



National Wildlife Refuge Friends 2018 Grant Slate

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OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) announced 18 grant awards through the National Wildlife Refuge Friends Grant Program, a collaborative effort between NFWF and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to 17 National Wildlife Refuge Friends organizations across the country to support on-the-ground projects, capacity building work, peer-to-peer conferences, and increasing hunting and fishing experiences within the refuge system. The more than \$149,000 NFWF awarded in grants will leverage \$288,500 in match, generating a total conservation impact of more than \$437,500.

The National Wildlife Refuge and Friends Grant 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.

Building a Fishing Pier at Point Creek (VA)

Grantee: Rappahannock Wildlife Refuge Friends Group
Grant Award:..... \$15,000
Matching Funds: \$24,814
Total Amount:..... \$39,814
Build an accessible fishing pier at the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife

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Refuge. Project will provide a new opportunity for the community to participate in fishing and introduces them to the refuge and to the Friends organization.

Enhancing Capacity Through Strategic Planning (FL)

Grantee: Friends of Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge

Grant Award:.....\$4,000

Matching Funds:\$2,020

Total Amount:.....\$6,020

Implement a strategic planning review to align organization vision and goals with the refuge system mission. Project will focus on developing events and learning activities that address conservation issues and engage the community.

Increasing Fishing Access and Education at Kaua'i National Wildlife Complex (HI)

Grantee: Kilauea Point Natural History Association

Grant Award:.....\$12,261

Matching Funds:\$6,050

Total Amount:.....\$18,311

Create additional public access opportunities and provide a comprehensive fishing and environmental education program to teach conservation and preservation of wetland, coastal and shoreline habitats. Project will build capacity including a core curriculum to enhance outdoor opportunities at the wildlife complex.

Implementing an Educational Hunting Program Experience for Youth (KS)

Grantee: Friends of Quivira National Wildlife Refuge

Grant Award:.....\$1,000

Matching Funds:\$550

Total Amount:.....\$1,550

Provide and facilitate a hunter safety educational program in conjunction with the junior waterfowl hunting season at the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. Project will encourage the use of public lands in a sporting activity thereby providing the foundation to a lifetime of outdoor recreation and wildlife conservation engagement.

Enriching Environmental Education at Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (NJ)

Grantee: Friends of Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge

Grant Award:.....\$6,012

Matching Funds:\$12,345

Total Amount:.....\$18,357

Enhance environmental education programming for the community and local youth. Project will coordinate volunteers to interpret and expand knowledge of refuge through hands-on outdoor experiences.

Increasing Access Water Access at the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (MI)

Grantee: International Wildlife Refuge Alliance

Grant Award:.....\$10,862

Matching Funds:\$28,968

Total Amount:.....\$39,830

Install a handicap-accessible kayak launch to be constructed and installed on the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, near the new John D. Dingell Visitor Center. This launch will provide access for visitors to experience a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities, including kayaking, hunting and fishing.

Enhancing Communications Capacity at Sandhills Prairie Refuge Association (NE)

Grantee: Sandhills Prairie Refuge Association

Grant Award:.....\$4,300

Matching Funds:\$0

Total Amount:.....\$4,300

Increase communications capacity by developing a website to enhance outreach and programming capabilities. Project will increase community engagement on the refuge as well as acquire and maintain active members and volunteers.

Friends of Sherburne NWR - Refuge Visitor Welcome Station (MN)

Grantee: Friends of Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

Grant Award:.....\$14,360

Matching Funds:\$19,300

Total Amount:.....\$33,660

Enhance visitor experiences through improving access and information at the refuge. Project will include ADA-compliant sidewalk and kiosk area, an updated and expanded interpretive signage, a message area and brochure rack, and ADA-compliant seating area.

