

# Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program

## Expedited Conservation Projects (ECP) Grant Cycle

The ECP Grant Cycle was created to provide a simpler, faster way for nonprofit organizations and government entities to apply for and receive CPL grants for smaller tried-and-true conservation projects.

### Eligible ECP activities (enhancement and restoration projects only):

#### Forest Habitat

- Winter cover
- Tree planting
- Promotion of natural regeneration
- Bud capping
- Prescribed burning

#### Prairie Habitat

- Establish new prairie/grassland
- Seed purchase of native species
- Prescribed burning
- Mowing/herbicide for invasives control in recently established grassland/prairie
- Tree removal/woody encroachment management
- Interseeding of monoculture/low biodiversity sites

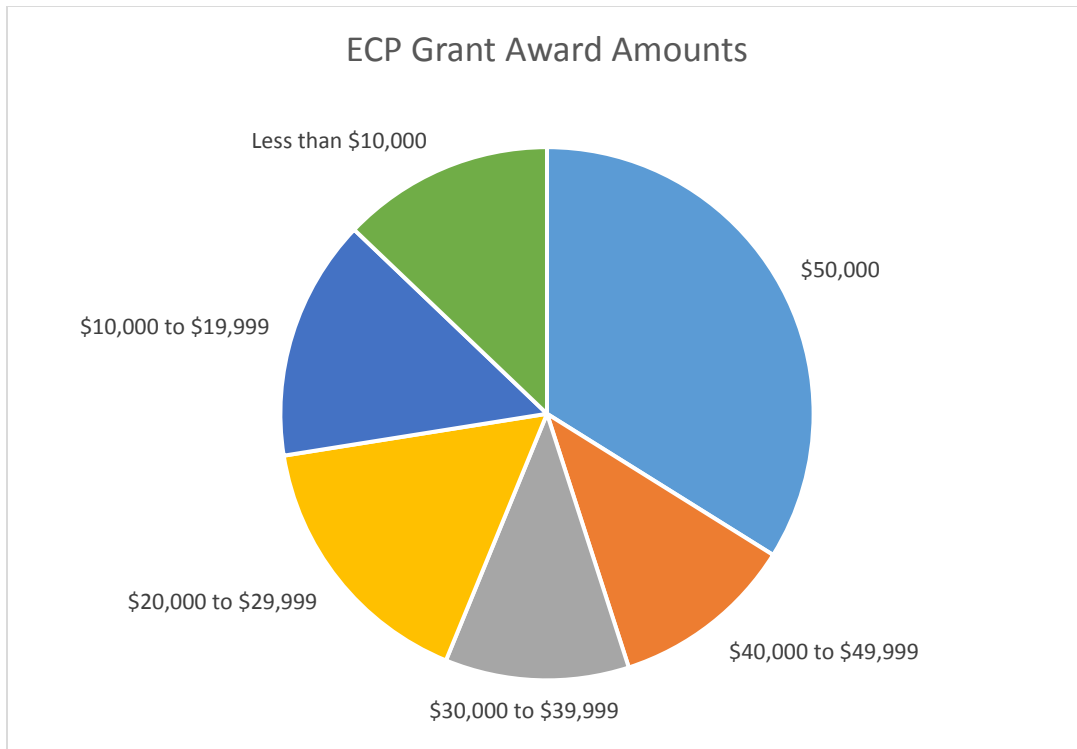
#### Wetland/Water Habitat

- Water level control structures
- Fish barriers
- Upland vegetation enhancement
- Tile breaks/ditch blocks

