



## NH LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

### Natural Resource Project Applicant and Project Eligibility

#### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

1. Applicant must be either:
  - a municipality or other political subdivision of the state of New Hampshire, or
  - a publicly-supported nonprofit corporation exempt from federal income taxation
  - under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.
2. Applicant must formally have adopted the appropriate components of the Land Trust Alliance (LTA) *Standards and Practices* prior to disbursement of grant funds.

#### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

1. Natural Resource Projects must comprise the protection, restoration, or rehabilitation of the following
  - a) ecologically significant lands
  - b) lands containing important habitat for rare species or important wildlife
  - c) existing and potential public water supply lands
  - d) wetlands and associated uplands
  - e) farmland, forestland, riverine, lake, estuarine, and ocean shorelands
  - f) lands for recreation, scenic areas and view sheds, historic lands and features, or culturally important lands and features
2. Natural Resource Projects with Cultural Resource Values must have a highly significant historic resource or be a cultural asset that defines a community and is therefore important to the NH landscape, such as an iconic farmstead, scenic vista, orchard, town forest, archaeological site, or a last remaining example of heritage as defined by the community or a key representative of local community heritage.
3. The current landowner must be a willing seller of the interest to be acquired.
4. The proposed landowner(s) and/or holder(s) of any real interest in the target property must understand and be willing to comply with the following LCHIP requirements:
  - a) The right of pedestrian access to, on, and across the property for hunting, fishing, and transitory passive recreational purposes, but not camping, by members of the public, will be conveyed. Landowner may reserve the right to post against or limit such access, with prior approval of LCHIP, if LCHIP determines that such activities have become inconsistent with the purposes for protecting the property and/or when public safety would be at risk. Landowner may also reserve the right to post against vehicles, motorized or otherwise, against access to active livestock fields, against access to agricultural cropland during the planting and growing season, and against access to forest land during harvesting or establishment of plantations.
  - b) The protection of all resources must be addressed within the scope of the project proposal and final conveyance documents.



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#### Eligible Expenses

LCHIP funds may be used for the following expenses only:

- a) Acquisition of real property in fee simple; or acquisition of easement interests in real property;
- b) Surveys, appraisals, title work, and other legal or ancillary work necessary to carry out acquisitions that can demonstrate linkage to the permanent protection or restoration and rehabilitation of eligible resources;
- c) Resource inventories and planning that can demonstrate linkage to the permanent protection or restoration and rehabilitation of eligible resources;
- d) Other professional services that can demonstrate linkage to the permanent protection or restoration and rehabilitation of eligible resources and limited to:
  - ✓ plans and drawings;
  - ✓ feasibility studies;
  - ✓ historic structures reports;
  - ✓ architectural renderings;
  - ✓ baseline documentation;
  - ✓ historic building assessment with preservation guidelines
  - ✓ in-house or contracted services for the purposes of project application development to LCHIP;
  - ✓ environmental reviews;
  - ✓ archaeological reviews;
  - ✓ engineering studies;
  - ✓ condition assessments;

#### Additional Requirements

The maximum grant amount will be 50% of the Total Project Cost.

Total Project Cost (TPC) is the sum of the resource value (using either the appraised value of the resource or the sale price of the resource, whichever is lower) and all other eligible expenses. A minimum of 50 % of the remaining funds needed must be raised through cash contributions. If the applicant chooses, all of the match may be in cash. Matching beyond the minimum is encouraged of all applicants.

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**Applicants are encouraged to read LCHIP's Criteria, Guidelines, and Procedures for further information.**