

Framework for Grants to fund Water/Coastal Resiliency Related Projects for Benton Harbor/St. Joseph River Harbor

Grantor/Grant Program	Grantee	Amount	Project Description	Location	Project Period/Project Status
HUD/Community Project in FY23 Budget	City of Benton Harbor	\$3,000,000	Soft Costs ONLY – see email from Mary Weidel, HUD HEROS online system	Ox Creek Corridor	Awarded – through 2031
MDNR Spark grant	City of Benton Harbor	\$958,000	Renovations to Hall Park (basketball courts, pathways, lighting, etc)	Hall Park	Awarded. Design in process by Abonmarche – contract awarded by Sept 30, 2024 and construction must be completed by Oct 31, 2026
NOAA/FY22 Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities, Under the IJA	SWMPC	\$1,000,000	Develop habitat restoration plan and construct pilot project at Hall Park (GEI). Funds a position at the City for outreach/coordination.	Hall Park to Napier	Awarded –BH City employee hired 6/6/24 – April 2027
Google	Cornerstone Alliance (money is in SWMPC account)	\$150,000	Supplement NOAA pilot habitat/stream restoration	Ox Creek – Hall Park	Awarded Sept 2023
NFWF/Sustain Our Great Lakes 2023	City of Benton Harbor	\$600,000	restore the creek and the riparian corridor habitat using nature-based solutions to increase resiliency for increased and more intense storm events and	Hall Park/Ox Creek	Awarded Fall 2023

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			fluctuating Lake Michigan water levels.		
Berrien Community Foundation/For Good Grant	SWMPC	\$3,000	Design and install an Ox Creek vision sign at Hall Park	Hall Park	Awarded – complete by 2026
EPA/ FY23 GLRI Non-competitive Focus Area 3	EGLE – Office of the Great Lakes	\$1,059,022 Total Project #1 \$603,642 Project #2 \$455,380	#1 Rain Garden at I-94 Retail area #2 Design and construct parking lot with a rain garden/bioswale at Hall Park to improve access and water quality.	I-94/ Pipestone Area & Hall Park	Awarded – Sept 2023 – Dec 2025
FY24 NOAA Marine Debris Removal under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law	City of Benton Harbor –	\$1.5 million	Debris Removal and Education Project - engage and empower the community to remove large marine debris (estimated 15,000 yd ³), contribute to the preservation of NOAA trust resources, preventing harm to aquatic habitat and dependent species and develop collaborative solutions to prevent illegal dumping.	Ox Creek	LOI Oct 27; accepted; full submitted Feb 23, 2024 – Awarded
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Forest Service/ Great Lakes Restoration Initiative- Cooperative Weed Management Area grant	Berrien County Conservation District	\$27,400	Management of invasive species at Hall Park/Ox Creek corridor	Hall Park /Ox Creek corridor	Awarded –Fall 2023 – Fall 2025
EGLE EJ Impact Grant	City of Benton Harbor	\$500,000	Rehabilitate the Bobo Brazil Community Center	Ox Creek corridor	Submitted July 15, 2024

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - Climate Resilience Regional Challenge	City of Benton Harbor	\$15,000,000	Design, permit and construct adaption strategies for Ox Creek and Riverview Drive area.	Ox Creek and Riverview Drive	Submitted LOI – Accepted - full app submitted Feb 13, 2024
Army Corps of Engineers - Section 165 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020, Pilot Program for Continuing Authority Projects in Small or Disadvantaged Communities	City of Benton Harbor	TBD	plan, design and implement strategies to reduce the impacts of flooding and high lake levels in addition to restoring habitat along Ox Creek	Ox Creek	Submitted LOI October 20, 2023
NOAA Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Tribes and Underserved Communities	SWMPC	\$2.5 million	continue to build capacity within the city of Benton Harbor (City) to provide project management, implement the outreach plan (in development) and continue to strengthen a coalition-to achieve the community's vision to restore and revitalize Ox Creek	Ox Creek	Submitted Nov 17, 2023
NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants	SWMPC	\$8,038,142	design engineering and construction of 3 miles of stream and up to 50 acres of associated floodplain/wetland restoration	Ox Creek	Submitted Dec 19, 2023
DOT (FY) 2023 Thriving Communities Program (TCP)	City of Benton Harbor – uofm submitted for city	?	?	?	Submitted DOT webform November 15, 2023

