



Lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC) Community Grants Program

Program Description

The Community Grants Program (formerly the Small Grants Program) is intended to support community efforts that protect or enhance river resources or needs that build on goals identified in the 2025 *Lamprey River Management Plan*. The *Plan* can be found at [2025 Lamprey River Mgmt Plan FINAL.pdf](#). Grants will be for one-time projects that can be completed within a specified time frame and are not to be used for on-going projects or extensions of projects previously funded by the LRAC. The products of the grants are to be accessible to and usable by individuals and groups who have a connection to or interest in the Lamprey River watershed. Preference will be given to projects that enhance the National Wild and Scenic River designations for ecology, anadromous fishery, history/archaeology, or clean water.

Applications are accepted on an on-going basis. Once granted, projects should be completed within 6 months. Applicants are encouraged to contact spetersen.lrac@comcast.net, LRAC grants coordinator, for more information or to discuss potential projects. Completed application forms (available at https://www.lampreyriver.org/download_file/643/190) should be emailed to spetersen.lrac@comcast.net or mailed to Grace Levergood, chair, 71 Allen Farm Road, Northwood, NH 03261.

Funding

Grant funding is subject to annual appropriations from the US Congress to the LRAC. Each Community Grant shall not exceed \$7500. The grant money is to be used for expenses directly associated with the project, with not more than 10% going to overhead. Grantees are expected to provide full disclosure as to how funds were spent and provide receipts as appropriate. Grantees are required to complete an IRS Form W-9 for tax and accounting purposes. All projects and associated publicity/outreach will acknowledge LRAC funding:

"Funding for this project was provided by the National Park Service under CFDA 15.962 – National Wild and Scenic Rivers System."

As a sub-recipient, the grantee or contractor is responsible for meeting the audit requirements of OMB Circular A-133 regarding the expenditure of \$750,000 or more in federal awards during the contractor's fiscal year, and for compliance with other laws, regulations, and the provisions of the parent grant agreement.

Who May Apply:

Eligible entities include, but are not limited to, town planning boards, conservation commissions, libraries, recreation departments, schools, and other town-sanctioned committees. Community-

based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, such as historical societies, churches, garden clubs, and local land trusts are also eligible. Individuals interested in applying are encouraged to partner with either a town or nonprofit organization.

Projects

Project proposals should meet the following criteria:

- Complement on-going LRAC projects, especially those defined in the *2013 Lamprey Rivers Management Plan*. Examples include the following:
 - conservation, restoration, or enhancement of ecological, historic, or recreational resources
 - protection or enhancement of clean water in or going into the rivers
 - efforts to promote resiliency in the face of climate change and increasing human population
 - public education about the river and its resources
 - protection of land and soils along the rivers
 - research intended to further our understanding of resources in and along the rivers
- Be of value beyond the date of completion.
- Educate people about the river and watershed.
- Engage partnerships with municipalities or community groups.
- Acknowledge LRAC and the National Park Service funding for all projects.

Each proposal must contain the following information:

- project title
- name, address, telephone number(s), e-mail address
- affiliation (if appropriate)
- objectives
- intended audience
- location of project
- project procedures
- budget (maximum 10% administrative overhead)
- task timeline
- specific *2025 Lamprey River Management Plan* portions addressed by the proposal
- evaluation
 - how the project will protect the river, its tributaries, and the watershed
 - who will benefit from the project
 - how the project will increase public awareness of the rivers

Application Review Criteria:

Project proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria. Projects do not need to meet all criteria to be eligible; however, stronger proposals will address many of the following:

- Does the proposal address the protection, enhancement, or promotion of one or more of the goals noted in the *2025 Lamprey River Management Plan*?
- Does the plan provide enough detail to show that all resources- financial and human- will be available to complete the project in the proposed timeline?

