

The Sounds Conservancy Grants Program

*Supporting
Education and Research
in New England's
Southern Marine Region
and Long Island Sound*



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The Sounds Conservancy, founded in 1984 by Christopher Percy, was devoted to the protection of southern New England's marine resources through advocacy, publications, and grants to encourage research into marine science, education, and conservation. Upon Mr. Percy's retirement in 1995, QLF/Atlantic Center for the Environment assumed the Conservancy's assets and its Grants Program. The Sounds Conservancy Program consists of four named endowed funds—The Charles W. Kitchings Fund, The Norcross Wildlife Fund, The Sounds Conservancy Fund, and The Sounds Conservancy Dedicated Operating Fund. Moreover, The Race Rock Regatta provides a generous yearly contribution. With Chris's untimely death in 2002, QLF's commitment to coastal and marine conservation remains steadfast.

Quebec-Labrador Foundation Atlantic Center for the Environment (QLF)

QLF, a nonprofit conservation and education organization founded in 1961 and incorporated in both the United States and Canada, exists to support the rural communities and environment of eastern Canada and New England (the "Atlantic Region"), and to provide models for stewardship of natural resources and cultural heritage that can be applied worldwide. Communities in the Atlantic Region face similar challenges to ecological integrity and community sustainability. It makes sense for communities across the region to share solutions to common problems.

The Sounds Conservancy (TSC) Grants Program

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Sounds Conservancy Grants Program is dedicated to supporting the conservation and restoration of the sounds of Long Island, Fishers Island, Block Island, Rhode Island, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket and their adjacent coastlines in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island.

GRANTS PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program encourages and supports projects which lead to: *i*) greater public awareness and understanding of our coastal resources and environmental quality needs; *ii*) improved marine resource management and coastal management policies; *iii*) a better understanding and management of our region's coastal fisheries and their habitats; *iv*) new careers, job opportunities, and enterprises in the environmental and economic sectors of marine-related industries.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS

All university, college, and high school students, private individuals, and nonprofit organizations whose projects are within the region described above are eligible.

SIZE AND USE OF GRANTS

Grants average \$1,000 and will not exceed \$2,500. TSC encourages applicants to seek other sources of funding to share project costs. A small portion of the grant may be reserved until TSC receives the final report. Funds provided may cover such costs as: purchase of materials and equipment, travel, fees for computer time, and publication and printing.

AWARDING OF GRANTS

The Selection Committee will award grants on the basis of: program objectives, originality of proposal, perceived usefulness of the proposed research or product, qualification of the applicant, and budget availability. For a list of recent grants, check our web site (www.QLF.org) under Programs and Activities.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To apply, submit *only* the following:

- application form (type or print neatly and detach, copies accepted);
- one-page project summary (no more than 400 words) which should include the project's objective, problem description, and strategy as well as who stands to benefit and how the results will be shared;
- one-page income and expense budget;
- one-page resume of the applicant.

Applications must be *postmarked* by May 1st. Applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision by May 18th.

In addition to a final report and an expense budget, we ask recipients to submit a one-page, non-technical project summary that we will include in our annual compilation of project results.

For additional applications or to discuss a project prior to submitting an application, contact QLF.

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TSC Grant Request

Mail to:

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Applicant	
Name(s)	_____
Affiliation	_____
Address	_____
Town	_____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone ()	_____ Fax () _____ Email _____
Permanent Address	

Town	_____ State _____ ZIP _____
Permanent Phone ()	_____ Email _____

Advisor (if applicable)	
Name(s)	_____
Affiliation	_____
Address	_____

Town	_____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone ()	_____ Fax () _____ Email _____

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Project Title _____

Duration of Project: From _____ To _____

Amount Requested _____ Total Project Budget _____

To Whom Funds Should be Paid _____

Application Checklist:

(attach only materials listed below and adhere to page and word limits)

- application form
- one page project summary
- one page income and expense budget
- one page resume of applicant

Deadline: Postmarked by 1 May

I agree to recognize The Sounds Conservancy (TSC) as having supported this project. In addition, upon termination of the project and/or final expenditure of the funds provided, I will submit to TSC a final report (including an expense budget) and a one-page, non-technical summary.

(Signature of Applicant)

Where did you hear about us? _____