



Farmington River Coordinating Committee

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FRCC Land Protection Grants

The following policies and criteria are guidelines for the FRCC in working with land trusts, other entities, and towns to conserve land that furthers the goals of the Upper Farmington River Management Plan. Please use the following as a “checklist” to evaluate the likelihood of FRCC’s interest in assisting your project:

- 1) FRCC will not own land itself but will assist others in land purchases to be held in permanent conservation by a land trust, town or other appropriate entity. Due to limited funds, FRCC will typically focus its funding on the costs associated with land acquisition (wildlife and plant surveys, title and legal fees, etc.).
- 2) FRCC primarily seeks to protect land with river frontage – especially floodplains.
- 3) FRCC will focus its support on land that:
 - is located in wild and scenic towns (Barkhamsted, Canton, Colebrook, Hartland, or New Hartford)
 - is threatened by development
 - has landowners willing to conserve their properties
 - has particular features that are important to Wild & Scenic/Outstanding Resource Values (wildlife habitat, recreational access, historic/cultural, ridgelines, scenic landscapes)
 - has high quality native species communities (plant or wildlife)
 - is currently unprotected open space
 - connects to larger parcels of protected land
 - will increase vegetated buffer between development and the river
 - has water features – tributary to Farmington River, ponds, wetlands

(The more of the above criteria your project meets, the higher the likelihood that FRCC will support your project.)

Reasons why FRCC might not participate in protecting available land:

The following circumstances may lead to FRCC’s decision not to pursue or be involved in a proposed land protection project:

- The property is small, and there is little likelihood of adjacent properties being protected.
- The landowner insists on provisions in a conservation easement that the FRCC believes would seriously diminish the property’s primary conservation values.
- The proposed open space is part of a development proposal which overall is likely to have significant adverse impacts on conservation resources.
- The proposal does not fall within the purposes of FRCC’s mission.

Budget:

Due to limited funds, most land protection support projects that FRCC can support are under \$10,000. However, in exceptional cases, the FRCC can work with you to request funding through the National Park Service. Although it may take more than a year for funding to be provided through this mechanism, it is an option. Anyone who would like to discuss the possibility of FRCC helping in a land conservation project, please email Andrew Petitdemange, at andrew_petit_de_mange@nps.gov (Please allow a 60-day turn-around time for response to your proposal).

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. FRCC operates on the federal fiscal year.

Funding

Applicants may request up to \$15,000.

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 should be attached.

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.

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 and Land Acquisition location
 - One sentence land acquisition 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.

➤ **Please email the completed application materials to:**
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Questions?

Please contact the FRCC office at 860-738-2456