- Does the applicant have a plan to evaluate the project's effectiveness and impact relative to the project goals?
- Is there demonstrated support of the project from all involved parties?
- Does the project engage partners or raise public awareness about the rivers?
- Are there any matching funds or in-kind contributions to the project? (These are strongly encouraged, but not required.)
- Does the proposal demonstrate sufficient experience or available expertise needed to complete the project (either from the applicant or through partners or contractors?)
- Are results of the projects sustainable after completion of the project? Will future activities or decision at the community, municipal, or regional level build on the results of the proposed project? How will maintenance or future work be funded?

Reports and Products:

Open communication between the grantee and the Community Grants vetting group is encouraged. At least one written interim report updating the subcommittee on progress is required within four months of the award date. An interim presentation to the subcommittee is also encouraged.

The final report and products are generally required six months after the award date. Final reports must contain the following:

- ✓ a brief description of the project, including title, purpose, audience, procedures, & evaluation procedures
- ✓ a list of valuable accomplishments & who benefited
- ✓ funds budgeted and how they were spent
- ✓ two copies of any products (reports, press releases, photos)

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Grantees may be requested to speak to the full LRAC when their project is completed.

Payment to grantees

Due to the short-term nature of the Community Grants projects, one half of the total grant will be paid to the grantee upon notification of grant approval by the committee. The remaining half will be paid to the grantee upon completion of the project and receipt of the final report and any associated products.

Previous Projects

2009

- development of database and soil conservation outreach to Lamprey River landowners in Strafford County
- *Wiswall's Mill: A Short History* DVD
- *The Lamprey River Tour: Mary Blair Park and Streamwalk* DVDs
- documentation and mapping of historic mills along the Lamprey River

2010

- nitrogen pollution outreach in Durham and making rain barrels
- creation of lending library of invasive weed removal tools housed at Great Bay Discovery Center
- development of the Deerfield Community Trail network and map

2011

- pilot project for on-site septic system review and outreach for homeowners
- revision and update of *The Lamprey River Curriculum*
- fly-over filming and production of *Connecting Lives on the Lamprey River* DVD

2012

- enhanced database of dams along the lower Lamprey River with focus on improving fish passage
- creation of natural playground plan for Mary Blair Park
- creation of historic and nature trail system at Mary Blair Park

2013

- creation of “The Lamprey River Big Tree Tour” booklet and guided tour
- outreach about local and global water issues and creation of a public participatory “Stream of Conscience” art installation
- creation of “Reflections of a River” video to celebrate 30 years of volunteer service to protect the Lamprey

2014

- bioinventory and stewardship plan for the Rothwell Reserve in Lee

2015

- eradication of invasive weeds at Rothwell Reserve in Lee
- documentation of process and findings for limited large woody material relocation
- watershed-wide stream clean-up event
- identifying stormwater improvement demonstration sites and potential barriers to implementation

2016

- stormwater demonstration project in Newmarket
- first annual Lamprey River Splash & Dash kayak race in Newmarket

2017

- Blanding’s turtle nesting area enhancements pilot project in Durham

2018

- trail and signage improvements at the Route 87 access in Epping
- Hammock to 3K kayak race preparation and river education series
- updating conservation action plan and co-occurrence map in Barrington

2019

- wetlands mapping and prioritization in Raymond

2020

- Little River Trail enhancements and signage in Lee
- equipment to track and control variable milfoil in Pawtuckaway Lake
- nutrient budgets along the Lamprey River

2021

- bacterial tracking I
- replacement of sensors at Wiswall Falls, investigating streaming of data to public
- phase 1 erosion modeling: Japanese knotweed areas versus natural

2022

- bacterial tracking II
- Heron Point improvements and signage
- Instream flow management- installation of tributary gages

2023

- Sliding Rock/Piscassic Park improvements and signage

2024

- Wadleigh Falls history kiosk
- Doe Farm Management Plan update
- Lee Canoe Launch poison ivy removal
- Old Lee Class A trail improvements
- Wiggin Farm trail improvements
- Newmarket Arts outreach and Willey House mural