

2026 NCLWF Grant Awards

approved 10/1/2026



Summary of Funded Projects

Acquisition (Military Buffer)
Acquisition (Non-military)
Restoration
Innovative Stormwater
Planning
Donation Mini-Grants*
Total

Amount	Number
\$5,233,630	4
\$18,503,569	11
\$3,203,321	9
\$842,320	4
\$1,203,555	18
\$37,000	1
\$29,023,395	47

*** Up to \$500,000 will be allocated for Donation Mini-Grants from available funds as applications are approved**

****Note: Provisional Awards are made pending revenue that may become available before July 1, 2027, but this is not a guarantee of funding. As funds become available, we will notify recipients and update this page.**

Project Name	Award (Funded Projects)	Provisional Award **	Award Order	County
ACQUISITION PROJECTS				
2026-059 - Piedmont Land Conservancy - Guilford Woods - UT Horsepen Creek	\$2,918,650		ACQ - 1	Guilford
2026-021 - Highlands Cashiers Land Trust - Peregrine Tract	\$2,569,925		ACQ - 2	Jackson
2026-056 - Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. - Trout Creek	\$3,100,000		ACQ - 3	Jackson
2026-048 - NC Wildlife Resources Commission - Price Tract - Three Top Mountain Game Land	\$104,000		ACQ - 4	Ashe
2026-032 - NC Coastal Federation - Temple Farms Tract - North River Headwaters (Military)	\$600,975		ACQ - 5	Carteret
2026-017 - Foothills Conservancy of NC - Hickorynut Mountain Phase 3 - South Mountains State Park	\$4,000,000		ACQ - 6	McDowell
2026-024 - Mainspring Conservation Trust - Shanty Gap - Nantahala Game Land	\$276,681		ACQ - 7	Graham
2026-075 - Triangle Land Conservancy - Lone Oak Farm - Mill Creek (Military)	\$677,500		ACQ - 8	Johnston
2026-084 - Three Rivers Land Trust - Methodist University Forest - Cape Fear River	\$694,915		ACQ - 9	Cumberland
2026-079 - The Nature Conservancy - Autry Tract - Phoenix Mountain Preserve (Military)	\$1,580,055		ACQ - 10	Ashe
2026-027 - Mainspring Conservation Trust - Watkins Creek - Future Game Land	\$919,700		ACQ - 11	Cherokee
2026-062 - Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy - Georges Fork Headwaters	\$916,548		ACQ - 12	Yancey
2026-070 - The Conservation Fund - Tuckertown Bluffs - Yadkin River Game Land	\$3,000,000		ACQ - 13	Rowan
2026-033 - NC Coastal Land Trust - Weyerhaeuser Carteret 7 - Adams Creek (Military)	\$2,375,100		ACQ - 14	Carteret

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ACQUISITION PROJECTS (continued)				
2026-058 - NC DA&CS Plant Conservation Program - Johnson Merson Tracts - Boiling Spring Lakes PCP Preserve	\$3,150		ACQ - 15	Brunswick
2026-081 - The Nature Conservancy - Milam Tract - Phoenix Mountain Preserve (Military)		\$854,985	ACQ - 16	Ashe
2026-015 - Foothills Conservancy of NC - Chestnut Mountain Tract - Brushy Mountains		\$279,468	ACQ - 17	Alexander
2026-004 - Conserving Carolina - Confluence Tract - Cane Creek Greenway		\$422,418	ACQ - 18	Henderson
2026-053 - NC Wildlife Resources Commission - Temple Tracts - Gull Rock Game Land		\$316,000	ACQ - 19	Hyde
2026-036 - NC Division of Parks and Recreation - Cokesbury Road Tract - Raven Rock State Park		\$817,368	ACQ - 20	Harnett
2026-043 - NC Wildlife Resources Commission - High Rock Bluffs Tract - Yadkin River Game Land		\$1,002,000	ACQ - 21	Davidson
2026-018 - Foothills Conservancy of NC - Lenoir Trust Tract - Green Mountain		\$312,280	ACQ - 22	Caldwell
2026-083 - Three Rivers Land Trust - Big Branch Tracts - Future Game Land		\$1,631,400	ACQ - 23	Ashe
2026-038 - NC Division of Parks and Recreation - South Fork Tracts - New River State Park		\$337,300	ACQ - 24	Ashe
2026-082 - Tar River Land Conservancy - Griffin Tract - Fishing Creek		\$532,990	ACQ - 25	Nash
2026-078 - The Nature Conservancy - Alexander Tract - Sandhills Conservation Corridor (Military)		\$174,610	ACQ - 26	Scotland
2026-076 - Triangle Land Conservancy - Lowgrounds Phase 2 - Neuse River (Military)		\$575,700	ACQ - 27	Johnston
2026-061 - Piedmont Land Conservancy - Millers Mill - Upper Uwharrie River		\$1,136,106	ACQ - 28	Randolph
2026-040 - NC Wildlife Resources Commission - Edwards Timber Tract - Holly Shelter Game Land		\$432,500	ACQ - 29	Pender
2026-002 - Blue Ridge Conservancy - Pruess Tract - Tater Hill PCP Preserve		\$187,700	ACQ - 30	Watauga
2026-074 - Triangle Land Conservancy - Little Beaverdam Creek Connector - Falls Lake		\$1,010,692	ACQ - 31	Wake
2026-077 - Triangle Land Conservancy - Rainbow Canyon Tract - Neuse River		\$268,950	ACQ - 32	Johnston
2026-054 - NC Wildlife Resources Commission - United Methodist Foundation Tract - Sandhills Game Land (Military)		\$838,997	ACQ - 33	Richmond

