

Conservation Funding Sources  
South Miami-Dade Watershed Plan Advisory Team

**Federal Funding Sources** <http://www.federalgrantswire.com/>

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<b>USFWS State &amp; Tribal Wildlife Grants</b>  <a href="http://federalasst.fws.gov/swg/wg.html">http://federalasst.fws.gov/swg/wg.html</a>  <a href="http://www.myfwc.com/wildlife/agency/grantfunding.html">http://www.myfwc.com/wildlife/agency/grantfunding.html</a>	State/territory with comprehensive wildlife conservation plan.  Tribes compete for separate pot of money.	<u>State Contact:</u> Kate Haley Initiative Coordinator, FL FWCC 850-410-0656 x 17320 Kate.Haley@MyFWC.com  <u>Tribes liaison:</u> Kyla Hastie Regional Director, USFWS (404) 679-7133	25% non-federal (planning)  50% non-federal (implementation)	state determines	fall	winter	July 1	N/A	FY06: \$68.5 M	Species and habitat conservation through habitat acquisition, planning, wildlife management and research and wildlife monitoring.  Talk with FWCC.
<b>USFWS Coastal Habitat Conservation Program: National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants</b>  <a href="http://www.fws.gov/coastal/CoastalGrants/">http://www.fws.gov/coastal/CoastalGrants/</a>	States that border the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, Pacific and Great Lakes (Except Louisiana)	<u>Regional Contact:</u> John Stemble - Fisheries Bio. 404-679-7372 <a href="mailto:John_stemble@fws.gov">John_stemble@fws.gov</a>  <u>Local Contact:</u> Call local DEP office	50% non-federal (25% if State has a special fund for the acquisition of coastal wetlands, other natural areas or open spaces)  75% federal: 25% state, territories & commonwealths exempt from match (except PR)	N/A	Early June	By Oct 1		\$1 M	\$13 M	Acquire (fee and easement) and/or restore coastal wetlands. Projects given priority if consistent with the criteria outlined in the National Wetlands Priority Conservation Plan.
<b>Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (USFWS)</b>  <a href="http://birdhabitat.fws.gov">http://birdhabitat.fws.gov</a>	Fish & Wildlife Service	<u>Regional Chief- Realty Division</u> Sue Oliveiera Ph: 404-679-7201 <a href="mailto:sue_oliveiera@fws.gov">sue_oliveiera@fws.gov</a>	1:1	Migratory Bird Conservation Commission decides where \$ goes. Very political, established through legislation.	Begin process 4-6 mths before	March June September	As soon as all the grant paperwork is in place.	No cap  SE Region gets \$5.5 M/year	FY 06 TBA  SE requested \$5.5 M	Purchase fee or easement habitat areas to maintain optimum migratory bird populations and migration and distribution patterns; Emphasis on conservation of 9 waterfowl species called National Resource Species.
<b>Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (USFWS)</b>	Federal or Nonfederal entity	Doug Ryan Ph: 703-358-1894 <a href="mailto:Douglas_Ryan@fws.gov">Douglas_Ryan@fws.gov</a>	3:1 non-federal match (cash)	Not required but encouraged	January	June	July (depending on status of	\$250,000	\$3 M 25% goes to domestic	Protection and management of neo-tropical birds, habitats, etc., through maintenance,

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<a href="http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Nmbca/eng_neo.htm">http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Nmbca/eng_neo.htm</a>		<a href="mailto:neotropical@fws.gov">neotropical@fws.gov</a>					paperwork)		projects; 75% to international projects	management, protection and restoration of bird habitats, research and monitoring, law enforcement, and community outreach and education.
<b>USFWS Cooperative End. Species Conservation Fund (Section 6):</b> <a href="http://www.fws.gov/endangered/Grants/Section6/">http://www.fws.gov/endangered/Grants/Section6/</a>	Non-federal entity	FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Daniel Sullivan 850-921-5990 x 17322 <a href="mailto:Daniel.Sullivan@myfwc.com">Daniel.Sullivan@myfwc.com</a>			Feds: early May; must be in to the FWCC ASAP.	Late summer	Locked in: September; available: October 1 (best case-if grant agreements are in place)		FY06: \$82 M (Total)	Assist in development of conservation programs for endangered and threatened species.
<b>A. Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Land Acquisition Grants</b>	States and territories	Same	25% non-federal  10% non-federal for two or more states/ territories implementing a joint project	State sets internal deadline before RFP – often in February	RFP due March 20	June  Sept- \$ locked in	See above	N/A	FY06: \$47.9 M	Land acquisition within or adjacent to approved HCPs for federally listed threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species (including state-listed species).
<b>B. Recovery Land Acquisition Grants</b>	Non-federal (states or territories)	Same	25% non-federal 10% non-federal for a joint project between two or more states/ territories.	Same	March 20	June	See above	N/A	FY06: \$14.2 M	Acquire habitat in support of approved recovery goals/ objectives for federally listed threatened or endangered species.
<b>C. Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Planning Grants</b>	Non-federal entity	Same	25% non-federal match	Same	March 20	June	See above	N/A	\$6 – 8.5 M (Planning) – traditional conservation grants make up difference & not for acquisition)	Planning - traditional conservation grants make up difference & not for acquisition.
<b>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF):</b>	Federal or Non-	SE Region	Minimum 1:1	September	October	April		Typical range	Rarely funds	Foster cooperative

