk 202-595-2602 Julian.Fedorchuk@nfwf.org</p>

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		✓	<p>OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD</p> <p>Restoration Grants</p>	<p>Provides funding for watershed projects that protect/ restore watershed functions. Project categories include instream, riparian, upland, and wetland/ estuarine habitat restoration.</p>	<p>Local or Tribal government, non-profit organizations, and institutions for higher education with a Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN).</p> <p>Contact your local OWEB program representative to confirm applicant/ project eligibility before applying.</p> <p>Find your local representative.</p>	<p>No maximum or minimum funding request amount. Match requirement is 25%.</p>	<p>Open solicitation program has application deadlines in the spring and fall. The next application deadline is April 29, 2024.</p> <p>Learn more about this grant.</p> <p>Sign up to receive OWEB grant solicitation emails.</p>
		✓	<p>OREGON WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Water Projects Grants and Loans</p>	<p>Provides grants to evaluate, plan, and develop instream and out-of-stream water projects that have economic, environmental and social/cultural benefits. Projects must provide benefits in each of these three categories to be eligible for funding. This funding opportunity is meant for implementation-ready projects. Projects eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation • Reuse • Above-ground storage • Below-ground storage • Streamflow protection or restoration • Water distribution, conveyance or delivery 	<p>Any person, Indian tribe, or non-profit organization may apply for funding. "Person" includes individuals, corporations, associations, firms, partnerships, joint stock companies, public and municipal corporations, political subdivisions, the state and any agencies thereof, and the federal government and any agencies.</p>	<p>Grants require a minimum 25% cost-match, which may include cash or in-kind contributions.</p> <p>If an applicant is required to have a Water Management and Conservation Plan, the plan must be submitted to the Water Resources Department and receive approval prior to the application due date.</p>	<p>First 2024 application deadline was January. There are two grant cycles a year.</p> <p>Learn more about this grant.</p> <p>Sign up for mailing list.</p> <p>Contact: Adair Muth 971-301-0718 OWRD.grants@water.oregon.gov</p>

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		✓	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE and UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE IRA Forest Landowner Support: Supporting Underserved and Small-Acreage Forest Landowner Participation in Emerging Private Markets	Eligible projects will benefit rural and/or underserved landowners by facilitating access to market prospects for climate mitigation and forest resilience. Opportunities include those related to carbon, water quality/ quantity, habitat, biodiversity, or wetland restoration. Projects must target private, nonindustrial, forestland which is rural, owned by a private entity, and has tree cover or is suitable for growing trees.	State and local governments, Tribal governments, educational institutions, non-profit and for-profit organizations.	Different application tracks with different deadlines based on proposal budget amounts. Proposals with budgets of \$2 million or less are currently being accepted. Match is not required but is encouraged.	Proposals currently being reviewed on a quarterly basis with a final deadline on August 21, 2024. Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov – search for grant opportunity # USDA-FS-2023-IRA-FLS-01. Contact: SM.FS.LandownerIRA@usda.gov
		✓	THE FORD FAMILY FOUNDATION Small Good Neighbor Grants	These grants can be flexible to meet a rural community's needs, including unforeseen emergencies that interrupt programming or services. Funds both capital and program requests.	Supports a wide range of organizations. Most grants awarded to governmental agencies, Tribal nations, and nonprofits.	Grant funding available up to \$25,000 per project. No match required, but the Foundation will not fund 100% of the project's budget.	Applications are always open. Apply online – responses typically take 6 to 10 weeks. Learn more about this grant.

