

**Regional Conservation Partnership Program  
2024 Awarded Projects**

Proposal Title	Lead Partner	Project Type	Funding Pool	CCA (if Applicable)	Lead State	Partner States	Award	Description
Restoring Alabama's Black Belt Prairie Landscapes	Alabama Soil & Water Conservation Committee	Classic	S/M	N/A	AL		\$17,525,000.00	The primary goal of this project is to restore and enhance the Black Belt Prairie ecosystem to support biodiversity, improve soil carbon sequestration and provide economic and social benefits. The objectives include terrestrial habitat and biodiversity enhancement, soil carbon sequestration and social and economic benefits. NRCS climate-smart and other practices will be used to remove woody encroachment, treat invasive species, and reintroduce fire, which will re-germinate the native seedbank.
AR-LA CDN Open Pine Landscape Restoration #2	American Bird Conservancy	Classic	S/M	N/A	AR	LA	\$21,250,000.00	This project will greatly improve Forest Health for Wildlife Resources in the West-Gulf Coastal Plain; it will connect and build upon American Bird Conservancy's successful programs in other landscapes across the U.S. The Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture Conservation Delivery Network will deliver this project to advance the recovery of species of conservation concern through use of desired forest conditions management practices for Open Pine habitat. Implementation of integrated vegetation management treatments on corridors connecting public and private lands will more than double our conservation impact, linking private lands conservation into a restored landscape for the next 10-20 years.

Protecting and Enhancing Wildlife Habitat and Water Quality of Conservation Reserve Program Tracts Under Threat of Conversion in the Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley, Phase II	Mississippi River Trust	Classic	CCA	Mississippi River Basin	AR		\$25,000,000.00	This project will convert approximately 7,500 acres of vulnerable bottomland hardwood and wetland Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) tracts to permanently protected, U.S.-held conservation easements within the Lower Mississippi River Alluvial Valley of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. This project will target the protection and enhancement of high-quality forest habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife, improve local water quality, support groundwater recharge, and increase sequestration of atmospheric carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. Of the CRP tracts enrolled in permanent easements, this project will also enhance habitat on 2,500 acres through hydrology restoration, supplemental tree planting, and forest stewardship activities. In addition, the project will strive to enroll a minimum of 750 acres of CRP tracts owned by socially disadvantaged landowners, primarily African Americans.
Engaging Historically Underserved Lands in Wetland Restoration and Preservation	KKAC Foundation	Classic	CCA	Mississippi River Basin	AR		\$20,000,000.00	The purpose of this project is to yield greater conservation benefits for the Mississippi River Basin (MRB) through prioritized involvement of a historically underserved demographic of producers in efforts to improve management of forestland within this critical conservation area as it contributes to concerns of water quality and quantity as well as habitat for fish and wildlife. It is the KKAC Foundation's philosophy that these lands, though typically smaller in scale, can collectively yield significant conservation benefits related to preserving the MRB.
Sky Island Region Land Management and Protection	Arizona Association of Conservation Districts	Classic	S/M	N/A	AZ		\$5,054,000.00	The goal of the project is to deliver funding for two agricultural conservation easements while addressing resource concerns related to drought, wildfire, and climate uncertainty. This project will enhance the long-term viability of the nation's food supply by preventing the conversion of productive working lands to non-agricultural uses. The results include increased protection of biodiversity via the permanent protection of over 2,000 acres of

