



# New England Grassroots Environment Fund

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(NOTE: This list is by no means exhaustive but a good place to start)

**Associated Grant Makers (AGM)** – [www.agmconnect.org](http://www.agmconnect.org): The regional association of grantmakers for MA and RI, providing information and resources for grantmakers and grant seekers. AGM publishes a comprehensive directory of Massachusetts Grantmakers, which is also available to members online.

**Ben and Jerry's Foundation** – <http://benandjerrysfoundation.org>: Grants to not-for-profit grassroots organizations, throughout the United States, facilitating social change by addressing the underlying conditions of social and environmental problems.

**Chronicle for Philanthropy** – [www.philanthropy.com](http://www.philanthropy.com): The “newspaper of the nonprofit world” provides news and information related to fundraising, including grants information, job listings, and more. Much of the site is restricted to subscribers, but many articles are free of charge.

**Community Foundations** – These foundations have a number of grant programs, some unrestricted and many of them donor-advised, for groups within the specific state. Check each website listed for your state. Massachusetts and Connecticut have regional community foundations, so check for those in your geographic area.

*Maine Community Foundation* – [www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org) *New Hampshire Charitable Foundation* – [www.nhcf.org](http://www.nhcf.org) *Rhode Island Foundation* – [www.rifoundation.org](http://www.rifoundation.org) *Vermont Community Foundation* – [www.vermontcf.org](http://www.vermontcf.org)

**Environmental Support Center (ESC)** – [www.envsc.org](http://www.envsc.org): Provides training and organizational assistance grants for capacity building. Also has a Leadership and Enhanced Assistance Program (LEAP) that provides larger funds for long-term assistance with organizational development.

**The Foundation Center** – [www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org): An independent organization that provides information on foundation and corporate giving. Publishes a comprehensive Foundation Directory, available at many public libraries and/or state government libraries.

**Guidestar** – [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org): The self-proclaimed “donor’s guide to the charitable universe”, this site provides a searchable database of more than 700,000 U. S. nonprofit organizations, including foundations, and serves as a gateway to online fundraising resources. You can look at each organization’s 990 Form which lists recipients and amounts of grants in the latest tax year.

**Haymarket People’s Fund** – [www.haymarket.org](http://www.haymarket.org): An activist based foundation committed to social change/environmental justice, Haymarket supports incorporated and unincorporated organizations throughout New England that organize or provide resources for organizing around a wide spectrum of issues, and who reflect in their action as well as their vision the principles Haymarket upholds. Groups must engage in grassroots organizing or provide resources for grassroots organizing efforts (note the focus on social change!).

[www.grassrootsfund.org](http://www.grassrootsfund.org)



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**New England Grassroots Environment Fund (NEGEF)** – [www.grassrootsfund.org](http://www.grassrootsfund.org): A New England based organization, NEGEF offers small grants up to \$3,500 to New England grassroots groups working on a variety of environmental/sustainability initiatives in their communities. Applicants can be all-volunteer ad hoc groups as well as incorporated organizations with up to two full-time staff. Seed Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for up-and-coming groups looking for smaller support on community-based projects, while Grow Grants of up to \$3,500 are generally for established groups trying to deepen or expand a project. NEGEF also provides training and technical assistance to its grantees. The website has links to information about events and training resources in New England.

**Norcross Wildlife Foundation** – [www.norcrosswildlife.org](http://www.norcrosswildlife.org): Focusing on small grants organizations with limited staff and ability to raise funds. Technology focused grant support.

**Patagonia** – <http://www.patagonia.com/us/patagonia.go?assetid=2927>: Funding action oriented work that focuses on root causes including radical and strategic steps to protect habit, wilderness and biodiversity.

**Resist, Inc.** – [www.resistinc.org](http://www.resistinc.org): Funds activist organizing and education work within movements for social change. Also provides grassroots organizations with technical assistance and information about other funding sources.

**TechSoup** – [www.techsoup.org](http://www.techsoup.org): Sells hardware and software to nonprofit organizations at no cost and/or very low prices. Software includes fundraising programs, as well as website development, database management, desktop publishing, etc.