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✓		✓	<p>OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE</p> <p>Private Forest Accord Grant Program</p>	<p>Projects are eligible if there is a demonstrated benefit to one of the Habitat Conservation Plan covered species. Eligible projects include implementation, planning, monitoring and research, and stakeholder engagement. Program priorities include restoration and enhancement of ecological function and land/ water/ habitat preservation.</p>	<p>Local governments and political subdivisions of the state, State of Oregon agencies, Federal agencies, Tribes, colleges and universities, non-profit or private corporation or limited liability corporations.</p>	<p>No project minimum or maximum request. Match is not required but is encouraged.</p> <p>The 2024 funding round anticipated to have between \$10-\$12 million available to award to projects.</p>	<p>The next request for proposals will be in Fall 2024. Application deadline expected in December 2024.</p> <p>Learn more about this grant.</p> <p>Contact: Andy Spyrka 503-871-2421 andrew.j.spyrka@odfw.oregon.gov</p> <p>Subscribe to grant notifications.</p>
✓		✓	<p>UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE</p> <p>Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program</p>	<p>Purpose is to help at-risk communities and Tribes plan for and reduce the risk of wildfire to their community. Provides funding for two project types: (1) Develop/ revise a Community Wildfire Protection Plan and (2) Implement projects.</p> <p>Projects should help implement goals related to (1) creating fire adapted communities, (2) improving wildfire response, and (3) restoring and maintaining landscapes.</p>	<p>Eligible applicants must be applying for communities categorized as at-risk for wildfire. At-risk coastal counties include Curry, Coos, Douglas, and Lane. Eligible applicants include local government, non-profit organizations, and state forestry agencies. Tribal governments are eligible but must apply through the Tribes specific notice.</p> <p>Get specific information about your community's eligibility.</p>	<p>Up to \$250,000 in funding available for creating/ updating a Community Wildfire Protection Plan with a 10% non-Federal match.</p> <p>Funding up to \$10 million to implement projects described in a CWPP that is less than 10 years old with a 25% non-Federal match.</p>	<p>Applications to be reviewed in Fall 2024.</p> <p>Learn more about this grant.</p>

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✓		✓	OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 319 Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants	Supports projects that reduce or mitigate the effects of nonpoint source pollutants (sediment, pesticides, nutrients, etc.) to waters of the state.	Local Municipalities, Non-profit Organizations, Water Systems, Conservation Districts, Watershed Councils/Associations, State Agencies/Universities, Regional Planning Commissions, Tribes	Differs annually but typically \$30,000 to \$50,000 per project. This is a 60/40 matching grant. Grantee match can be cash or in-kind.	Request for proposals begins February 26, 2024. Learn more about this grant.
✓		✓	OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY Small Forestland Investment in Stream Habitat Program	Eligible projects must benefit fish species covered in the Private Forest Accord Aquatic Habitat Conservation Plan (including but not limited to all native salmon and trout species): Project needs to complete a Road Condition Assessment to participate.	Eligible to a small forestland owner (SFO). SFO defined as a landowner who owns or hold in common ownership less than 5,000 acres of forestland in Oregon. In addition, no more than an average yearly volume of two million board feet of merchantable forest products over the previous three-year period can be harvested.	No minimum or maximum request. No match required. Program can fund 100% of eligible project costs.	Applications can be submitted throughout the year. The next application review period is scheduled for Spring 2024. Contact: sfo.sfish@odf.oregon.gov
✓		✓	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program	Projects for replacement, removal, or repair of culverts or weirs that meaningfully improve or restore fish passage for anadromous fish.	a State, a unit of local government or an Indian Tribe	No minimum or maximum award size. Anticipated awards ranging from \$100,000 to \$2,000,000. 20% match for State or local government projects	Next round of funding to be announced Spring 2024. Apply through Grants.gov . Learn more about this grant.

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✓		✓	<p>NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION</p> <p>Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Tribes and Underserved Communities</p>	<p>Supports projects that advance the coastal habitat restoration and climate resilience priorities of Tribes and underserved communities.</p> <p>Eligible projects can include: (1) Capacity building including participation in planning processes, stakeholder engagement, proposal development, outreach and education, hiring new staff (2) Actionable science support (i.e. collection and/or analysis of data to inform planning and decision making) (3) Restoration project activities such as engineering and design, permitting, implementation, and pre/post project monitoring.</p>	<p>City/ township, county, and state governments; non-profit organizations; special district governments; Tribal organizations and governments; and more. See grant opportunity for full list of eligible applicants.</p>	<p>Funding awards of between \$75,000 - \$3 million available. There is not a non-federal matching requirement for this funding but partnerships are encouraged.</p>	<p>Applications due Summer 2024. Applications are submitted through Grants.gov and must be submitted by the due date and time. Paper applications must be submitted by the deadline and received by NOAA no later than 7 business days following the post-mark due take/ time.</p> <p>Learn more about this grant.</p> <p>Contact: underserved.community.grants@noaa.gov</p>

