

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
Endangered and Nongame Species Program
Notice of the Availability of Landowner Incentive Program Grants**

The Endangered and Nongame Species Program (ENSP) is seeking proposals for Landowner Incentive Program projects. The proposals should focus on the enhancement of at least one rare species or its habitat in a significant way and describe actions on the private landowner's property that will address management, protection and restoration of habitats that benefit Federally and/or State listed species and/or species of special concern (to obtain a list of New Jersey's State endangered, threatened and species of concern visit www.njfishandwildlife.com/ensphome.htm). Applicants must provide a minimum 25 percent match of the total cost of the project. All proposals shall be designed to document measurable results.

Funding priority will be given to several categories of projects types: 1) grasslands of over 10 acres, 2) existing contracts that have or will expire and provide quality habitat for target species, and 3) non-traditional projects including, but not limited to, bog turtle, Indiana bat, and grassland bird monitoring.

Amount of money in the grant program: The ENSP received and intends to distribute \$69,900 for State fiscal year (SFY) 2011 for selected projects. The Department is making all remaining funds available for grants this year.

Entities that may apply for funding under the program: Entities that may be eligible for funding through LIP include:

- Private landowners; and
- Individuals, non-profit organizations, and corporations with a documented long-term lease on private property (minimum of five years remaining on lease agreement).

In order to qualify for LIP grant funds, applicants must have:

- 1) The ability to provide a minimum 25 percent match of the total project cost (will include discounted standardized rates, in-kind labor and material);
- 2) The ability to implement project as outlined in management agreement; and
- 3) The willingness to sign a project agreement and management plan with the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

To apply for grant funds: Applicants must submit [an application](#). Additionally, applicants may request that a hard copy of the application and the Request for Proposal (RFP) guidelines be mailed to them by calling (609) 292-9400 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday.

The Department must be in receipt of one hard copy and electronic copy of the proposal by July 15, 2010, 5:00 P.M., E.S.T. to be considered for SFY 2011. The delivery address is:

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Division of Fish and Wildlife
Endangered and Nongame Species Program
Landowner Incentive Program
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Electronic versions should be sent to kim.korth@dep.state.nj.us

ALL PROPOSALS THAT ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING WILL BE VISITED BY A BIOLOGIST.

Grant processing schedule:

July 15, 2010	Proposals due to Department
August 15, 2010	Final Funding Decisions

Applicants shall receive notice of approval or disapproval of an LIP Grant by September 15, 2010.