								historic ranchland and open space, additional distribution of water sources, and fuel break acreage.
Restoring Arizona's Colorado River Basin Conservation Area	Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Quail Forever	AFA	CCA	Colorado River Basin	AZ		\$24,562,536.00	Partners will work with Arizona livestock producers to restore native plant communities by removing invasive woody species to enhance habitat for wildlife, improve wildlife connectivity, reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, increase resilience to extreme weather events, protect soils, and improve water quality and hydrology within the Colorado River Basin. This landscape-level project covering approximately 35,000 acres of range and forest is expected to restore carbon stocks, as herbaceous plants tend to achieve more rapid carbon fixation and recycling than invasive woody species.
Accelerating Absolute Enteric Methane Reductions in California Dairies	California Dairies, Inc.	AFA	S/M	N/A	CA		\$18,983,000.00	This project will work to reduce enteric methane emissions from approximately 33,500 cows annually in California by 30 percent via implementation of the feed-based additive 3-NOP. The project is expected to achieve a reduction of up to 201,000 MTCO <sub>2</sub> e.
Protecting and Conserving Groundwater Resources in the Tulare Lake Basin	Kings River Water Quality Coalition	AFA	CCA	Western Waters	CA		\$24,085,366.00	The project aims to help Western Waters Critical Conservation Area producers protect and conserve groundwater resources through climate-smart land management that minimizes nitrogen loading past the root zone and reduces reliance on groundwater, enabling sustainable and productive farming.

Dairy Manure Subsurface Drip Irrigation Adoption	Sustainable Conservation	Classic	CCA	Western Waters	CA		\$16,138,659.00	This project will address two relevant priority resource concerns: insufficient water and water quality degradation. The project will also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build producer resiliency in the face of extreme drought. RCPP funds will be used to support land management contracts for Practice 441, Scenario #27 and associated practices with Farm Bill-eligible dairy producers.
Protecting California's Central Valley Rice Lands for Migratory Waterfowl	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	Classic	CCA	Western Waters	CA		\$12,811,585.00	Ducks Unlimited, Inc will establish agriculture conservation easements that prohibit conversion of rice lands to uses incompatible with waterfowl needs. The project aims to secure long-term protection of a minimum of 4,000 acres of winter-flooded rice lands in the Sacramento Valley using entity-held agriculture conservation easements. These moderately restrictive conservation easements provide for small grain production and habitat management uses, prohibiting the conversion of these lands to uses incompatible with the non-breeding season habitat needs of migratory waterfowl. By safeguarding these rice lands and habitat management uses, the project will ensure the continued availability of seasonally flooded lands that support the dietary and habitat requirements of millions of waterfowl.

Climate-Smart Agriculture for California Tomatoes	Campbell Soup Company	Classic	S/M	N/A	CA		\$3,400,000.00	Campbell Soup Company (Campbell) proposes partnering with NRCS, American Farmland Trust, and several Resource Conservation Districts to increase the adoption of climate-smart agriculture systems and practices by tomato producers in California. The project's goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from California processing tomato operations (farms that grow tomatoes for further processing), while helping to reduce water use, improve water quality, and strengthen the profitability and resilience of these farms. Project implementation and technical assistance delivery will also leverage Campbell's agriculture team and build on partners' deep experience collaborating with tomato producers to advance conservation agriculture and improve environmental outcomes, such as emissions reductions. Project partners will work with NRCS to deploy new financial and technical assistance to help drive the implementation of new land management practices, including soil health, nutrient management, and irrigation management practices.
SOAR Initiative	The Trust for Public Land	Classic	S/M	N/A	CO		\$19,436,000.00	The Security, Open Space and Agricultural Resiliency (SOAR) Initiative will achieve landscape level conservation benefits by conserving 80,000 acres of land held by the state land board. In addition, the project will work to conserve between 20,000 to 50,000 acres of privately owned land in El Paso County, Colorado. Combined, these efforts will address the NRCS land protection resource concern by conserving under easement at least 100,000 acres of working agricultural land in the area. All of these proposed conserved lands are of particular importance to the resiliency of four military installations: the U.S. Air Force Academy, Schriever Space Force Base, Cheyenne Mountain Space Force Station, and Fort Carson, while playing an important role in the local agricultural economy, protecting the regional watershed, supporting air quality, providing significant plant and

