

# 2025 Casco Bay Estuary Partnership (CBEP) Grant Programs



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## General Grant Programs

**Habitat Protection Fund**  
*Up to \$25,000*  
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Projects that take tangible steps toward the permanent protection of parcels that are integral to aquatic ecosystems and secure public access to water resources and open space.

*Example projects:*

- Transaction costs – boundary surveys, attorney fees, environmental assessments, appraisal costs, and title research
- Purchase costs associated with securing a conservation easement or fee ownership; seed monies for fundraising
- Stewardship costs for donated parcels or easements

*Next Grant Round Anticipated Winter 2025*

**Community Grants**  
*Up to \$5,000*  
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CBEP's Community Grants program encourages new partnerships and innovative projects that engage communities with Casco Bay and its watershed.

*Example projects:*

- Marine education
- Community science and stewardship initiatives
- Community planning and engagement
- Storytelling and art projects
- Place-based or experiential education

*Next Grant Round Anticipated Winter 2025*

# Resilience and Monitoring Grants

## Resilient Communities Up to \$25,000



Projects that advance planning or strengthen networks to increase community resilience. Funds can be used to organize trainings, support plan development, and create new committees and working groups.

### *Example projects:*

- Hiring a contractor to help develop a Climate Action Plan
- Engaging the community in developing climate resilience visions and setting priorities
- Carrying out a climate vulnerability assessment

## Resilient Habitats Up to \$25,000



Projects that take tangible steps toward the restoration or enhancement of aquatic habitats with the intent of building ecosystem resilience. Funds can be used to support site assessments, project design, and permitting costs.

### *Example projects:*

- Planning, assessment, data collection, engineering design, permitting, or implementation of tidal wetland restoration using the [CoastWise Approach](#) or other best practices
- Designing or installing a [StreamSmart](#) culvert replacement to improve fish passage
- Exploring new methods for building resilience in coastal ecosystems including tidal marshes, tidal flats, shellfish bars and reefs, islands, and eelgrass beds

## Monitoring Infrastructure Up to \$25,000



Projects that increase monitoring infrastructure and capacity in Casco Bay. Funds can be used to support equipment purchases, protocol development, and learning opportunities.

### *Example projects:*

- Purchasing equipment to monitor river health near a major construction site
- Upgrading outdated equipment to enable higher quality and more frequent data collection
- Buying start-up supplies for a new monitoring group
- Funding time and supplies to develop new lab protocols

Pre-applications due: **January 17, 2025**

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