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<b>A. General Challenge Grant Program</b> <a href="http://www.nfwf.org/guidelines.cfm">http://www.nfwf.org/guidelines.cfm</a>	federal, educational institutions and non-profits	Peter Stangel, Director Ph: 404-679-7099 1875 Century Boulevard, Ste 200 Atlanta, GA 30345  Latin America/Caribbean Maria Cuartas, Project Administrator	fed/non- fed; seeks 2:1 match	January May	February June	July November		\$25 - 150 K	acquisition.	partnerships to conserve fish, wildlife and plant resources.
<b>B. Acres for America Program</b> <a href="http://www.nfwf.org/programs/walmart/index.cfm">http://www.nfwf.org/programs/walmart/index.cfm</a>	Same	Same as above.	1:1 fed/non federal	Same	Same	Same		no cap	\$3.1 M annually for ten years	Conserve important fish, wildlife and plant habitats through fee and easement acquisitions. "Donut-hole" and public access projects preferred.
<b>North American Wetlands Conservation Act (USFWS):</b> <a href="http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/NAWCA/grants.htm">http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/NAWCA/grants.htm</a>  <b>A. NAWCA Standard Grants Program</b>	Federal or non-federal, private organizations and individuals who have formed partnerships.	David Buie – National Contact Ph: 301-497-5870 <a href="mailto:david_buie@fws.gov">david_buie@fws.gov</a>  David will direct interested parties to the proper contact depending on the project.	Minimum 1:1 Non-federal Match	N/A	March -----  July	July -----  Dec.	October -----  End of March/ first of April	\$1 M	\$40 M	Conserve wetlands, fish and wildlife through acquisition (including easements and land title donations), restoration and/or enhancement.
<b>B. NAWCA Small Grants Program</b>	Federal or Non-federal	Keith Morehouse 703-358-1888 <a href="mailto:keith_morehouse@fws.gov">keith_morehouse@fws.gov</a>	Minimum 1:1 Non-federal Match	N/A	December	March	May at the earliest - grant agreement must be in place	\$50 K	\$2 M : proposed amount for 2006.	Same as above
<b>LWCF (Land &amp; Water Conservation Fund)</b> <a href="http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/lwcf/fed_state.html">http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/lwcf/fed_state.html</a>	Any federal land management agency	Marsha Runningen - TPL Federal Affairs, FL Contact Ph: 202-543-7552 ext 32	N/A	In-line with regional office's for president's annual budget.	Congressional appropriations cycle.		N/A		\$114 M	Fee & easement acquisitions for national park, forest, wildlife refuge and BLM areas within federally-designated land mgmt units.
<b>A. Private Stewardship Grants</b> <a href="http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/private_stewardship.html">http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/private_stewardship.html</a>	Private landowners, partners and groups.	Mike Gant (woman)– SE Region 919-856-4627	10% of project cost through non-fed means (donations, time, equipment, etc)	To the Regional office by January 23, 2006	March 21, 2005	summer 2005		No cap, but only \$1M available for the SE region	\$6.5 M (total for US)  \$1 M for SE region	Local, private and voluntary conservation efforts to protect and restore imperiled species and habitats. No money for acquisition.