								wildlife habitat, and increasing the climate resiliency of southeastern Colorado. Open prairie lands are an important part of what makes the Colorado Springs area unique, but they are under constant threat as the area continues to grow.
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Land Management	Farmers Conservation Alliance	AFA	CCA	Colorado River Basin	CO		\$9,635,060.00	This project will work to upgrade Ute Mountain Ute Tribe irrigation systems to adapt tribal agricultural operations to intense and persistent drought conditions. Partners will install 49 new pivot and sprinkler packages with telemetry to save an estimated 7,244 acre-feet per irrigation season by improving irrigation efficiency by 32%.
Middle Gunnison Partnership for Resilient Working Lands	Colorado West Land Trust	Classic	CCA	Colorado River Basin	CO		\$13,666,666.00	The Colorado West Land Trust and its partners will address priority resource concerns in the Colorado River Basin Critical Conservation Area, including insufficient water and drought, inadequate habitat, water quality degradation, and soil quality degradation by the conversion of rangeland and farmland, restoration of wetlands and riparian areas, improvement of soil health, and enhancement of critical wildlife habitat. The project objectives include the permanent protection of working lands and critical water rights, reconnection of floodplains, improvement of soil health, and reduction of forest fire risk. These objectives will be met through the implementation of conservation easements and land management activities, such as riparian restoration, grazing management, and forest treatments.

Land Stewardship Partnership Program	Connecticut Land Conservation Council	Classic	CCA	Northeast Forests and Waters	CT		\$4,580,488.00	The Connecticut Land Conservation Council plans to increase the number of land trusts that are planning and implementing land management activities, practices, and enhancements on conserved lands in Connecticut. They will establish a pool of federal funding for the planning and implementation of activities and provide outreach and targeted technical assistance to support land trusts in initiating and executing NRCS agreements. One goal of the project is to increase the diversity of age-class and species composition, as well as native species cover across at least 50% of the treated forested acres, measured through harvest plans and currently available models such as the COMET Planner and iTree.
Florida's Big Bend	Tall Timbers Research, Inc.	Classic	CCA	Longleaf Pine Range	FL		\$25,000,000.00	Upland forests in Florida's Big Bend have declined over decades of altered fire regimes or land conversion. Fire exclusion or insufficient frequency or intensity of applied prescribed fire has allowed encroachment of hardwoods and invasive species. Implementing brush management, herbaceous weed control, prescribed fire, and forest stand improvement conservation practices will restore the health of fire-dependent forests and improve habitat for many at-risk wildlife species, such as Bachman's sparrow, gopher tortoise and northern bobwhite.
Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem	Wildlands Conservation, Inc.	Classic	CCA	Longleaf Pine Range	FL		\$25,000,000.00	The goal of the Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem RCPP is to secure over 9,350 acres of land via less-than-fee simple acquisition. Through our partnerships with leading researchers, managers, and farmers in the region, Wildlands Conservation, Inc., the lead partner will assist ranchers and citrus growers, with a focus on underserved producers, with land management assistance and support by introducing strategies that are more cost, water, and energy efficient and thus, climate friendly.

Peace River Valley -- Protecting Charlotte Harbor Headwaters	Florida Conservation Group	Classic	S/M	N/A	FL		\$21,250,000.00	The goal of this project is to protect a network of natural and agricultural lands in the Peace River Valley. This region supplies drinking water for Southwest Florida and is crucial to the health of the Charlotte Harbor Estuary, an estuary of national significance. Charlotte Harbor's headwaters begin upstream in the creeks and rivers running through vast ranchlands. Protecting these lands and tributaries is critical to maintaining source water protection, water quality, wildlife habitat and climate resilience in a fast-growing region.
West Georgia Conservation Corridors	US Endowment for Forestry and Communities	Classic	S/M	N/A	GA		\$19,436,000.00	The overall goal of the West Georgia Conservation Corridors project is to prevent at-risk plant and animal species from becoming listed under the federal Endangered Species Act as threatened or endangered. To ensure habitat protection, the proposal intends to use RCPP funds for a combination of U.S.-held and entity-held permanent conservation easements.
Restoring Hawaii's Forests for Rare Species Protection and Climate Resilience	Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife	AFA	S/M	N/A	HI		\$4,976,000.00	This project will work to enhance climate resilience and preserve the outstanding biodiversity of Hawaii through forest restoration. Project sites will target areas with high values for carbon sequestration and highest potential to provide habitat for rare species, taking into consideration predicted climatic shifts.
Transforming Hawai'i Island Pastures into Nature Based Solutions for Climate Change.	Terraformation	Classic	S/M	N/A	HI		\$4,178,000.00	Moku o Keawe (Hawaii Island) is home to over 400,000 acres of pasture. Forest conversion, mainly over the last 150 years, and long-term land use as pastureland has led to degradation through reduced soil quality and water regulation, and other diminished ecosystem services. Substantial portions of this pastureland being used by Hawaii's cattle ranching industry is providing limited benefits in agricultural production and ecosystem services. Terraformation will work with key community-based organizations, and others to build upon existing and develop new connections to the producers across the land. They plan to design and implement feasible solutions that sequester carbon and support producers to adapt to a changing climate and increase



