



# NFWF

# National Wildlife Refuge Friends Program

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## ABOUT NFWF

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Volunteers at Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

## OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) announced 13 grant awards through the National Wildlife Refuge Friends Program, a collaborative effort between NFWF and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The awards were made to 13 National Wildlife Refuge Friends organizations across the country to support on-the-ground projects, capacity building efforts and increased hunting and fishing experiences within the refuge system. NFWF awarded \$115,206.95 in grant funding that leverages \$232,956.50 in matching funds, generating a total conservation impact of \$348,163.45. The National Wildlife Refuge Friends Program provides competitive grants that enable Friends organizations to develop and implement conservation projects, strengthen organizational capacity and skills, meet local refuge challenges, and build community recognition and support.

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Fishing lesson at Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge

## CAPACITY BUILDING

### Engaging Diverse Audiences and Increasing Capacity at Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge (NM)

Grantee: Friends of Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge  
 Grant Amount: .....\$10,026.50  
 Matching Funds: .....\$39,584  
 Total Project Amount: .....\$49,610.50  
 Install digital display screens, develop new interactive displays, and produce culturally appropriate materials in multiple languages at Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico. Project will improve tools for environmental education, enhance engagement with visitors from diverse cultural backgrounds, and raise awareness of the Friends organization.

### Implementing Strategic Planning at Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge (TX)

Grantee: Friends of Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge  
 Grant Amount: .....\$7,000  
 Matching Funds: .....\$3,000  
 Total Project Amount: .....\$10,000  
 Implement a strategic plan at Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge in Texas. Project will increase organizational capacity, expand the number of engaged volunteers, and raise awareness of the Friends organization.

### Improving ADA Accessibility at White Horse Hill National Game Preserve (ND)

Grantee: Friends of White Horse Hill NGP  
 Grant Amount: .....\$12,609.44  
 Matching Funds: .....\$10,857.50  
 Total Project Amount: .....\$23,466.94  
 Create ADA-compliant spaces and remodel the Nature Store at White Horse Hill National Game Preserve in North Dakota. Project will increase organizational capacity and raise awareness of the Friends organization.

### Strategic Planning and Capacity Building for Marianas Trench Marine National Monument (CNMI)

Grantee: Friends of the Mariana Trench Monument  
 Grant Amount: .....\$12,623.28  
 Matching Funds: .....\$21,800  
 Total Project Amount: .....\$34,423.28  
 Finalize a strategic plan and hire an intern to conduct a membership drive and host two outreach events for Marianas Trench Marine National Monument in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Project will increase organizational capacity, expand the number of engaged volunteers, and raise awareness of the Friends organization.

### Creating Online Tools for Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge (TN)

Grantee: Friends of Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge  
 Grant Amount: .....\$5,000  
 Matching Funds: .....\$18,000  
 Total Project Amount: .....\$23,000  
 Hire an intern to develop a user's manual and develop an online Nature Store for Tennessee Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Tennessee. Project will increase organizational capacity, institute operational efficiencies, and raise awareness of the Friends organization.

## PROJECT SPECIFIC

### Installing an Interactive Video Display at Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (NJ)

Grantee: Friends of Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge  
 Grant Amount: .....\$12,000  
 Matching Funds: .....\$12,000  
 Total Project Amount: .....\$24,000  
 Install an interactive video display wall at Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey. Project will provide new opportunities to deliver environmental education and raise awareness of the Friends organization.



Sage grouse at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge

### **Installing Educational Signs at Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuges (FL)**

Grantee: Friends and Volunteers of Refuges (FAVOR), Florida Keys

Grant Amount: ..... \$5,410  
Matching Funds: ..... \$5,646  
Total Project Amount: ..... \$11,056

Install three educational signs near Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge, and National Key Deer Refuge in Florida. Project will educate adjacent landowners and visitors about local plants and wildlife while raising awareness of the Friends organization.

### **Improving the Children's Learning Area at Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge (ID)**

Grantee: Friends of Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge

Grant Amount: ..... \$9,021  
Matching Funds: ..... \$13,300  
Total Project Amount: ..... \$22,321

Upgrade a children's learning area by creating ADA-compliant spaces and adding bilingual text at Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge in Idaho. Project will improve opportunities for environmental education, enhance engagement with visitors from diverse cultural backgrounds, and raise awareness of the Friends organization.

### **Improving Watershed Health at John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge (PA)**

Grantee: Friends of the Heinz Refuge at Tinicum

Grant Amount: ..... \$6,000  
Matching Funds: ..... \$83,000  
Total Project Amount: ..... \$89,000

Work with adjacent neighbors to install rain barrels and stormwater planters near John Heinz NWR at Tinicum in Pennsylvania. Project will improve watershed health, address environmental justice and help minimize chronic flooding while raising awareness of the Friends organization.

## **SPECIAL INITIATIVE**

### **Hosting Youth Fishing Events at Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge (MD)**

Grantee: Friends of Eastern Neck

Grant Amount: ..... \$2,970.38  
Matching Funds: ..... \$500  
Total Project Amount: ..... \$3,470.38  
Host a Youth Fishing Derby and two "Hooked on Fishing" weekends at Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Maryland. Project will promote outdoor recreation, teach fishing skills to youth and families, and raise awareness of the Friends organization.

### **Providing Digital Access to Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge (TX)**

Grantee: Friends of Attwater Prairie-Chicken Refuge

Grant Amount: ..... \$15,000  
Matching Funds: ..... \$20,519  
Total Project Amount: ..... \$35,519

Install webcams, create a publicly accessible website, and develop teaching curriculum that features the endangered Attwater's prairie chicken at Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge in Texas. Project will provide remote access to the refuge, offer new tools for environmental education, and raise awareness of the Friends organization.

### **Creating Digital Resources and Providing Access to Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge (PA)**

Grantee: Friends of Cherry Valley

Grant Amount: ..... \$2,558  
Matching Funds: ..... \$2,750  
Total Project Amount: ..... \$5,308

Videotape beginning birdwatching and fishing tutorials, outdoor hikes, and special presentations to share through social media at Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Pennsylvania. Project will provide remote access to the refuge, teach outdoor skills to new audiences, and raise awareness of the Friends organization.

### **Enhancing Access to San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuge (CO)**

Grantee: Friends of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges

Grant Amount: ..... \$14,988.35  
Matching Funds: ..... \$2,000  
Total Project Amount: ..... \$16,988.35

Develop a new wildlife viewing area with educational kiosks and a remote camera system at San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Colorado. Project will provide remote access to the refuge, educate visitors about local plants and wildlife, and raise awareness of the Friends organization.