



Grant Information Summary

For Conservation Projects in Illinois

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This summary is intended to assist individuals, groups, and local units of government in search of funding or other financial assistance or incentives for conservation projects in Illinois. The list is divided into four categories: federal funding sources, state funding sources, other sources, and reference sources. A key has been developed to identify eligible groups for each grant after the title of the grant:

Key to group eligibility:

- “I” individuals eligible
- “O” all organizations eligible to apply
- “G” local units of government
- “P” private not-for-profit (501C3) groups only eligible
- “E” educational institutions
- “U” unknown or eligibility varies, need to contact administrators

For the purposes of this document, conservation is defined as holistically as possible to include grants or financial incentives that promote the wise use and management of natural, social and cultural resources in urban, suburban, and rural communities. Some of these grants may not have conservation as a specific goal, but could be used to achieve multiple objectives that would include conservation as a result.

The intent of this document is to provide the reader with examples of available financial support. This document is provided as a public service and does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement of any grant or program; also note that the absence of any particular grant or program does not constitute a negative endorsement.

While an effort has been made to provide an accurate listing, funding information constantly changes, and omissions or errors may occur. Funding alternatives best suited to local needs may not be listed here. Other sources should be consulted and evaluated to ensure an informed decision. Please recycle previous editions. For corrections, comments or additional copies of this summary, please contact:

USDA- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

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Federal Funding Sources

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)

The CFDA is the single best place to search all federal funding sources. The catalog should be available at local libraries and can also be accessed on the CFDA website on-line at: <http://www.cfda.gov>. The website lists all federal funding programs available, including those for conservation. Federal agency websites will provide more detailed information about federal programs and provide information on other opportunities for assistance. All organizations applying for federal funding must have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) identification number.

Websites that provide more information on DUNS and that offer program eligibility information:

<http://www.Grants.gov> and <http://govbenefits.gov/index.jsp>

Shortcut website for grant opportunities and request for proposals by federal agency: <http://fedgrants.gov/>

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

USDA-NRCS Conservation Security Program (CSP): (I,O,U)

- Purpose: to promote the conservation of soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life located on working lands.
- Contact: county-based USDA Service Centers for application deadlines and most current information.
- In-kind services or operations are required.
- Website is at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/index.html> or call the local USDA Service Center listed in the phone book under "United States Federal Government."

USDA-NRCS Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP): G, P E, U

- Purpose: to permanently preserve prime farmland or protect lands with historical and archeological resources.
- Contact: county-based USDA Service Centers for application deadlines and current information.
- Matching and in-kind services are required.
- Website is at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/index.html> or call the local USDA Service Center listed in the phone book under "United States Federal Government."

USDA-NRCS Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP): I, E, G, P, O, U

- Purpose: to create high quality wildlife habitats that support significant wildlife populations.
- Contact: county-based USDA Service Center for current information.
- File applications at anytime.
- Flexible cost-share agreements up to 75%, depending upon landowner commitment
- Website is at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/index.html> or call the local USDA Service Center listed in the phone book under "United States Federal Government."

USDA-NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation

Innovation Grants: I, O, U

- Purpose: to enhance conservation practices & stimulate innovation in conservation and technology transfer.
- Contact: county-based USDA Service Center for current information.
- Grants fund up to 50% or more of project costs.
- Website is at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/index.html> or call the local USDA Service Center listed in the phone book under "United States Federal Government."

USDA-NRCS Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP): I, O, U

- Purpose: to restore and protect wetlands with a permanent or 30 year easement and restoration agreement.
- Contact: county-based USDA Service Center for current information.
- File applications at any time.
- Funding from 75% to 100% depending upon length of commitment
- Eligible lands must be restorable, contribute significantly to wetland functions and values, and be suitable for wildlife habitat.
- Website is at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmland/index.html> or call the local USDA Service Center listed in the phone book under "United States Federal Government."