Riverview Drive/Harbor Funding

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EGLE/High Water Infrastructure Grant	City of Benton Harbor	\$314,500 grant \$78,420 local match	Develop a shovel ready project to address impacts and vulnerabilities from high water and severe weather events in Benton Harbor along the St. Joseph River. Address flooding and stormwater runoff in a sustainable manner.	Riverview Drive/Harbor	Awarded – agreement signed Jan 2024 Don Carpenter/Mike Morphey/Marcy

Other

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National Sea Grant/Compound Flood Hazards	MI Sea Grant – UofM Mike Schriberg	\$500,000	Development of a probabilistic compound flood hazard assessment tool and evaluation of countermeasures for Great Lakes cities,” will assess compound flood risk for disadvantaged communities in Berrien County, MI, and in Milwaukee, WI, and provide a framework to extend the analysis throughout the Great Lakes.	Benton Harbor/St. Joseph and Milwaukee	Awarded

Completed

Army Corps of Engineers/ Flood Plain Management Services Program	City of Benton Harbor	Technical assistance (value \$200,000) Garrett Ray, USACE	Field work to determine floodplain and HCRAS model development	Ox Creek – i-94 to mouth	Awarded - Spring 2023 – Spring 2024 – completed
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Benton Harbor Brownfield Redevelopment Authority/ Local Remediation Revolving Fund	City of Benton Harbor	\$75,000	funding work plan development by the University of Michigan, which was to have included addressing environmental cleanup and due care obligations associated with redevelopment of the Ox Creek corridor.	Ox Creek Corridor	July 2022 awarded - completed
EGLE Water Resources Division/MiCorps Volunteer Cleanup	Berrien County Conservation District	\$2,501	Ox Creek Clean Up	Hall Park/Ox Creek Corridor	Completed
Heart of Cook/Earth Day Grant	Berrien County Conservation District	\$5,000	Earth Day event at Hall Park 2023 & 2024	Hall Park	Awarded – April 2023 – completed
EGLE-CZM/Building Resilience Culture in Southwest Michigan	SWMPC	\$47,286.40 grant/\$47,922.50 match (split between BH and Bridgman)	Create a green stormwater infrastructure framework to address climate change and lessen the impact of increased rain events. SWMPC will work closely with the Sustainable Business Forum to engage community leaders and to provide training on green stormwater infrastructure to community leaders. SWMPC will provide grant writing assistance to the city to help advance the framework.	City wide	Awarded – July 2023 – June 30, 2024 - Completed

Not Funded

2023 EGLE/WATERSHED COUNCIL SUPPORT GRANT	SWMPC	\$40,000	Grant writing support, coalition support, website, outreach materials, community member compensation	Ox Creek	Spring 2023 - Not Awarded
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NFWF/ National Coastal Resilience Fund 2023, Pre-Proposal	City of Benton Harbor	\$320,000	Benton Harbor MI Increasing Coastal Resilience with Nature Based Solutions project is located along Riverview Drive and the St. Joseph River between Main Street and Empire Avenue. The challenge is to address impacts and vulnerabilities from high water and severe weather events.	Riverview Drive	Preproposal Not Selected
EDA and run by IEDC/ Economic Recovery Corps	SWMPC	Fellow for 2 1/2 years	Fellows will provide dedicated technical assistance, planning, and capacity-building support to build stronger, more resilient economies.	St Joseph River Harbor	Submitted June 30, 2023 – not awarded
EPA/ EJ Government to Government Grant	City of Benton Harbor	\$1,000,000	clean up major illegal dumping in the corridor and work with a community-based organization to engage the community around stewardship and pride to stop illegal dumping.	Hall Park to Empire Ave	Submitted (awards to be made Dec 2023) – not awarded
EGLE/NPS Implementation Grant	SWMPC	\$1,000,000	Design, permit and construct GI at Walmart	Retail Area of Ox Creek Watershed	NOI Sept 20, 2023 - accepted – full grant submitted – not awarded
FY 2024 CDS Appropriations request to the Office of Sen. Gary Peters	City of Benton Harbor	\$5 million	Design and Construct Ox Creek Trail	Hall Park to Home Depot	Requested

Opportunities Coming Up:

EPA Community Change - <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program>

USDOT ACTIIP

Housing Choice Grant – HUD – due Summer 2024

DNR Urban and Community Forestry grants due Aug 2024

USDA/NRCS - Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) due August 18 (possibly look at this for 2024)

TCTAC – Blacks in Green – Assistance???

MDNR Trust Fund – April 1, 2025 (if conversion status is resolved)

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