								resiliency of the food system. They will offer three primary models of silvopasture: native trees, crop trees, and timber, boosting conservation benefits in soil quality and water regulation, among others.
Guahan Ecosystem Restoration and Stewardship Program	Northern Guam Soil & Water Conservation District	Classic	S/M	N/A	HI		\$700,000.00	The Guåhan Ecosystem Restoration & Stewardship Program aims to protect valuable agricultural and private land from invasive species whilst restoring native limestone forest. Project goals include working with community organizations as well as USDA APHIS on efforts to eradicate invasive species known to threaten Guam's native ecosystems and agricultural productivity, such as feral swine, the chain of love vine, and a new-found pest Spondias mombin among others.
Climate-Smart Feed Management: Absolute Enteric Methane Reductions in Iowa via 3-NOP	AgSpire Inc.	AFA	S/M	N/A	IA		\$20,765,000.00	Partners will work with up to 75 Iowa beef feedlots to introduce 3-NOP into the diets of approximately 225,000 cattle to reduce enteric methane emissions by up to 25 percent. The project expects to achieve a reduction of up to 72,000 MT CO2e.

Iowa Driftless Floodplain Resilience and Restoration Project	Resource Conservation & Development for Northeast Iowa	Classic	CCA	Mississippi River Basin	IA		\$25,000,000.00	The Iowa Driftless Floodplain Resilience and Restoration Project will reduce field sediment and nutrient loss by taking marginal floodplain agriculture land, susceptible to extreme sediment loss, out of production through floodplain easements. This RCPP project will also restore those lands to wetlands, oxbows, grasslands and forests to reduce sediment and nutrient loss, lower greenhouse gas emissions, sequester carbon in the soil, and build resilience to the impacts of climate change. The Iowa region of the Driftless Area will serve as the project site with a focus on building on the current momentum in the Turkey River Watershed, and Dubuque County Watersheds. The objectives of the Iowa Driftless Floodplain Resilience and Restoration Project are to reduce sediment and nutrient loading to the Turkey River and Little Maquoketa River watersheds; reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase carbon sequestration; and reduce the impacts of flooding through the acquisition of 800 acres of floodplain and riparian easements paired with restoration activities that include the implementation of perennial vegetation, wetlands, and streambank stabilization practices.
Idaho Climate Resilient Land Protection Project	The Nature Conservancy - Idaho	Classic	S/M	N/A	ID		\$19,436,000.00	The goal of the Idaho Climate Resilient Land Protection Partnership is the long-term protection of climate-resilient terrestrial and aquatic habitat and ecosystem carbon from subdivisions and development. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and partners will permanently protect thousands of acres of critical climate-resilient land from the threat of conversion using entity-held and US-held conservation easements. The project will achieve key conservation benefits for resource concerns including terrestrial and aquatic habitat and carbon storage, helping USDA meet climate-smart objectives through mitigation and adaptation. Through this RCPP, TNC and partners will protect climate resilient habitat, enhance wildlife connectivity, conserve biological diversity, assist with climate change adaptation, and