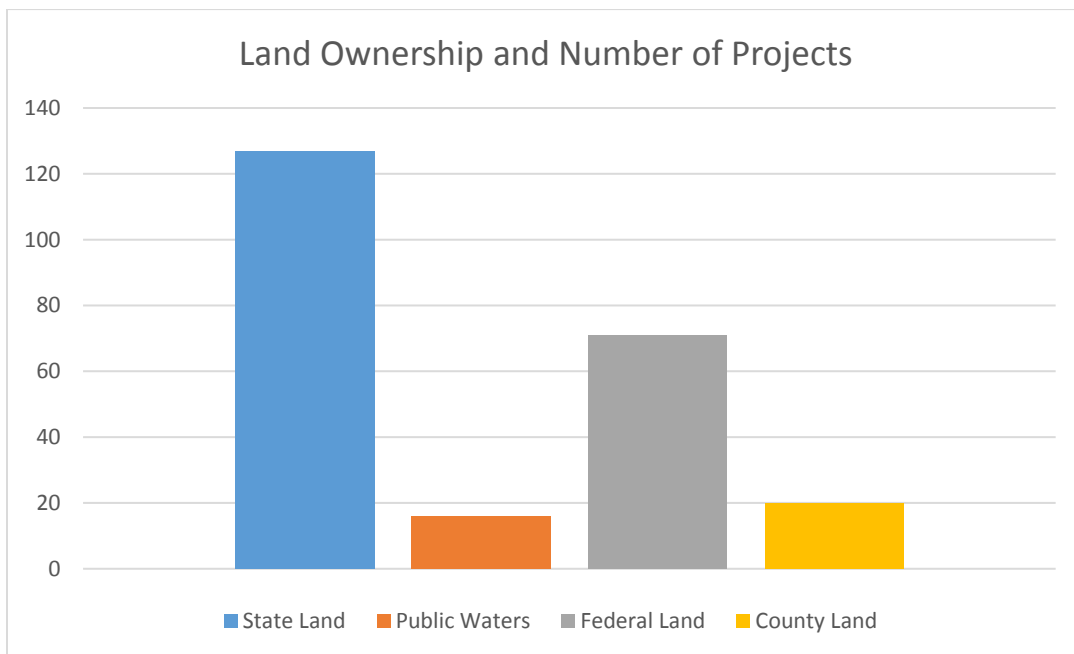
#### Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat

- Brushland Shearing
- Dam removal/modification
- In-stream habitat modification
- Trout stream restoration/habitat improvement
- Site prep for habitat enhancement

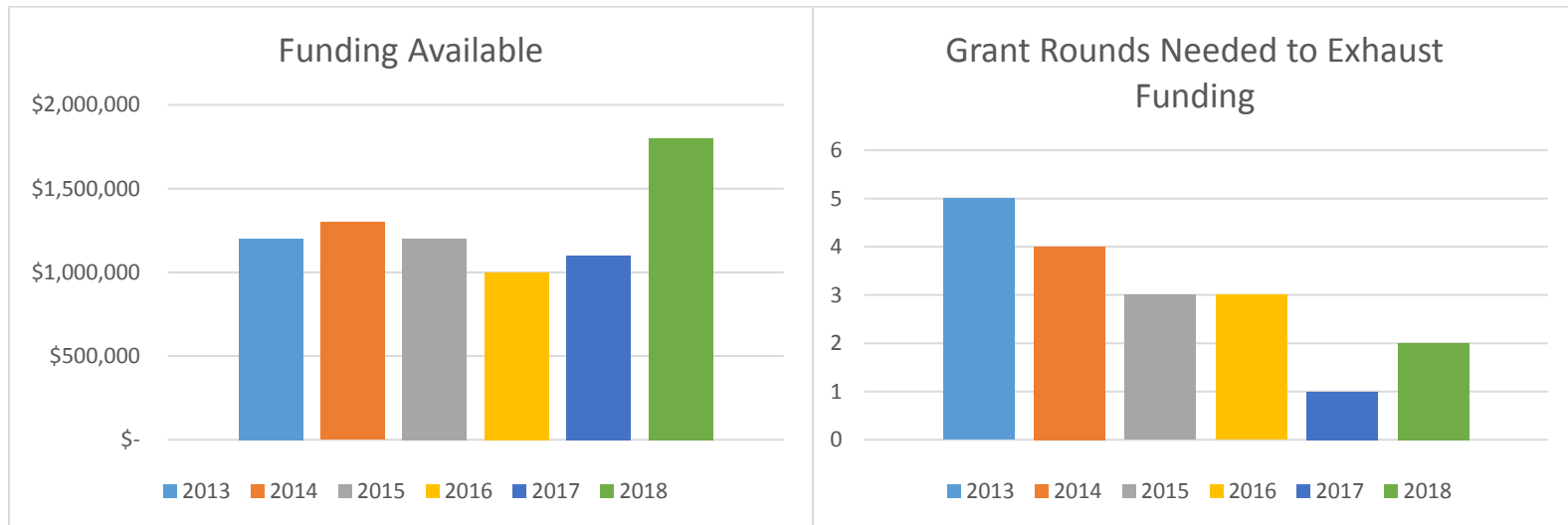
ECP grants may range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. The average ECP grant is \$33,000.



