



NH LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM Natural Resource Project Eligibility

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

1. Natural Resource Projects must comprise the protection, restoration, or rehabilitation of the following
 - a) historic and cultural lands and features;
 - b) ecologically significant lands;
 - c) existing and potential public water supply lands;
 - d) farmland;
 - e) forestland;
 - f) habitat for rare species or important wildlife;
 - g) lands for recreation;
 - h) riverine, lake, estuarine, and ocean shorelands;
 - i) scenic areas and viewsheds; and
 - j) wetlands and associated uplands.
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:

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.
5. The protection of all resources must be addressed within the scope of the project proposal and final conveyance documents.

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;
 - environmental reviews;
 - archaeological reviews;
 - engineering studies;
 - condition assessments;
 - baseline documentation;
 - historic building assessment with preservation guidelines
 - in-house or contracted services for the purposes of project application development to LCHIP.;

Financial Requirements

The maximum LCHIP grant award is 50% of the Total Project Cost.

Total Project Cost (TPC) is the sum of the fair market value of the resource (property or easement) to be acquired and all other eligible expenses. A minimum of 50 % of the remaining funds needed after the LCHIP award must be raised through cash contributions (the “match”). If the applicant chooses, all of the match may be in cash. Match beyond the 50% minimum is encouraged of all applicants.

Additional requirements may apply.

Applicants are encouraged to read LCHIP’s [Criteria, Guidelines, and Procedures](#) for further information.