								prevent greenhouse gas emissions resulting from development. Project easements will protect 20,000 acres of private farm, ranch, and forestlands, 40 stream miles encompassed by those lands, and 1 million metric tons of ecosystem carbon stored on those lands.
Lower South Fork Clearwater River Habitat Restoration	Nez Perce Tribe	Classic	CCA	Western Waters	ID		\$6,439,024.00	This project seeks to improve inadequate habitat for fish, wildlife, and invertebrates and water quality degradation in the South Fork Clearwater River watershed by implementing restorative actions on two miles of mainstem river corridor, addressing two of the three priority resource concerns of the Western Waters CCA in which this project falls. This lower reach of the river falls within the Nez Perce Tribe reservation boundary, a historically underserved community. The river needs repair to stop concentrated erosion, increase terrestrial and aquatic species habitat, reconnect the river to its floodplain, and improve riparian area functions. The project will incorporate floodplain connection to restore hydrology, large wood and boulder placement for habitat complexity, and create aquatic and terrestrial habitat with native vegetation. Project partners will help NRCS advance equity and opportunity for producers that would not otherwise have the means to make such improvements.

Southwest Idaho Forest Fund	National Forest Foundation	AFA	S/M	N/A	ID		\$20,732,000.00	This project will work to help Idaho non-industrial private forest operators reduce hazardous fuels across 10,000 acres or more of high fire risk private forestland. In addition to reduced fire risk, the project intends to reduce risks to surface drinking water quality and utility infrastructure and retain carbon storage capacity.
Absolute Enteric Methane Reductions in Idaho and Oregon State Dairies: A New Frontier on the Journey to Net Zero	AgSpire Inc.	AFA	S/M	N/A	ID	OR	\$19,833,000.00	This project will work to reduce enteric methane emissions by 30 percent from 175,000 dairy cows in Idaho and Oregon via implementation of the feed-based additive 3-NOP. The project is expected to achieve a GHG reduction of 210,000 MT CO2e.
Reducing Sedimentation to Improve Southern Illinois Aquatic Habitats	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	AFA	CCA	Mississippi River Basin	IL		\$18,960,000.00	This project will work to help producers in targeted southern Illinois watersheds reduce the amount of sediment moving through the watersheds and deposited in critical downstream aquatic habitats. The goal is to restore an anticipated 130 acres of wetlands and 977 acres of native vegetation buffers and implement 48,865 acres of no-till cover crops to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus runoff and sequester carbon.
Wabash River RCPP Project	The Nature Conservancy	Classic	CCA	Mississippi River Basin	IN		\$15,750,000.00	The Wabash River RCPP will work to influence broad adoption of edge-of-field and in-field conservation practices for the central Wabash River Basin to address degraded water quality, inadequate habitat, and necessary climate action. This RCPP will achieve improved freshwater species diversity and density measured with an annual biological assessment at 44 sites correlating with the 44 HUC 10's that make up the project geography. It will also work to influence positive trends in habitat quality measured with annual QHEI assessment at each of these 44 sites. The project will reduce sediment and nutrient loading in the project geography analyzed using the EPA Region 5 model and available public water quality datasets available via the IDEM/IEPA 31 fixed stations and 22 USGS streamflow gauges in the project area.