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✓		✓	<p>NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION</p> <p>National Coastal Resilience Fund</p>	<p>Program supports nature-based solutions (i.e. rebuilding natural buffers, restoring coastal forest and marshes) that enhance the resilience of coastal communities and habitats to address threats from storms, sea and lake level changes, flooding, erosion, and other coastal hazards.</p>	<p>Local/ municipal/ state/ territorial/ Tribal governments and organizations; non-profit organizations, educational institutions, for-profit organizations.</p>	<p>There is no maximum limit on awards. Average awards for projects involving community capacity building and planning will be in the range of \$100,000 to \$1 million, and restoration implementation projects will likely range between \$1 - 10 million. Non-federal match is not required but is encouraged to demonstrate project support.</p>	<p>Funding announcement expected early in 2024. Applicants submit a pre-proposal in the spring and are invited to submit a full proposal by invitation only.</p> <p>Learn more about this grant.</p> <p>Contact Arielle Mion: Arielle.Mion@NFWF.org</p>
✓		✓	<p>DRINKING WATER PROVIDERS PARTNERSHIP</p> <p>Partnership program between Federal (USFS, BLM, AND EPA) agencies, WA/OR Drinking Water Protection Programs and several non-profit organizations.</p>	<p>Supports projects that restore and protect the health of watersheds that communities rely on for drinking water and native fish rely on for habitat. Eligible project types occur in a drinking water source watershed with a federal nexus (i.e. lands owned by United States Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management) and include: implementation of restoration projects, development of forest management plans, planning and preparation for land purchase, conservation easements.</p>	<p>Tribal, local, state, or federal governments; education institutions, public water systems, non-profit organizations, watershed councils, landowners, soil and water conservation districts.</p> <p>Applicant type may affect the type of funding that can be awarded from the funding pool.</p>	<p>Funding requests should range between \$10,000 - \$50,000. Project proposals relying on funding from other partners should clearly state whether funding is secured and, if not, the time-frame for securing funds. No match is required but demonstrating support from partners is encouraged.</p> <p>Funded projects must be completed within 18 months from the award start date.</p>	<p>The call for proposals happens once per year in the fall and applications are due in the winter (usually in January). Next round for applications will occur December 2024.</p> <p>Learn more about this grant.</p> <p>Subscribe to the newsletter.</p>

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	✓	✓	<p>NATIONAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE</p> <p>Emergency Watershed Protection</p>	<p>Designed to respond to emergencies from natural disasters and that relieve imminent hazards to life and property. Technical assistance to remove debris from streams, protect destabilized streambanks, establish cover on critically eroding lands, and the purchase of properties where threats from flooding/erosion make a property buy out the most sustainable course of action.</p>	<p>Groups of people with a common problem. Projects must be sponsored by a city, county, general improvement district or conservation district, or by a Tribal government/organization.</p>	<p>Grant; pending availability of funds.</p> <p>It is not necessary for a national emergency to be declared for an area to be eligible for assistance.</p>	<p>Applications accepted year-round, on a fund-available basis. A potential local sponsor submits a Request for Assistance to the local NRCS office or to the NRCS state office. Requests must be submitted within 60 days of disaster occurrence.</p> <p>Learn more about this grant.</p>

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	✓	✓	<p>NATIONAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE</p> <p>Environmental Quality Incentive Program</p>	<p>Provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers through contracts up to a maximum term of ten years in length. These contracts provide financial assistance to help plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns and for opportunities to improve soil, water, plant, animal, air, and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.</p>	<p>Applicants must have current crop and producer records on file with USDA's Farm Service Agency, comply with the adjusted gross income limitation provisions and be following the highly erodible land and wetland conservation requirements. Applicants must own or control the land for the term of the proposed contract. Lands currently enrolled in another USDA Farm Bill conservation program are ineligible.</p>	<p>Provides financial assistance to eligible producers to implement practices identified in their conservation plan. Some producers may qualify for advance payment.</p>	<p>Contact your local NRCS office to have a conservation planner visit your property. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis but are reviewed on specific deadlines.</p> <p>Apply through the NRCS website.</p> <p>Find your local USDA Service Center.</p>

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Additional resources that may be helpful to water districts include:

Bridge Funders: Craft3, The Conservation Fund, Resources Legacy Fund

Bridge Buyers: EFM, The Conservation Fund, Trust for Public Lands

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