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<b>Forest Legacy Program</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/flp.shtml">http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/flp.shtml</a>	In Florida: DEP, water mgmt districts, or local govts to hold/manage or monitor fee or easement	<u>State Coordinator (first contact):</u> FL Division of Forestry Edward Kuester III 850-414-9929 <a href="mailto:kuestee@doacs.state.fl.us">kuestee@doacs.state.fl.us</a>  <u>Regional/ Puerto Rico Contact:</u> USDA Forest Service – Atlanta Office Elizabeth Crane 404-347-5214 <a href="mailto:ecrane@fs.fed.us">ecrane@fs.fed.us</a>	Min 25% non-federal (public or private funds, donated land value or project costs)	Due to the state in late summer	September - states submit to region  Late November – region submits to D.C.	Projects ranked - January of the next year	October or later of the following year – based on Congressional budget approval	\$1.5 – 2 M (average \$ range per project)  \$10 M state limit  \$1.5 M average per state request	\$57.4 M (total US)  No state allotment. Parcel specific requests; can't request for a general project/program area	Purchase fee or conservation easements on threatened forestlands identified within a Forest Legacy Area.  Does not fund reimbursements.
<b>Coastal &amp; Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELP)</b> <a href="http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/landconservation.html">http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/landconservation.html</a>	States and local governments	Katherine Andrews FL Coastal Zone Management Agency 850-245-2094 <a href="mailto:Katherine.Andres@dep.state.fl.us">Katherine.Andres@dep.state.fl.us</a>	1:1 non-federal (can include site restoration or land value donation)	N/A	N/A	Up to this point, all have been earmarked by Congress	Late spring	N/A	No funding for FY2006	Acquire coastal & estuarine areas with significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical or aesthetic values, or those threatened by conversion to other uses from their natural state.
<b>Department of Defense Programs:</b> <b>A. Encroachment Partnering</b>	Public agencies and conservation organizations.		DOD can share real estate acquisition costs for projects that support purposes.	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	\$20 M in House appropriations bill	1) Limit development or property use incompatible with military installation's mission. 2) Preserve habitat off-base to relieve current or anticipated environmental restrictions that may interfere with training on base.
<b>B. Transfer of Surplus Conservation Properties</b>	State and local agencies and non-profit conservation groups.			N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	Conservation restrictions placed on the land, then land can be sold to another entity. Also permit cooperative agreements with non-profit groups for site cleanup and monitoring.
<b>Farm &amp; Ranchland Protection Program (Department of Agriculture)</b>	State, local or tribal gov or non-profit.		50-50 non-NRCS match (other fed. funds OK; landowner						FY05 allocation: \$3.483 M	Protects farmland from development through grants to purchase conservation easements that extinguish

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			donation up to 25% of cost)							development rights.
<b>Sport Fish Restoration</b>	State fish and wildlife agencies and the territories.		25% non federal  (75% of project costs reimbursed via grant)					No state may get more than 5% or less than 1% of the total program funds.		Protect and enhance sport fishing populations, associated public use and benefits/ activities that provide boat access to public waters. Funds land acquisition and certain development (i.e. boating access sites), among other things.
<b>Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan Funds</b>	State								Interior amount: \$84 M Energy & Water amount: \$137 M (proposed)	Funds restoration, protection and preservation of the Greater Everglades ecosystem and other water needs of the South FL region; includes acquisitions.
<b>Transportation Enhancements (TE)</b>	State or local gov.s or non-profits. Money channeled through state DOT		Reimbursement program. 80% federal; 20% from project sponsor	N/A	N/A	N/A		No cap.  \$20 M yearly  Limit to a single entity.	10% of state's Surface Transportation Program funds  FY05: \$32 M FY06: amount not available	For bicycle facilities, historic preservation, rail-to trails and scenic protection (12 defined activities; states have their own requirements).
<b>Clean Water State Revolving Fund (EPA program)</b>	Local gov.s and non-profits	Robert (Bob) Holmden- Program Administrator FL DEP - Tallahassee Ph: 850-245-8394 <a href="mailto:robert.holmden@dep.state.fl.us">robert.holmden@dep.state.fl.us</a>	No up-front match	Work with FL representative, Bob Holmden	Can submit any time. Total amount of money available July 1	Quarterly hearings to allocate funds		No cap but limit to \$20 M a year to a single applicant.	Proposed FY06 amount: \$850M	Funds various water-related activities o protect/restore general water quality and drinking water sources, Only funds land acquisition for effluent disposal.
<b>Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (EPA program)</b>	Local gov.s and non-profits	See above.	Same as above	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.		\$750 K or 25% of total funds. (Approx. FL total: \$3 M)	Proposed FY06 amount: \$850 M	Fee or easement acquisitions to protect general water quality or drinking water sources.