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ACQUISITION PROJECTS (continued)				
2026-066 - The Conservation Fund - Blue Rock Tract - South Toe River		\$908,606	ACQ - 34	Yancey
2026-030 - NC Coastal Federation - Weyerhaeuser Carteret 10 - North River Wetlands Preserve		\$2,436,225	ACQ - 35	Carteret
2026-068 - The Conservation Fund - Mayo Dam Tract - Washington Mill Park		\$85,241	ACQ - 36	Rockingham
2026-064 - The Conservation Fund - Avalon Dam Tract - Mayo River		\$162,271	ACQ - 37	Rockingham
2026-028 - NC Coastal Federation - Bear Ridge Tracts - North River Wetlands Preserve		\$1,097,225	ACQ - 38	Carteret
2026-080 - The Nature Conservancy - Coastal Plains LLC Tract - Antioch Bay		\$605,462	ACQ - 39	Hoke
2026-022 - Town of Mars Hill - West Farm - Banjo Branch		\$584,295	ACQ - 40	Madison
Acquisition Total	\$23,737,199	\$17,010,789		
INNOVATIVE STORMWATER PROJECTS				
2026-1006 - NC State University- Sponsored Programs - Dry to Batch Detention - Retrofit Study	\$215,874		ISW - 1	Johnston
2026-1005 - NC State University- Sponsored Programs - Bivalves in Wet Ponds - Retrofit Study	\$195,311		ISW - 2	Wake
2026-1007 - NC State University- Sponsored Programs - Helene Damage to Restored Streams - Site Impact Assessment	\$57,635		ISW - 3	Buncombe
2026-1008 - Town of Oak Island - 74th Street Dune Infiltration - Pilot Project	\$200,000		ISW - 4	Brunswick
2026-1004 - NC Coastal Federation - Constructed Saltwater Wetland - Retrofit Study	\$173,500		ISW - 5	Dare
Innovative Stormwater Total	\$842,320	\$0		

