



Farmington River Coordinating Committee

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Grants Program

In 1994, the U.S. Congress designated 14 miles of the upper Farmington River as “Wild and Scenic” based on its outstanding fish, wildlife, historic, and recreational resources. In 2019, 1.1 miles were added to the designation. The upper Farmington is called a “partnership” river because its stewardship is based on a partnership among local, state, and federal entities. As a part of designation, Congress established the Farmington River Coordinating Committee (FRCC) to promote the long-term protection of the upper Farmington River by:

- Bringing the interested parties in river management together on a regular and on-going basis,
- Stimulating cooperation and coordination among those parties,
- Providing a forum for all river interests to discuss and resolve issues, and
- Coordinating implementation of the Upper Farmington River Management Plan.

Periodically, the National Park Service provides funding to support FRCC activities. As part of its effort to support local endeavors and enhance protection of the upper Farmington River, the FRCC offers small grants for applicable projects.

Project Eligibility. Projects that enhance the protection of the upper Farmington River and its watershed are eligible for consideration. Project focus can range from riverbank to watershed level. The project should directly benefit at least one of the following general areas:

- Conservation, restoration or enhancement of fish, wildlife, historic or recreational resources of the watershed
- Open space conservation
- Promotion of responsible recreational use
- Public education about the river, its natural and cultural resources, and methods of protection
- Public involvement in river-related issues

The project must be consistent with the Upper Farmington River Management Plan (this can be viewed at www.farmingtonriver.org). Preferred projects will also provide opportunities to broaden partnerships between individuals, agencies and organizations with a connection to the river.

The following projects/activities are not eligible for funding under the FRCC Grants Program:

- Land protection projects and associated costs. (All land related projects are funded through the FRCC Land Protection Program - please see details at <http://farmingtonriver.org>);
- Lobbying activities
- Commercial or for-profit businesses and activities
- Endowment funds
- Purchase of computers
- Reimbursement for projects already completed
- Membership fees or dues to other organizations

Who May Apply

Non-profit organizations, municipalities, individual educators, schools and other educational institutions, and private citizens may all submit proposals.

Application Period

There are no deadlines for applications. FRCC accepts them on a first come, first serve basis until all the funding allocated for the year has been distributed

Funding

Applicants may request up to \$10,000 for any one project.

Applicant Match

The applicant shall provide matching funds of at least 25% of the amount requested. The applicant match can be monetary or "in-kind" (services, facilities, equipment, materials) and must be clearly documented. Letters of commitment from any organizations or businesses providing in-kind support must accompany the application.

****Before Applying**

Please email Andrew Petitemange, (andrew_petit_de_mange@nps.gov), Laura Hart (lhart@frwa.org) and Roger Behrens, FRCC Chair (roger.behrens@charter.net) to set up a time to discuss your project proposal and the current availability of funds in the grant program.

Application Process

Written proposals following the format specified in the proposal guidelines will be rated by the appropriate FRCC subcommittee (Executive, Resource Stewardship or Education and Outreach). Recommended proposals will then be brought to the full committee for final approval. Applicants may be asked to present their proposal and answer questions at the monthly FRCC meeting after the subcommittee has recommended the application. Successful applicants will be required to provide periodic progress reports and a final completion report.

Examples of projects FRCC has previously helped fund:

- Barkhamsted Historical Society - Riverton Historic District Study
 - Hartland Land Trust Study Committee - Hartland Land Trust Start Up
 - Aton Forest, Inc. - Aton Forest Preservation Project Transaction Costs
 - Farmington River Anglers Association – Trout Habitat Enhancement
 - Town of New Hartford – Vernal Pool Study
 - New Hartford Land Trust – Riverwalk Project
 - Barkhamsted Conservation Commission – Public Hearing Notice
 - Colebrook Land Conservancy – Costs Associated with the Corliss 100 Property
 - Miles Groth Eagle Scout Project – Storm Drain Marking in Barkhamsted
 - New Hartford Open Space Preservation Commission – Brochure
 - Litchfield County Conservation District – Stormwater Management Awareness Program for Businesses
 - Barkhamsted School's Farmington River Celebration
 - Barkhamsted Land Trust start-up costs
 - Natural Resource Inventories for the towns of New Hartford, Barkhamsted, and Colebrook
 - River bank enhancement projects in Barkhamsted and New Hartford
 - Document research on the Richard Smith Historic Site (located on Sandy Brook, a tributary of the upper Farmington River)
 - The Community Watershed Initiative, a joint project of three watershed associations to develop a needs assessment of local land-use boards and their applicants
 - University of Connecticut study of the transferability of trout habitat suitability criteria
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- **Please be concise, the written proposal should not exceed 3 pages, excluding cover sheet, budget and attachments.**

Project Goal(s) & Action Steps

Please provide a description of the goal(s) for your project and the specific steps you will take to achieve the goals. Include the timeline for the completion of each step. If necessary, detailed information (designs, maps, graphics, etc.) should be provided in an attachment. Indicate if you have an Invasive Plant Management control plan, methods used, and any native plant restoration plans.

Deliverables and Measures of Success

Describe the products (i.e. inventory reports, brochures, etc.) that will be delivered as a result of the project. Also, clearly define what measurements will be used to determine if the project is successful.

Budget summary

As a separate attachment, provide a project budget that includes total costs, sources and amounts of funding, and sources and estimated value of any in-kind matching support. For non-profit organizations, please enclose a copy of an IRS letter confirming section 501(c)(3) status.

Benefits of project

Please describe how your project meets the Project Eligibility requirements by explaining how it benefits any of the following:

- The conservation, restoration or enhancement of the fish, wildlife, historic or recreational resources of the upper Farmington River Watershed.
- Open space conservation.
- The promotion of responsible recreational use.
- Public education about the river, its resources, and methods of protection.
- Public involvement in river-related issues.
- Invasive Plant Management.

Partnerships/local support/participation

Please provide any expressions of support, or interest in, this project expressed by other members of the community (i.e. local community leaders, land use commissions, local river advocacy groups, recreational groups, land conservation organizations, or state agencies). Include letters of support as attachments. Individual teachers should provide a letter of support from their school.

The complete written application should include the following:

1. Cover sheet including:
 - Applicant name, address, phone, email and name/title of key contact person.
 - Project Title
 - One sentence project description.
 - Amount of Funding Requested from FRCC
2. Proposal (1-3 pages).
3. Attachments including budget, letters of support, and other detail information as needed.

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- **Please email the completed application materials to:**

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- roger.behrens@charter.net

Questions?

Please contact the FRCC office at 860-738-2456