Forestry Grants

DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting Grants
To increase the number of properly planted, established and maintained trees within the service territory of DTE Energy. Approximately $70,000 available annually. Contact: Forest Resources Division, 517-284-5898.

Community Forestry Grants
To provide funds for projects that address the urban forestry needs of municipal governments, schools, nonprofit organizations and volunteer groups throughout Michigan. Approximately $75,000 available annually. Contact: Forest Resources Division, 517-284-5898.

Michigan Volunteer Fire Assistance
To assist fire departments in acquiring firefighting equipment for local communities. Approximately $250,000 available annually. Contact: Forest Resources Division, 517-284-5900.

Law Enforcement & Safety Grants

Marine Safety Grants
To promote safety in the use of recreational watercraft through law enforcement and education. Approximately $2 million available annually ($600,000 federal, $1.4 million state). Contact: Finance and Operations Division, 517-284-5923.

Off-Road Vehicle Safety Education Grants
To promote safety in the use of off-road vehicles through education. Approximately $29,200 available annually. Contact: Parks and Recreation Division, 517-284-7275.

Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grants
To promote safety in the use of snowmobiles through law enforcement and education. Approximately $380,100 available annually. Contact: Parks and Recreation Division, 517-284-7275.

Off-Road Vehicle Law Enforcement Grants
To promote safety in the use of off-road vehicles through law enforcement and education. Approximately $534,600 available annually. Contact: Parks and Recreation Division, 517-284-7275.

Shaping Lives and Communities

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources administers grants that make communities healthier, safer and more vibrant. These grants enable the DNR's local partners to promote the lifestyles we all enjoy by providing recreational opportunities, enhancing wildlife habitat and ensuring public safety. Each year, the DNR offers approximately $80 million in available grant funding to local units of government, state agencies and nonprofit partners.

Each grant program differs in terms of purpose, application deadlines, eligibility and whether matching funds are required. For more information visit Michigan.gov/DNRGrants or call the DNR Grants Management Section at 800-292-7800.

Success Story

One of Michigan's biggest grant program success stories is the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. Since 1976, the Trust Fund has awarded more than $1.1 billion to local and state units of government to conserve and improve high-quality, public outdoor recreation opportunities in all 83 counties. These projects emphasize the unique attributes that make Michigan a special place to live, work and play. Learn more at Michigan.gov/MNRTF.

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Available Grants

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Recreation Grants

Boating Infrastructure Grants
To support construction of public transient boating facilities in the state that meet certain program goals. Approximately $9.7 million available nationwide annually. Contact: Parks and Recreation Division, 517-284-6122.

Clean Vessel Act - Boat Pump-Out Grants
To support new or upgraded pump-out stations and waste reception facilities to safely dispose of recreational boater sewage. Approximately $200,000 available annually. Contact: Finance and Operations Division, 517-284-7268.

Land and Water Conservation Fund
To provide matching grants to state and local governments for the development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Approximately $2.5 million available annually. Contact: Finance and Operations Division, 517-284-7268.

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
To support acquisition and development of land for natural resource conservation and public outdoor recreation projects. Approximately $23 million available each fiscal year. Contact: Finance and Operations Division, 517-284-7268.

Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvement Program
To provide funding for maintenance of ORV trails and facilities as part of the designated statewide trail system. Approximately $3.2 million available annually. Contact: Parks and Recreation Division, 517-284-7275.

Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program
To provide grants to state and local governments for the development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities in urban areas. Approximately $10 million available annually. Contact: Finance and Operations Division, 517-284-7268.

Recreation Passport Grant Program
To provide funding to local units of government for development and renovation of public outdoor and indoor recreation facilities. Approximately $1.5 million available annually. Contact: Finance and Operations Division, 517-284-7268.

Snowmobile Trail Improvement Program
To maintain snowmobile trails as part of the designated statewide trail system. Approximately $8 million available annually. Contact: Parks and Recreation Division, 517-284-7275.

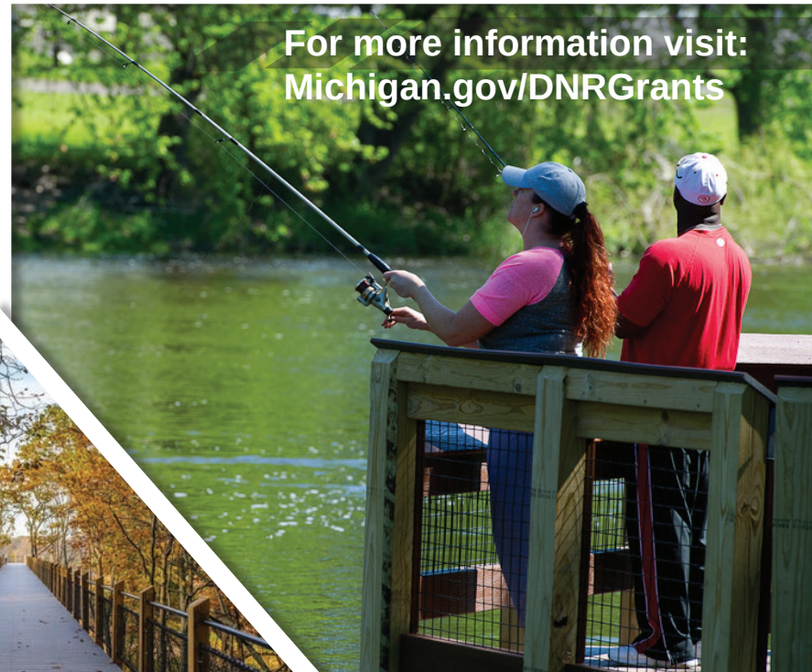
Waterways Program Grants
To provide assistance for design and construction of public recreational harbor/marina and boating access site/launch facilities. Approximately $2.5 million available annually. Contact: Parks and Recreation Division, 517-284-6122.

Aquatic and Wildlife Grants

Fisheries Habitat Grant Program
To support a variety of activities to benefit fisheries, aquatic resources and the public, including fish habitat conservation, dam removal and repair, and access to recreation. Approximately $1.825 million available annually. Contact: Finance and Operations Division, 517-284-7268.

Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program
To address strategic issues of prevention, detection, eradication and control for both terrestrial and aquatic invasive species in Michigan. $3.6 million available annually. Contact: Finance and Operations Division, 517-284-7268.

Deer Plan – Northern Lower Peninsula Deer Private Land Assistance Network Grant Program
To produce tangible deer habitat improvements; foster productive relationships between the DNR, hunting organizations and private landowners; and increase deer availability in the northern Lower Peninsula. Approximately $50,000 available annually. Contact: Deer Program, 989-732-3541, ext. 5044.

Upper Peninsula Deer Habitat Improvement Program
To foster productive relationships between the DNR, hunting organizations, concerned citizens and other partners that improve deer habitat and educate the public. Approximately $50,000 available annually. Contact: Wildlife Division, 906-563-9247.

Wildlife Habitat Grant Program
To enhance and improve the quality and quantity of game species habitat. Approximately $1 million available annually. Contact: Finance and Operations Division, 517-284-7268.