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<b>Recreational Use</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Watershed Surveys and Planning	Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/</a>	To provide for cooperation with other federal, state and local agencies in making investigations and surveys of river basins as a basis for developing coordinated water resources programs. Also provides for watershed planning activities that are needed to conserve, distribute, develop, protect, restore, use water, and provide the technical information to enable communities to adopt floodplain management regulations to meet the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.
	Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program	National Park Service, Department of the Interior <a href="http://www.nps.gov/">http://www.nps.gov/</a>	To provide federal grants to local governments for the rehabilitation of recreation areas and facilities, demonstration of innovative approaches to improve park system management and recreation opportunities, and development of improved recreation planning.
	Outdoor Recreation-Acquisition, Development and Planning	National Park Service, Department of the Interior <a href="http://www.nps.gov/">http://www.nps.gov/</a>	To provide financial assistance to states and their political subdivisions for the preparation of Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan s(SCORPs) and acquisition and development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities for the general public, to meet current and future needs.
	Resource Conservation and Development Loans	Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture <a href="http://www.usda.gov/rus/">http://www.usda.gov/rus/</a>	To provide loans to local agencies in authorized areas where accelerated programs of resource conservation, development, and use will increase economic opportunities for local people through conservation of water and natural resources.
	Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance	National Park Service, Department of the Interior <a href="http://www.nps.gov/">http://www.nps.gov/</a>	To provide staff assistance to support partnerships between government and citizens to increase the number of rivers and landscapes protected and trails established nationwide.
	Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)	Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/</a>	To restore and protect farmed wetlands, prior converted wetlands, wetlands farmed under natural condition, riparian areas, and eligible buffer areas for landowners who have eligible land on which they agree to enter into a permanent or long-term easement with the Secretary.
<b>Other (Community Gardens and environmental education)</b>	Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program	National Park Service, Department of the Interior <a href="http://www.nps.gov/">http://www.nps.gov/</a>	To provide federal grants to local governments for the rehabilitation of recreation areas and facilities, demonstration of innovative approaches to improve park system management and recreation opportunities, and development of improved recreation planning.

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	Water Resources Development Project Grants	North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources <b>Contact: John Sutherland</b> <b>(919) 715-5446</b>	To provide grants for non-federal costs of water resources development projects to units of local government that sponsor such projects for the following purposes: general navigatin; recreational navigation; water management including flood control and drainage; stream restoration; beach protection; water-based recreation; and aquatic weed control.
	Adopt-a-Trail Program, National Trails Program	North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, <b>Contact: Darrell L. McBane</b> <b>(919) 846-9991</b>	To provide grant funding for trail planning, construction, maintenance, signs, brochures, and maps.
	Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)	North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources <b>Contact: John Poole</b> <b>(919) 715-2662</b>	To provide matching funds for local recreation and parks purposes, including the development of public recreation areas and facilities.
	Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Grant Program	North Carolina Division of Coastal Management <b>Contact: Richard Shaw</b> <b>(919) 733-2293</b> <b>Rich. Shaw@mail.enr.state.nc.us</b>	To provide grants for improving pedestrian access to public beaches and other waterfronts (rivers and sounds) within North Carolina's coastal area.
	North Carolina Coastal Fishing Access Program	NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources <b>Contact: Maury Wolff</b> <b>(919) 726-7021</b>	To provide new or expand existing sportfishing access facilities for coastal anglers. Can use piers, bridge catwalks, capped jetties to provide improved access for shore-bound anglers. Project site must be located in Coastal or Joint Access Waters as defined by the Division of Marine Fisheries/Wildlife Resources Commission and provide access for the public.
	Community Facilities Loans	Rural Housing Service (RHS), Department of Agriculture <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/agency/rhs/rhs.html">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/agency/rhs/rhs.html</a>	To construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve community facilities providing essential services to rural residents
	Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention	Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/</a>	To provide technical and financial assistance in planning and carrying out works of improvement to protect, develop, and use the land and water resources in small watersheds.
	River Basin Surveys and Investigations	Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/</a>	To provide planning assistance to federal, state and local agencies for developing coordinated water and related land resources programs. Special priority is given to the objectives of setting priorities in helping to solve problems of upstream rural community flooding, water quality improvement coming from agricultural nonpoint sources, wetland preservation and drought management for agriculture and rural communities.

