

DOI Historic and Cultural Resources Opportunities

- [NPS Historic Preservation Fund](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservation/historic-preservation-fund.htm) – <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservation/historic-preservation-fund.htm>
 - Provides matching grants to State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, local governments and non-profits, to pay for surveys and repairs to historic resources.
- [Disaster Recovery Grants](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/disaster-recovery.htm) – <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/disaster-recovery.htm>
 - \$50 million was earmarked for NPS for expenses related to disasters before and in CY 2024. Amount for Helene and grant application timelines TBD.
 - Previously available to state, tribal, and local governments AND private property owners, administered through state partners. Priority to Certified Local Governments.
- [Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/upload/Bruhn_24_041524_508.pdf) – https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/upload/Bruhn_24_041524_508.pdf
 - Provides funding of \$200-750k (estimated 15-20 grants awarded) to foster economic development in rural communities through the rehabilitation of historic properties.
 - Essentially, it's a grant that allows governments and organizations to sub-award to properties on the National Register of Historic Places in towns of less than 50,000.
- [Preservation Technology and Training Cooperative Agreements](https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/358002) – <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/358002>
 - Intended for cultural resource projects which will create better tools, better materials, and better approaches to conserving buildings, landscapes, and cultural resources. The cooperative agreements should be seen as pushing the cultural resource field of preservation forward, showcasing a new model of preservation practice.
 - Applications due by March 4, 2025.

DOI Natural Resources Opportunities

- [Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program](https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/natural-disasters.htm) – <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/natural-disasters.htm>
 - NCR Field Coordinator can request that the RTCA folks participate as Subject Matter Experts and provide an initial scoping meeting.
 - Planning/designing/reassessing destroyed parks and greenways to develop master plans to guide restoration efforts.
 - Can include SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats Analysis), assistance with planning, and help identifying potential partners and stakeholders.
- [Land and Water Conservation Fund State and Local Assistance](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/stateside.htm) – <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/stateside.htm>
 - supports locally led outdoor recreation projects by providing matching grants to state and local governments. With these resources, state and local governments can create and improve parks and recreation areas.

National Endowment for the Arts Efforts Underway:

- Upcoming site visits and round tables in Madison, Mitchell, and Buncombe counties.

*Natural and Cultural Resources Recovery Support Function
Resources Available and Coming Soon*

- NEA's Creative Forces program is working with the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response to deploy a Creative Arts Therapist to Buncombe County. If this is something your county/municipality could benefit from, let me know.
- Potential for UNC Charlotte-led mini-workshops/charrettes for rural communities who need to redesign their main streets and public spaces after flooding.

USDA Resources – Mostly for Individuals, not Governments

- [Timber Production Expansion Guaranteed Loan Program \(TPEP\)](https://www.rd.usda.gov/timber-production-expansion-guaranteed-loan-program-tpep) –
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 - Provides financial support to qualified lenders whose loan applicants want to establish, reopen, expand, or improve a sawmill or other wood processing facility that processes ecosystem restoration byproducts from USDA Forest Service National Forest System lands, along with Indian forest and rangelands.
 - Who can apply? Eligible individuals, organizations, federally recognized Tribes, or businesses engaged – or proposing to engage – in establishing, reopening, retrofitting, expanding, or improving sawmills or other wood processing facilities.
- [Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/tools/informational/fact-sheets/emergency-assistance-livestock-honeybees-farm-raised-fish-program-4) –
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 - provides financial assistance to eligible producers for losses due to certain adverse weather events.
 - Deadline for this round of funding has been extended to March 3.
- [Tree Assistance Program](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/tree-assistance-program) – <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/tree-assistance-program>
 - Provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes, and vines damaged by natural disasters.
 - Deadline for this round of funding has been extended to June 1, 2025 in states affected by Debby, Helene, and Milton. Sign up at local Farm Services Admin Office.
- <https://www.farmers.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fpac-hurricane-assistance-factsheet.pdf>
- [Post-Hurricane Disaster Assistance Fact Sheet](https://www.farmers.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fpac-hurricane-assistance-factsheet.pdf) -
<https://www.farmers.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fpac-hurricane-assistance-factsheet.pdf>
 - Available handout – list of USDA disaster relief programs

FEMA Resources

- [Nature Based Solutions Guide](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_riskmap-nature-based-solutions-guide_2021.pdf) -
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