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<b>Department of Interior</b> <b>A. Landowner Incentive Program -non-tribal section</b>  <a href="http://www.doi.gov/initiatives/landowner_incentive_program.html">http://www.doi.gov/initiatives/landowner_incentive_program.html</a>	State fish and wildlife agencies	<u>Division of Federal Assistance</u> 4401 North Fairfax Drive, MBSP 4020 Arlington, Virginia 22203 Ph: 703- 358-2156 <a href="mailto:FederalAid@fws.gov">FederalAid@fws.gov</a>	Minimum 25% non-federal match (VI exempt)	N/A	December	February		\$1.74 M total per state	\$24 M	To establish or supplement landowner incentive programs that protect and restore the habitats Federally listed, proposed or candidate species or other at-risk species and provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners for habitat protection and restoration
<b>B. Tribal Landowner Incentive Program</b>	Any Federally recognized Indian Tribal governments	Kyla Hastie – S Regional Contact Ph: 404-679-7133	Same as above.	Due to the Regional Office in mid-spring		summer		\$150, 000		Same as above.
<b>Brownfields</b>  <a href="http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/recent/htm">http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/recent/htm</a>		<u>Florida State Coordinator</u> Barbara Schuster Ph: 404-562-8923 <a href="mailto:schuster.barbara@epa.gov">schuster.barbara@epa.gov</a>  <u>Regional Coordinator (Acting)</u> Rosemary Patton Ph: 404-562-8868 <a href="mailto:patton.rosemary@epa.gov">patton.rosemary@epa.gov</a>  Coordinate with: Markus Niebanck - Envir Analysis & Remediation Mgr Ph: 415-495-4020 x 335					Based on Congressional budget approval.		Proposed FY06 amount: \$95.5 M	
<b>A. Assessment Grants</b>	Local/state public agency		20% (can be waived)	N/A	fall	winter		\$200k (can be up to \$350k)		Funds site characterizations and assessments (Phase I and follow up invasive testing;; and inventory and planning relating to brownfield sites or community wide effort.
<b>B. Remediation Grants</b>	NGOs and local govts with site control		20% non-federal (can be waived)	6 mths of other work ahead of time.	fall	spring		\$200k		For remediation of brownfields sites.
<b>C. Revolving Loan Fund Grants</b>			20% non-federal match							Allows communities to create revolving loan programs for brownfield remediation. Loans can be converted to grants if

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										open space is created.
<b>Urban Park &amp; Recreation Recovery</b> <a href="http://www.nps.gov/uprr/">http://www.nps.gov/uprr/</a>	Local entities		none	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Check for funding level on a yearly basis. FY06 amount: \$0	Provides matching grants (for rehabilitation, innovation & planning) and technical assistance to economically distressed urban communities for needed recreation facilities. Does not provide acquisition funds
<b>Indian Land &amp; Water Claim Settlement Account</b>										
<b>Wetland Reserve Program (Department of Agriculture)</b> <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/PROGRAMS/wrp/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/PROGRAMS/wrp/</a>	Private landowners and Tribes.	Leslie Deavers – Program Contact Ph: 202-720-1062 <a href="mailto:leslie.deavers@wdc.usda.gov">leslie.deavers@wdc.usda.gov</a>							FY05 allocation: \$12.9 M	Technical and financial support for wetlands protection, restoration and enhancement activities for threatened farmland through conservation easements and cost-share restoration activities.
<b>Grassland Reserve Program (Department of Agriculture)</b> <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/GRP/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/GRP/</a>	Private landowners and Tribes.	Floyd Wood – Program Contact Ph: 202-720-0242 <a href="mailto:floyd.wood@wdc.usda.gov">floyd.wood@wdc.usda.gov</a>							FY05 allocation: \$1.157 M	Protection/ restoration of native grasslands through conservation easements and rental and cost-share restoration agreements.

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**State of Florida Funding Sources**

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<b>Florida Forever Program (formerly CARL)</b> <a href="http://www.dep.state.fl.us/lands/acquisition/FloridaForever/default.htm">http://www.dep.state.fl.us/lands/acquisition/FloridaForever/default.htm</a>	State	Dr. O. Greg Brock Chief, Office of Environmental Services (850) 245-5064	Match not required but helps ranking	Accepts apps twice/year		\$105 M/ annually	\$105 M annually	Large ecosystems that protect endangered species or their habitat.
<b>Water Management Districts (5 separate)</b>	State	Contact your local District					\$105 M annually	Wetlands/some upland buffers associated with river systems.
<b>A. Save Our Rivers Program (SOR)</b> <a href="http://www.sfwmd.gov/org/clm/lcd/lcd_sor.html">http://www.sfwmd.gov/org/clm/lcd/lcd_sor.html</a>	Individual water management districts						Allocation formula for each district.	Fee/other interest acquisition of lands needed to manage, protect and conserve state's water resources.
<b>Florida Communities Trust (FCT)</b> <a href="http://www.floridacommunitydevelopment.org/fct/">http://www.floridacommunitydevelopment.org/fct/</a>	Local gov. and non-profits	Mr. Ken Reecy Community Program Administrator Ph: (850) 922-1701	Minimum 25% match for local govts (small communities exempt)	June 10	October	\$6.6 M; \$9 M for pre-acquired parcels	\$72 M total (\$66 M - FCT; \$5.76 M - FRDAP)	Community-based parks, open space and greenways
<b>Office of Greenways and Trails (OGT)</b> <a href="http://www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/">http://www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/</a>	Local gov. and non-profits	Ms. Jena Brooks Director Ph: (850) 245-2452	N/A	May 9 pre-proposal deadline. July 8 final.	October	N/A	\$4.5 M	Greenways and trail systems