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Environmental Protection: (wetland restoration, habitat improvement/conservation, water quality protection)	Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Loans	Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture <a href="http://www.usda.gov/rus/">http://www.usda.gov/rus/</a>	To provide loans to local organizations for works of improvement in authorized watersheds.
	Soil and Water Conservation	Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/</a>	To plan and carry out a national natural resource conservation program, and to provide leadership in conservation, development, and productive use of the nation's soil, water, and related resources.
	Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention	Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/</a>	To provide technical and financial assistance in planning and carry out works of improvement to protect, develop, and use the land and water resources in small watersheds.
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	Water Pollution Control-Lake Restoration Cooperative Agreements	Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency <a href="http://www.epa.gov/OW/">http://www.epa.gov/OW/</a>	To provide financial assistance to states and certain Indian tribes for assessing the water quality of publicly owned lakes; diagnosing the causes of degradation in publicly owned lakes; developing lake restoration and protection plans; implementing these plans to restore and preserve the lake; and post-restoration monitoring to determine the longevity and effectiveness of restoration.
	Environmental Protection Consolidated Grants-Program Support	Office of Administration, Environmental Protection Agency <a href="http://www.epa.gov/epahome/OAR_M.html">http://www.epa.gov/epahome/OAR_M.html</a>	The consolidated program support grant is an alternative assistance delivery mechanism which allows a state or local agency responsible for continuing pollution control programs to develop an integrated approach to pollution control. An agency eligible for assistance for two or more pollution control programs may consolidate its assistance requests into a single application and receive a single consolidated award in an effort to reduce administrative and application costs.
	Pollution Prevention Grants Program	Environmental Protection Agency <a href="http://www.epa.gov/p2/">http://www.epa.gov/p2/</a>	To support state and local level pollution programs that address the reduction of pollutants across all environmental media: air, land and water.

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Flood Control (detention pond, watershed protection)	Water Resources Development Project Grants	North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Contact: John Sutherland (919) 715-5466	To provide grants for non-federal costs of water resources development projects to units of local government who sponsor such projects for the following purposes: general navigation; recreational navigation; water management, including flood control and drainage; stream restoration; beach protection; water-based recreation; and aquatic weed control.
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	Flood Control Projects	Office of the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, Department of Defense <a href="http://www.usace.army.mil/">http://www.usace.army.mil/</a>	To reduce flood damages through projects not specifically authorized by Congress.
	Snagging and Clearing for Flood Control	Office of the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, Department of Defense <a href="http://www.usace.army.mil/">http://www.usace.army.mil/</a>	To reduce flood damages.
	Resource Conservation and Development	Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/</a>	To encourage and improve the capability of state and local units of government and local nonprofit organizations in rural areas to plan, develop and carry out programs for resource conservation and development.

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Environmental Protection: (wetland restoration, habitat improvement/conservation, water quality protection)	Clean Water Management Trust Fund	Clean Water Management Trust Fund Contact: (252) 830-3222	To enhance or restore degraded waters, protect unpolluted waters, and/or contribute toward a network of riparian buffers and greenways for environmental, educational, and recreational benefits.
	319 Grant	Division of Water Quality, Department of Environment and Natural Resources Contact: Linda Hargrove (919) 733-5083	To control nonpoint sources (NPS) of water pollution. Section 319 of the Clean Water Act authorizes EPA to issue grants to assist states in implementing those management programs.
	North Carolina Natural Heritage Trust Fund	Natural Heritage Trust Fund Contact: (919) 715-8703	A supplemental funding source for state agencies to acquire and protect the state's ecological diversity and cultural heritage and to inventory the natural areas of the state.
	Urban and Community Forestry Grant	North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Contact: Barry New (919) 733-2162 ext. 249	To encourage citizen involvement in creating and supporting long-term and sustained urban and community forestry programs.
	Water Resources Development Project Grants	North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Contact: John Sutherland (919) 715-5446	To provide grants for non-federal costs of water resources development projects to units of local government who sponsor such projects for the following purposes: general navigation; recreational navigation; water management including flood control and drainage; stream restoration; beach protection; water-based recreation; and aquatic weed control.
	North Carolina Wetlands Restoration Program	Division of Water Quality, Department of Environment and Natural Resources Contact: (919) 733-5083	To restore functions and values lost through historic, current, and future wetland impacts. To increase the ecological effectiveness of required wetlands mitigation and to promote a comprehensive approach to the protection of natural resources.
	Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)	Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/</a>	To restore and protect farmed wetlands, prior converted wetlands, wetlands farmed under natural condition, riparian areas, and eligible buffer areas for landowners who have eligible land on which they agree to enter into a permanent or long-term easement with the Secretary.