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA)

USDA-FSA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP): U

- Purpose: to reduce soil erosion and agricultural commodity production on environmentally sensitive lands.
- Eligibility is generally limited to agricultural producers with marginal cropland and pasturelands.
- Funding is provided in the form of annual rental payments per enrolled acre.
- Payment rates are based upon soil productivity.
- Contract duration is between 10-15 years.
- Website is at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/> or call the local USDA Service Center listed in the phone book under "United States Federal Government."

United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (USDA-RD)

USDA-RD Community Programs: P, E, U

- Purpose: to improve economic conditions in rural areas; promote development or enhancement of local cooperatives.
- Grants cover up to 75% of project costs.
- Website is at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov> or call your local USDA service center for more information.

United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USDA-FS)

USDA-FS Urban and Community Forest Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program: G, E, I, O

- Purpose: to help establish and support urban and community forests and forestry activities.
- February deadlines
- Non-federal match of 50% required
- More information can be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/ucf/> .

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HUD Brownfields Economic Development Initiative and other programs: G

- Purpose: to support low and moderate income persons and address needs such as redeveloping idle industrial sites.
- Funds can be used for site remediation and a variety of other uses.
- More information can be found at <http://www.hud.gov/grants/> or call 1-800-HUD-8929.

United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)

USEPA Guidebook for Financial Tools: U

- Useful document on the USEPA website for identifying conservation funding source options
- <http://www.epa.gov/efinpage> or <http://cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund/>

USEPA Catalog of Funding Sources for Watershed Protection

- Useful document for identifying programs that will protect both urban and rural watersheds
- <http://www.epa.gov/owow/funding.html>, <http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/> or <http://cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund/>

USEPA Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants: G, P, U

- Purpose: re-use and remediation of brownfield sites throughout Illinois.
- \$2 to \$3 million annually appropriated
- Cleanup grants require 25% cost-share, grants range from under 15K to over 50K.
- Call 312-886-7576, 301-589-5318, or visit <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/> for more information.

USEPA Environmental Education Grants Program: E, P, G

- Eligible projects include environmental education activities such as curricula design or dissemination, designing or demonstrating educational field methods for the public, and training educators.
- Call or visit the website for most current information and deadlines.
- Minimum of 25% matching funds or in-kind services
- Awards of \$25,000 or less granted by regional offices
- Contact USEPA at <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html> or call 312-353-5282.

USEPA Environmental Justice Grant Programs: E, P

- Sub-programs under this general program include community-based approaches for environmental protection.
- No match is required.
- Up to \$15,000 per non-superfund site
- Project grants variable up to \$100,000
- Contact USEPA at <http://www.epa.gov/> or call 312-886-5993, fax -2737 or 1-800-962-6215.

USEPA Smart Growth Technical Assistance Opportunities: G, U, P

- Purpose: to assist local communities develop in an environmentally-friendly, sustainable manner
- In-kind contributions with assistance preferred
- Winter deadlines
- Contact USEPA at <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/techasst.htm/> or call 202-566-2853.

United States Department of Energy (USDOE)

The Department of Energy compiles and distributes a list of monthly funding opportunities relating to energy and the environment. Link is at: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/> click on financial opportunities.

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Grant Program: O, I

- Purpose: to restore prairie and wetland habitats on private lands.
- Eligible projects include restoration or enhancement of transient waterfowl habitat, improve water quality, flood protection, and groundwater recharge.
- Contact USFWS for information on application deadlines.
- Matching or in-kind services preferred, but not required
- 10-year habitat development agreement required
- Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) at <http://www.partners.fws.gov/> or call 847-381-2253, 309-793-5800 for more information.

USFWS Northeastern Illinois Wetlands Conservation Account: I, G, O, P, E.

- Eligible projects include restoration, enhancement, and preservation of wetlands. Other eligible projects include those that promote understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of wetlands
- Application deadlines vary. \$5,000-\$150,000 grant range.
- Matching funds preferred but not required.
- Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 847-381-2253 for information.