Improving Visitor Experience at Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge (TX)

Grantee: Friends of Laguna Atascosa NWR

Grant Award:.....\$5,136

Matching Funds:\$500

Total Amount:.....\$5,636

Establish a safe and convenient visitor area with a kiosk with a park map. Project will improve community experience at the refuge and help the Friends increase their capacity at the refuge.

Increasing Outreach and Visitor Experience (MD)

Grantee: Friends of Eastern Neck

Grant Award:.....\$2,000

Matching Funds:\$2,000

Total Amount:.....\$4,000

Expand outreach to the visiting public and local youth

by providing several new programing and educational opportunities. Project will enrich visitor experience and increase the impact of the Friends organization.

Fishing for the Future: Recreational Access to Ringneck Marsh (NY)

Grantee: Friends of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

Grant Award:.....\$3,500

Matching Funds: \$11,559

Total Amount:.....\$15,059

Create an ADA-compliant fishing dock and improve water access for refuge visitors. Project will provide new and improved fishing opportunities for visitors and provide aquatic educations opportunities for students.

Establishing and Educational Pollinator Garden (WA)

Grantee: Friends of Mid-Columbia River Wildlife Refuges

Grant Award:.....\$8,400

Matching Funds: \$14,108

Total Amount:.....\$22,508

Establish a pollinator garden and exploration zones at McNary National Wildlife Refuge. Project will engage community members and students in planting and path building and will improve existing habitat, enhance educational opportunities, and encourage people of all ages to visit and explore the refuge.

Implementing a Fishing Derby Program (TN)

Grantee: Friends of Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge

Grant Award:.....\$4,996

Matching Funds: \$14,484

Total Amount:.....\$19,480

Create a Special Adults Fishing Event Derby (S.A.F.E.) to provide fishing, angler games, hands-on aquatic stations and lunch for adults who are physically or mentally impaired. Project will open doors for individuals whom are often underserved, provide a connection with the outdoors, and possibly plant the seed of a future conservationists.

Peer to Peer Conference: Tanax Agliisada: "Taking Care of the Land" (AK)

Grantee: Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges

Grant Award:..... \$15,000

Matching Funds: \$15,000

Total Amount:.....\$30,000

Host a peer-to-peer conference with Friends organization from Alaska and from the Pacific Islands and the Pacific Coast. Project will focus on topics such as increasing capacity, enhancing communications between the public and refuge, and increasing volunteerism for the participating Friends organizations.

Building Capacity of the Friends of Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge (OH)

Grantee: Friends of the Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge

Grant Award:.....\$6,080

Matching Funds: \$9,043

Total Amount:.....\$15,123

Increase capacity and participation through an educational and inspiring outreach event. Project will include a set of smaller events designed to foster ongoing appreciation of the Friends group and the refuge to increase organization capacity.

Tetlin Youth and Community Hunting and Fishing Initiative (TX)

Grantee: Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges

Grant Award:.....\$6,810

Matching Funds: \$111,700

Total Amount:..... \$118,510

Create a hunting and fishing skills program in a variety of settings for youth and community members. Project will increase participation in the outdoors and conservation in Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge.

Creating an ADA Compliant Waterfowl Hunting Blind (WI)

Grantee: Friends of the St. Croix Wetland Management District

Grant Award:..... \$15,000

Matching Funds: \$1,060

Total Amount:.....\$16,060

Install an ADA-compliant access trail to a hunting blind to expand opportunities to mobility impaired and handicap hunters. Project will provide opportunities to disabled hunters not currently available in western Wisconsin.

Peer to Peer Conference Assistance for Tanax Agliisada: "Taking Care of the Land"

Grantee: Friends of Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge

Grant Award:..... \$15,000

Matching Funds: \$15,000

Total Amount:.....\$30,000

Friends of Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge will assist with a peer-to-peer conference with Friends organization from Alaska and from the Pacific Islands and the Pacific Coast. Project will focus on topics such as increasing capacity, enhancing communications between the public and refuge, and increasing volunteerism for the participating Friends organizations.