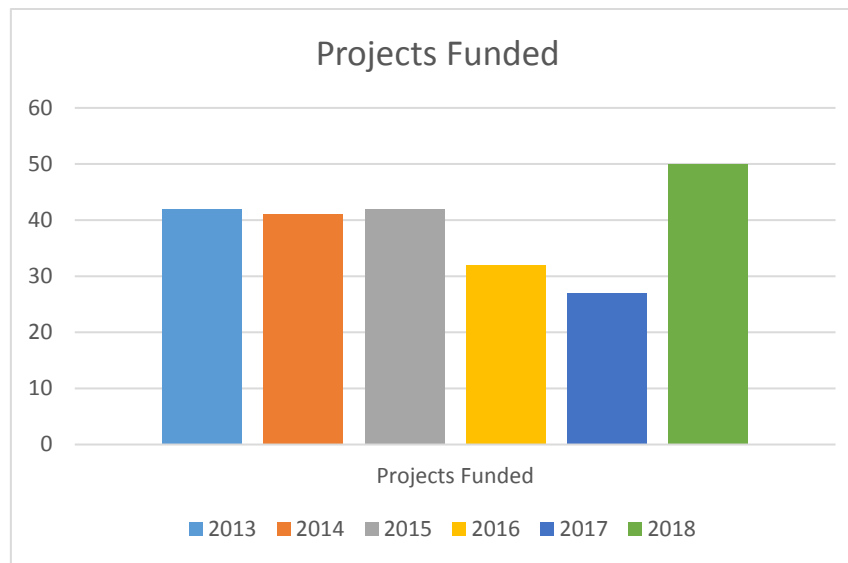
ECP projects must be on public lands or waters that are open to all seasons of hunting/fishing.



The ECP grant cycle was intended to be open year round, with up to 5 grant rounds. However, in recent years ECP funds have been used up very quickly.



In 6 years, we have awarded 233 ECP projects totaling \$7.6 million. About 20%, or \$1.5 million, has been committed in local match. Over 43,000 acres have been restored or enhanced through ECP. Approximately 70% of ECP grants have been awarded to nonprofits, 30% to government.



**ECP Grant Recipients: 50 unique organizations, through multiple chapters and offices**

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Projects</b>		
Minnesota Deer Hunters Association	54	Rollie Johnson Natural and Recreational Area	2
Pheasants Forever	30	Ruffed Grouse Society	2
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	12	Cannon River Watershed Partnership	2
Wildlife Forever	11	Anoka Conservation District	1
US Forest Service	9	Becker County Natural Resources	1
Pioneer Heritage Conservation Trust	8	Blue Earth County	1
Tall Pine Toms Chapter, NWTf	8	City of Montevideo	1
National Wild Turkey Federation	8	Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District	1
Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.	7	Fergus Falls Fish and Game Club	1
Rock County SWCD/Land Mgt	7	Friends of Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge	1
Minnesota Waterfowl Association	7	Friends of the Morris Wetland Management District	1
Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society	6	Friends of the Refuge Headwaters	1
Friends of the Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District	4	Friends of Sherburne NWR	1
Sibley County/Sibley SWCD	4	Great River Greening	1
Aitkin County Land	3	Heron Lake Watershed District	1
Minnesota Pheasants Steele County Chapter	3	Isanti Soil and Water Conservation District	1
The Nature Conservancy	3	Kanabec Soil and Water Conservation District	1
American Bird Conservancy	2	Lakes Area Gobblers	1
Audubon Minnesota	2	Lakes Country Sportsmen's Club	1
Carlton County Land Department	2	Lincoln County SWCD	1
Crow Wing County/Crow Wing SWCD	2	Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society	1
Goodhue SWCD	2	Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust	1
Hiawatha Land PF	2	Nobles SWCD	1
North St Louis Soil & Water Conservation District	2	Norman County SWCD	1
Pipestone SWCD	2	Trout Unlimited	1
Red Lake Watershed District	2	Washington Conservation District	1