USFWS Private Stewardship Grants Program: O, I, E, G

- Purpose: to provide assistance that benefits at-risk, threatened, or endangered species.
- Grants to be used on private lands for wildlife habitat restoration for endangered or threatened species
- Application deadlines vary.
- Matching funds of 10% required
- Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at <http://grants.fws.gov/conserve.html> or call 847-381-2253 or 309-793-5800.

United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

USACE Section 1135 Project Modifications for the Improvement of the Environment: G, U

- Federal funds and technical assistance available for studies, planning, engineering, construction and administration
- Federal cost-share up to \$5 million plus non-federal match
- Requires local cost-share of 25%
- Contact Army Corps of Engineers at <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/pub/ap/facts/sec1135.pdf> or call 509-527-7239, 312-846-5562, 309-794-5590, 314-331-8404 for more information.

USACE Section 206 Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration: G, U

- Funding and assistance to carry out ecosystem restoration and enhancement that is documented to be in the public interest, will improve the environment, and is cost effective
- Federal cost-share of up to \$5 million available
- Requires 35% non-federal cost-share
- Contact the Army Corps of Engineers at <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/pub/ap/facts/sec206.pdf> or call 509-527-7239, 312-846-5562, 309-794-5590, 314-331-8404.

Other

Federal Tax Incentives for Conservation: I, O, U

- Significant federal tax deductions for owners of environmentally sensitive land that has been donated for conservation purposes, or has been placed in a conservation easement, or simply managed for conservation
- Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Codes 170(a) (1), 1.170A-14, [170(h)], 26 CFR CH 1 (4-1-03 edition)
- Web information at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/>, <http://www.irs.gov/> and <http://www.aitl.org/irs.htm>, and <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-04-41.pdf>
- For agricultural producers, soil and water conservation tax assistance is outlined in IRS Publication 225 on the Internet at: <http://www.irs.gov/publications/p225.pdf>.
- Before taking action, contact the IRS or your federal tax advisor for the most current information.

State Funding Sources

The State of Illinois administers numerous conservation programs under various state agencies.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)

<http://www.epa.state.il.us/>

IEPA Non-point Source Pollution Control Grant Program (Section 319 grants): G, O

- Eligible projects include controlling or eliminating non-point pollution sources.
- Application deadline in August
- Requires 40% matching funds or in-kind services
- Contact Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/> or call 217-782-3362.

IEPA Illinois Clean Lakes Program: G, P

- Financial assistance available for publicly-owned lakes larger than 6 acres with public access
- Application deadlines: need to investigate
- Requires 40% match for phase I, 50% local match for phase II
- Contact IEPA at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/index.html> or call 217-782-3362.

IEPA Lake Education Assistance Program: G, E, P

- Eligible projects include educational programs on inland lakes and lake watersheds.
- Maximum funding of \$500 is reimbursed after completion
- Deadlines in September and January
- Contact IEPA at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/index.html> or call 217-782-3362.

IEPA Priority Lake and Watershed Implementation Program: G, P

- Eligible projects include funding to implement protection/restoration practices that improve water quality.
- Priority is given to publicly-owned and accessed lakes.
- Funding up to 100%, projects range up to \$40,000
- Contact IEPA at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/> or call 217-782-3362.

Illinois Dept of Natural Resources (IDNR)

<http://www.dnr.state.il.us/grants/finast.htm>

IDNR (Division of Wildlife or Resource Protection and Stewardship) Trees, Shrubs and Seedlings at No Cost: I, U

- Purpose: to encourage landowners to reforest land, increase wildlife, and control erosion.
- Seedlings provided at no charge
- Shipping cost, if applicable
- Can be used with other incentives
- Approved management plan required
- Contact IDNR at 217-785-8774.

IDNR Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Program: G

- Eligible projects include money for acquisition and development of public parks for recreation and open space.
- Funding is reimbursable up to 50% of project costs, reimbursable up to \$2 million for the Trust Grant.
- Contact Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for both programs at <http://dnr.state.il.us/ocd/newoslad1.htm>.