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PLANNING PROJECTS				
2026-811 - Town of Mayodan - Mayo and Avalon Dams - Dam Removal Plans	\$63,750		PLAN - 1	Rockingham
2026-819 - The Conservation Fund - Haw River - Cane Creek Confluence - Watershed Plan	\$62,277		PLAN - 2	Alamance
2026-812 - Mountain Valleys RC&D Inc. - Ivy River - Watershed Plan	\$71,820		PLAN - 3	Buncombe
2026-813 - NC Coastal Federation - Lower Chowan River - Watershed Plan	\$75,000		PLAN - 4	Chowan
2026-802 - Conserving Carolina - Pisgah National Forest Boundary Lands - Restoration Plan	\$75,000		PLAN - 5	Transylvania
2026-810 - Haywood Waterways Association - Upper Hominy Creek - Watershed Plan	\$75,000		PLAN - 6	Haywood
2026-805 - Deep River Riverkeeper - Deep River Headwaters - Water Quality Plan	\$60,000		PLAN - 7	Guilford
2026-803 - Conserving Carolina - Upper Broad River - Watershed Plan	\$75,000		PLAN - 8	Buncombe
2026-816 - Piedmont Conservation Council - Third Fork Creek - Restoration Plan	\$75,000		PLAN - 9	Durham
2026-804 - Carolina Wetlands Association - Waccamaw-Siouan Tribe - Flood and Restoration Plan	\$75,000		PLAN - 10	Bladen
2026-815 - Piedmont Conservation Council - Pritchard Mill Creek Watershed - Restoration Plan	\$74,300		PLAN - 11	Orange
2026-817 - Sound Rivers Inc - Adkin Branch - Watershed Plan	\$50,000		PLAN - 12	Lenoir
2026-818 - Sound Rivers Inc - Pikeville Slough Watershed - Restoration Plan	\$75,000		PLAN - 13	Wayne
2026-809 - Haw River Assembly - Tom's Creek Watershed - Flood Resiliency Plan	\$65,000		PLAN - 14	Orange
2026-807 - City of Greenville - FEMA Buyout Lots - Restoration Plan	\$51,408		PLAN - 15	Pitt
2026-806 - Foothills Conservancy of NC - Brushy Mountains - Conservation Plan	\$30,000		PLAN - 16	Caldwell
2026-814 - Piedmont Conservation Council - Glencoe Dam - Haw River - Dam Removal Plan	\$75,000		PLAN - 17	Alamance
2026-801 - Albemarle RC & D - Perquimans River Living Shoreline - Feasibility Study	\$75,000		PLAN - 18	Perquimans
Planning Total	\$1,203,555	\$0		

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RESTORATION PROJECTS				
2026-418 - NC Coastal Federation - North River Headwaters - Wetland Restoration	\$498,500		REST - 1	Carteret
2026-437 - The Nature Conservancy - Cape Fear River	\$750,000		REST - 2	Bladen
2026-412 - Haywood Waterways Association - Clyde Flood Resiliency Phase 3 - Pigeon River	\$93,250		REST - 3	Haywood
2026-417 - NC Coastal Federation - Living Shoreline Cost Share Program 2026	\$560,270		REST - 4	Carteret
2026-436 - Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy - Doubleside Knob - Beaverdam Creek	\$520,500		REST - 5	Haywood
2026-419 - NC Coastal Federation - Roanoke and Stump Sounds - Oyster Reef Restoration	\$118,757		REST - 6	Dare
2026-438 - The Nature Conservancy - Egg Bay - Wetland Restoration	\$180,000		REST - 7	Bladen
2026-440 - Wilkes Soil & Water Conservation District - Painter Lane - Mulberry Creek	\$274,364		REST - 8	Wilkes
2026-404 - Blue Ridge RC&D - Grassy Creek Phase 2	\$207,680		REST - 9	Mitchell
2026-424 - Resource Institute - Edgemont LTD - Wilson Creek		\$750,000	REST - 10	Caldwell
2026-415 - Mountain True Inc - Burningtown Lakes - Dam Removal and Restoration		\$480,000	REST - 11	Macon
2026-422 - Piedmont Conservation Council - Jordan Farm - Guffy Branch		\$308,120	REST - 12	Wake
2026-435 - RiverLink, Inc. - Beacon Park - UT Swannanoa River		\$405,000	REST - 13	Buncombe
2026-406 - Blue Ridge RC&D - Todd Island Park Phase 4 - New River		\$101,400	REST - 14	Ashe
2026-426 - Resource Institute - John C. Campbell Folk School - Little Brasstown Creek		\$473,500	REST - 15	Cherokee
2026-423 - Piedmont Conservation Council - Leonard Rec Center - Horsepen Creek		\$624,702	REST - 16	Guilford
Restoration Total	\$3,203,321	\$3,142,722		
DONATION MINI-GRANT PROJECTS				
2026D-016 - Triangle Land Conservancy - Jahnke Tact	\$37,000	✓		Orange
Donation Mini-Grant Total	\$37,000	\$0		
All Programs Total	\$29,023,395	\$20,153,511		