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<b>Division of Recreation and Parks Additions and Inholdings (DRP)</b>	State	Mr. Albert Gregory Director Ph: (850) 245-3051					\$4.5 M/ annually	Acquisitions for additions to or inholdings within existing state parks, historic sites, preserves, etc.
<b><u>Division of Forestry</u></b> <b>A. Additions and Inholdings (DOF)</b>	State	Mr. Bob Crawford Agriculture Commissioner Ph: (850) 488-9786					\$4.5 M/ annually	Acquisitions for additions to or inholdings within existing state forests.
<b>B. Urban &amp; Community Forestry Assistance Program</b>	State, local gov or non-profits		50% applicant match	Dec 2005	spring	\$15k - tree planting \$10k - info & education \$50k - new recipients \$35k—previous recipients	FY05: \$632 K	Develop or enhance urban and community forestry programs, including non-profit administration.
<b>Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC)</b>	State	Mr. Ken Haddad Executive Director Ph: (850) 488-2975					\$4.5 M/ annually	Acquisitions for additions to or inholdings within existing wildlife management areas, other FWCC lands
<b>Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)</b>	Local gov.		50% Match	Sept 13		\$200 K		Public outdoor recreation use
<b>Stateside LWCF</b> <a href="http://www.dep.state.fl.us/parks/bdrs/factslwcf.htm">http://www.dep.state.fl.us/parks/bdrs/factslwcf.htm</a>	Local gov.	DEP Division of Parks & Recreation Grants Section 850-245-2501 or (850) 488-7896 or (850) 488-6131	50% non-federal match	April 30	Congressional appropriation cycle	\$200 K	\$30 M (total US) \$3.9 M (FY 05) \$1.3 M (FY 06)	Acquire and develop land for public outdoor recreation.  Non-federal acquisition. Generally follows the state SCORP plan.
<b><u>Office of Cultural &amp; Historic Programs</u></b> <b>A. Historic Preservation Grants-in-Aid Program</b>	State agencies, local governments and non-profits		50% Match	Dec 15	March/ April 2004	\$50 K	\$2 M	Identify, excavate, protect and rehabilitate historic and archaeological sites in Florida; this includes acquisition.
<b>B. Special Category Grants</b>	State agencies, local governments and not-profits		Min. of \$50 K in local funds required. Prefer local funds equal to grant amount	May 31	Funds available after July 1	\$50 K - \$350 K		Assist major archaeological excavations, large historic restoration projects and major museum exhibits involving the development and presentation of Florida history.
	Local gov.			April			\$620 M	Local community based transportation projects including rail-trails. This is not a

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<b>DOT Mitigation Funds</b>	State		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Amount varies yearly. Depends on acreage of road projects needing mitigation. FY04 -05: \$4.6 M	Mitigate wetland impacts of FDOT transportation projects through regional, combined-project mitigation which often requires land acquisition.
<b>Florida Turnpike Authority</b>								
<b>Florida Inland Navigation District Waterways Assistance Program (FIND)</b>	Coastal county or municipal govs within district boundaries.		50% 25% for certain dredging projects	April	September	No cap	Budget has not yet been set.	Provides financial assistance for development and implementation of waterway related improvement projects; will only fund acquisitions for additional boat ramp parking at marinas.

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<b>Building Better Communities Bond Program</b> (Environmentally Endangered Lands Program)	Miami- Dade County	\$40 M	2004	Provides funding for land acquisitions and management of environmental lands
<b>Building Better Communities Bond Program</b> (Agricultural Lands Program – TDR/PDR)	Miami- Dade County	\$30 M	2004	Provides matching funds for farmland protection
<b>Impact Fees (Developer Exactions)</b>	Miami-Dade County	Varies	Current	Provides funding for acquisition and improvement of park land to meet level of service standards in unincorporated areas