IDNR (Planning Division) Trail Grant Programs: G,P,O.

- A collection of various trail programs where eligible projects include acquiring or constructing bicycle and snowmobile paths and facilities
- Deadlines in March and May
- 0%-50% match required, depending upon which type of trail grant
- Contact IDNR at <http://dnr.state.il.us/ocd/gaoutnew.htm> or call 217-782-7481.

IDNR (Forestry) Forestry Assistance Grant Programs: G, I, U.

- Purpose: to create or enhance landowner or local forestry programs.
- May and other deadline
- Requires 50% match
- Reimbursement up to \$5,000, visit website for other programs' criteria.
- For more information, visit IDNR at <http://dnr.state.il.us/conservation/forestry/>, or call 217-782-2361.

IDNR (Education) Schoolyard Habitat Action Grants: E, U

- Eligible projects include enhancement of wildlife habitat, with emphasis on youth involvement and education
- Project must involve a trained Project WILD educator or facilitator
- Maximum funding to \$600
- October application deadline
- Contact IDNR at <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/education/CLASSRM/grants.htm> or call 217-524-4126.

IDNR (Education) Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grants & Free Educational Materials: E,U.

- Eligible projects include field trips for students to visit natural areas, natural history museums, and other natural resource related activities.
- Conservation education materials, including lesson plans, can be used separately.
- Funding for field trips up to \$500 per class, per project
- Conservation education resources available at no cost, spring and fall grant application
- Contact IDNR at <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/education/CLASSRM/grants.htm> or call 217-524-4126.

IDNR (Office of Realty & Environmental Planning) Conservation 2000 - Ecosystems Program: O

- Eligible projects include habitat protection or improvement, technical assistance, and education.
- The Ecosystems Program provides financial and technical support to groups (ecosystem partners) which seek to maintain and enhance ecological and economic conditions in key watersheds of Illinois.
- February deadline
- Contact IDNR at <http://dnr.state.il.us/orep/c2000/ecosystem/> or call 217-782-7940.

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA)

IDA (Land & Water) Streambank Stabilization & Restoration Program (SSRP): O, I

- Eligible projects include naturalized stream bank stabilization practices in rural and urban communities.
- Application deadlines are January, May and September.
- 25% match required
- Contact IDOA at <http://www.agr.state.il.us> or call 217-782-6297, or contact your local Soil & Water Conservation District that services your county. Offices are listed in the phone book under "local government."

IDA (Land & Water) Sustainable Agriculture Grant (Conservation 2000) Program: I,O,G.

- Eligible projects include those that carry out research, education, and on-farm demonstration projects that support sustainable agriculture, protect the environment, and maintain profitability.
- Grants awarded up to \$10,000 per individual; \$50,000 per unit of government, or other eligible organization.
- Proposals accepted annually in early fall
- Contact IDOA at <http://www.agr.state.il.us> or call 217-782-6297 or contact the local Soil & Water Conservation District that services your county. Offices are listed in the phone book under "local government."

Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)

IEMA Pre-disaster Mitigation Program: G, P

- Purpose: to acquire property prior to emergency events.
- Eligible land includes flood-prone real property that will be limited to open space uses.
- Visit <http://www.state.il.us/iema/> or call 217-782-8719.

IEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program: G, P

- Governments must be enrolled and in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- Eligible initiatives include acquisition of insured structures and underlying property for open space use.
- Provides up to 75% of project costs, 25% match required
- Contact the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) at <http://www.state.il.us/iema/> or call 217-782-8719.

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

IDOT Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program: G, U

- Eligible projects include those that support alternative modes of transportation and that preserve visual and cultural resources, including historic preservation and landscaping beautification.
- Planning is encouraged at present, in order to be completed for new disbursements.
- Local 20% match required for projects, 50% match for land acquisition
- Contact Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) <http://www.dot.state.il.us/opp/itep.html> or email itep@dot.il.gov.

Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)

Useful website to search for educational grants at: <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/grants/default.htm> .

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

DCEO Community Development Assistance Program (Community Dev. Block Grant): G

- Eligible projects must include activities that improve moderate or low-income areas.
- Conservation-related projects can possibly include the acquisition of real property (e.g., flood-prone areas), construction of water or sewer facilities, and initiatives for energy conservation.
- Application deadlines vary.
- No match is required.
- Money originates at the federal level as the Community Development Block Grant and is administered directly to “entitlement” communities. In other areas, units of local government should contact their county to apply for funds under the Community Development Assistance Program.
- Contact is at http://www.illinoisbiz.biz/bus/gri/grants_bus.html or call 217-785-6142 for more information.

Illinois State Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA)

IHPA Property Tax Assessment Freeze & Federal Historic Tax Credit Programs: O, I

- Eligibility includes rehabilitated properties that are listed or eligible for the national register or that qualifies through an approved local historic preservation ordinance.
- Assessed valuation of qualified properties is frozen for eight years at first year of program.
- Under the Federal Program, property owners may qualify for a 20% tax credit on income (IRS 170(h)).
- State tax incentives under the “Real Property Conservation Rights Act (765 ILCS 120/1 et seq.).
- Contact the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency at 217-785-4512 or info@ihpa.state.il.us or visit <http://state.il.us/hpa>.

State Tax Incentives

<http://dnr.state.il.us/OREP/C2000/Incentives.htm>

Illinois State Tax Incentives for Conservation: O, I

- Environmentally-sensitive lands or dedicated open space may qualify for significant property tax reductions:

Real Property Conservation Rights Act (765 ILCS 120/1 et seq.)

- If land is qualified by having a conservation easement, it may be assessed at 8 1/3 fair market value.

Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act (525 ILCS 30/1 et seq)/17 Ill Adm. Code

- If land is qualified by being designated as an Illinois Nature Preserve, it may be assessed at \$1/year in perpetuity.

Preferential Assessment of Farmland (Property Tax Code, Sec. 1-60 (Definitions.) Sec. 10-110 et seq.)

- If qualified, assessments are based on Cropland as 33 1/3% of the agricultural economic value; Permanent Pasture as 1/3 of its value of cropland; other farmland at 1/6 of its value as cropland; and wasteland without a contributory value to farmland at zero.

Open Space Assessment (Illinois Property Tax Code Sections 10-155)

- A lower use evaluation is used for land in open space.
- 10 acre minimum area
- This assessment is not applicable in Cook County.

Preferential Assessment of Common Areas (Illinois Property Tax Code Sections 10-35)

- Purpose is to encourage open space in residential developments.
- If qualifying, assessment is reduced to \$1/year.

Non-Clear Cut Assessment (P.A. 91-907, Property Tax Code Sec. 10-153)

- Land is valued at 1/12th of its productivity index equalized assessed value as cropland if it is within 15 yards of waters listed by IDNR as navigable and has not been clear cut of trees.
- Incentive is not applicable in jurisdictions with populations greater than 500,000.

Other tax incentives may also apply. Contact IDNR regarding the Real Property Conservation Rights Act and the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act at 217-785-8774. Contact your local township or county assessor to determine eligibility under other incentives.

Other Sources

*Project funding sources that could potentially qualify as federal/state matching funds may come from a variety of local government, private, or community trusts or foundations that support initiatives reflecting organizational policies. Eligibility criteria are as varied as the donors. Most require a Not-For-Profit (501c3, *c4, etc.) corporate status.*

Illinois Clean Energy Foundation: P, E, G, U

- Eligible projects include those that enhance natural areas, increase renewable energy, or improve energy efficiency.
- Deadlines in January and July
- Contact is at <http://www.illinoiscleanenergy.org> or call 312-372-5191.

Habitat Restoration Funds for Northeastern Illinois River Watersheds: I, O, E, G

- Eligible projects include wetland restoration and wildlife habitat of aquatic resources.
- Deadlines in mid-March and mid-August
- 25% cost-share
- Cost-share cannot be used for match with federal funds.
- Contact any northeastern Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District for most current program information, or visit <http://www.kanedupageswcd.org> .

Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control: E, G, P.

- USDA-sponsored projects include protection of Great Lakes Water Quality by controlling erosion and sedimentation (only available in Lake, Cook, and Will Counties).
- Grant amounts awarded for small-scale (\$30,000) and large-scale (\$100,000) projects
- Application deadline in February
- Contact the Great Lakes Commission at <http://www.glc.org/basin/>.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation General Matching and Special Grant Programs: U

- Eligible projects include habitat restoration and protection on private lands.
- Deadlines vary per individual program.
- Sample grant sizes in Illinois range from \$3,000 to over \$100,000.
- Contact is at <http://www.nfwf.org> or call 202-857-0166.

Rural Community Assistance Program: U

- A network of non-profit organizations that assist rural and low-income communities with populations less than 10,000
- Eligible projects include water & waste-water treatment.
- Website is at <http://www.rcap.org>, <http://icaanet.org>, or make contact at recap@recap.org

Wal-Mart Good Works and Community Grants Programs: G, E, P, Veteran and Civic Groups

- Past funding included environmental grants to schools, nature trails, tree-planting, and water initiatives.
- Coordinate with nearest Wal-Mart or Sam's Store.
- Information can be found at <http://www.walmartfoundation.org/wmstore/goodworks/scripts/index.jsp> or call 1-800-530-9925.

Trust for Public Lands (TPL): G, P,E, U.

- A national not-for-profit conservation organization that works with local organizations to conserve lands for a variety of uses, to include farms, ranches, natural lands and lands of historic importance.
- TPL can assist local organizations identify lands to be protected and assist in financing and land transactions.
- <http://www.tpl.org>. Click on local programs-North Central Region. 312-427-1979 & 314-436-7255.

Reference Sources

Several grant search engines and organizations exist to help identify funding sources. Fees for services or products may be charged by these organizations. When searching, be sure to clarify whether charges will be incurred. For "do-it-your-selves," local grant data collection centers are available throughout Illinois.

Resources for Global Sustainability

P.O. Box 3665, Cary, NC 27519.

Phone: 1-800-724-1857

RGS publishes a yearly catalog called

"Environmental Grantmaking Foundations"

<http://www.environmentalgrants.com>

Environmental Grantmaker's Association

Provides a list of environmental grant foundations

<http://www.ega.org>

Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance

<http://www.nextstep.state.mn.us/>

The Foundation Center

79 Fifth Street, New York, New York 10003.

Phone: 212-620-4230

<http://www.fdncenter.org>

Sonoran Institute

Look for Conservation Assistance Tools (CAT):

<http://www.sonoran.org>

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

IDNR has a very comprehensive grant search engine at:

<http://dnr.state.il.us/orep/c2000/grants/>

State of Illinois Grant Data Collection Centers Foundation Center Cooperating Collections

The Donor's Forum of Chicago

208 S. LaSalle St., Suite 735, Chicago, IL 60604.

Phone: 312-578-0175.

<http://www.donorsforum.org>

E-mail: info@donorsforum.org

Metropolitan Association for Philanthropy

1320 Olive Street St. Louis, MO

<http://www.mapstl.org>

Phone: 314-621-6220

Evanston Public Library

1703 Orrington Ave Evanston, IL 60201

Phone: 847-866-0305

Rock Island Public Library

40119th St. Rock Island, IL

Phone: 309-732-7323

<http://www.rbls.lib.il.us/rip/index.html>

University of Illinois at Springfield (Brookens Library)

Springfield, IL 62794 (follow links to Non-profit Resource Center)

<http://library.uis.edu/findinfo/grants/>

Phone: 217-206-6633