Soil Health for Urban and Rural Environments	Grow Appalachia/ Berea College	Classic	S/M	N/A	KY		\$5,080,000.00	Grow Appalachia is looking to ensure producers and landowners have conservation tools and resources to implement climate-smart conservation practices on their farms. They will also work to ensure new historically underserved and socially disadvantaged farmers understand the process to engage with USDA agencies and resources. These contracts will incorporate climate-smart, conservation, weather resilient practices, and guidance on implementation of soil health activities in urban and rural spaces.
CLF RCPP/REPI Fort Campbell Partnership	Compatible Lands Foundation	Classic	CCA	Mississippi River Basin	KY		\$2,439,024.00	Compatible Lands Foundation and its military partner, Fort Campbell, will use RCPP funding to purchase both working land and non-working land easements to prevent loss of working lands, habitat, and open space and to address incompatible development impacting military missions. This includes protection of natural areas, wildlife habitat, and regional water quality as compatible with working lands in the Mississippi River Basin critical conservation area.
Building Resilience in the Connecticut River Watershed of Massachusetts	Mass Audubon	AFA	CCA	Northeast Forests and Waters	MA		\$25,000,000.00	This project will work to protect 10,000 acres or more of forest, riparian and wetland habitat through conservation easements along the Connecticut River in Massachusetts and restore at least 100 acres of riparian and wetland habitat via land management activities. Partners will advance regional climate mitigation by permanently storing carbon, avoiding carbon emissions through forest conversion, and attaining climate resilience for regional ecosystems within the Northeast Forests and Waters Critical Conservation Area.

Massachusetts Resilient Lands Conservation Partnership	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	Classic	S/M	N/A	MA		\$20,835,000.00	The Commonwealth of Massachusetts will work to provide permanent protection of farmlands, forests, and wetlands with an emphasis on environmental justice and equity, to mitigate the impacts of climate change in Massachusetts while making the state more resilient to climate hazards. They will accelerate the pace of land conservation statewide, supporting state agencies and land trusts in their conservation goals and reaping the carbon sequestration and climate resilience benefits of protected land. The project will expand easements beyond traditional Agricultural Land Easements and Wetlands Restriction Easements, with a focus on maximizing climate benefits and reaching historically underserved producers, whose circumstances may hinder them from participating in traditional easement programs. They expect to achieve climate change mitigation benefits through land carbon sequestration and storage, and climate change adaptation benefits through flood mitigation, heat mitigation, and habitat protection by the easements established through this project.
Resilient Infrastructure & Free Flowing Streams (RIFFLS)	The Nature Conservancy - Maine	Classic	CCA	Northeast Forests and Waters	ME		\$24,999,983.00	The Nature Conservancy's Resilient Infrastructure & Free Flowing Streams RCPP will improve aquatic organism passage (AOP) for native fish and wildlife species throughout Maine by upgrading road-stream crossings and other means of improved fish passage. Habitat fragmentation caused by AOP barriers is the most critical direct threat to Endangered Atlantic salmon, Eastern brook trout, other diadromous and native fish, and protected wildlife species including mussels and turtles.
Maine Wild Blueberry Climate Adaptation Project	Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine	Classic	S/M	N/A	ME		\$15,586,000.00	The Maine Wild Blueberry Climate Adaptation Project aims to enhance the resilience of Maine's wild blueberry industry against climate-induced challenges, particularly rainfall volatility, but also the increased risk of late-frost events. This project will implement innovative irrigation, mulching, and water management practices

								working with an estimated 25-45 producers, improving farm sustainability and economic stability.
Southeast Michigan Conservation Coalition: Increasing Permanent Land Protection and Equity of Access to conservation tools	Legacy Land Conservancy	Classic	S/M	N/A	MI		\$24,665,854.00	Legacy Land Conservancy will work to expand and deepen landowner outreach, education, and engagement in voluntary conservation by placing conservation easements on critical farmland and forestland in southern Michigan through the Southeast Michigan Conservation Coalition RCPP. This project will mobilize partnerships to drive community-led support for land protection through townhall meetings, outreach events, and strategy development with local partner organizations. It will permanently conserve 45 RCPP EHEs on 4,000 acres of agricultural land and adjacent natural areas as well as forests serving agricultural land and storing carbon.
Water Storage and Soil Water Management for Climate-Resilient, Healthy Watersheds	The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)	AFA	CCA	Mississippi River Basin	MN		\$21,404,327.00	This project will employ easements, drainage water management and edge-of-field practices to reduce erosion and flooding in our downstream rivers and improve our water quality by removing sediment and phosphorus from our runoff. The project is expected to enhance wildlife habitat, sequester carbon and reduce GHG emissions.
Minnesota Farmland Protection Project: Bridging the Gap Between Landowners and Emerging Farmers	American Farmland Trust	Classic	S/M	N/A	MN		\$10,000,000.00	The project has three primary goals: protect more high-quality agricultural land near urban markets that is vulnerable to conversion from agricultural use; transition more of this land into the hands of emerging farmers and historically underserved producers; and support these farmers in increasing the adoption of climate-smart conservation practices across the landscape.

Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape - Phase 3	Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District	Classic	CCA	Mississippi River Basin	MN		\$12,500,000.00	The Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape is a federally designated partnership comprised of federal, state, county, local and non-government organizations with a diverse scope of conservation priorities. The Sentinel Landscape program is anchored by the Camp Ripley Training Center Army National Guard installation with a goal to protect natural resources, working lands and compatible lands that do not conflict with the military training mission of Camp Ripley. The project area encompasses 804,557 acres, which capture the off-post military use areas and partner priorities in leveraging sustainability of the military mission, working lands and land conservation. Goals include nutrient reduction of phosphorus and nitrogen by 20% across the production lands and forest restoration and enhancement that promotes soil stabilization, habitat enhancement specifically for the threatened and endangered Northern Long-eared bat, avoided conversion, soil and forest health, ground water recharge and surface water quality enhancement.
Expanding Climate Resilience Resources and Land Access for Urban Growers in the Kansas City Metro Area	Cultivate Kansas City	Classic	S/M	N/A	MO	KS	\$6,469,000.00	The project objectives for “Expanding Climate Resilience Resources and Land Access for Urban Growers in the Kansas City Metro Area” are to permanently protect five parcels of significant urban and peri-urban farmland that face intense development pressure and address the unique natural resource concerns experienced by urban and innovative producers in the Kansas City metropolitan area using strategic easement acquisitions and conservation practices. The project’s priority resource concerns are weather resilience, soil quality limitations, degraded plant condition, pest pressure, wind and water erosion, terrestrial habitat, and long-term protection of land. Several of these align with resource concerns in both the Prairie Grasslands Region and the Mississippi River Basin Region CCAs, and the project boundaries straddle these two regions.



Regional Conservation Partnership Program Alternative Funding Arrangements (AFA) for Federal Fiscal Year 2024	MCL Jasco	AFA	S/M	N/A	MS	AR; LA; MO; MS; TN	\$17,000,000.00	This project will be a multi-state effort aiming to restore the ecological health and economic vitality of the Mississippi River Basin via sediment and nutrient runoff reduction. By implementing conservation practices and enrolling wetlands and floodplains in permanent easements, the project will create critical wildlife corridors and protect riparian buffers and bottomland forests.
Southeast Climate-Smart/Carbon Reduction Mitigation Project	Panhandle All Care Services, Inc.	Classic	S/M	N/A	MS	AL; AR; GA; MS; NC; SC; TN; VA	\$16,360,000.00	This project will work to: improve soil health and fertility for crop production and other plant life, and reduce soil erosion; improve water quantity, quality and conserve use; improve air quality; increase flood control; and improve wildlife habitats and crop pollution. By providing assistance to underserved farmers, ranchers and landowners, partners hope to see an increase in the net profit from farm enterprises and a reduced cost of farm inputs.
Restoring Climate-Resilient Longleaf Pine Forests in Mississippi	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Classic	CCA	Longleaf Pine Range	MS		\$25,000,000.00	Partners believe in order to engage private landowners to increase restoration, conservation and proper maintenance of the longleaf pine ecosystem a multifaceted approach is required to address the diverse objectives of different ownerships. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and partners will leverage RCPP funding to deliver technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore and actively manage longleaf forests and implement climate-smart forest practices to support long-term, sustainable carbon and wildlife outcomes. The goals for this project are to engage 1,000 private landowners to restore or enhance 50,000 acres of longleaf pine on private land in Mississippi over five years. The project will coordinate with and leverage a network of implementation partners to provide assistance to private landowners to plant and sustainably manage longleaf pine on suitable sites.

Mississippi Critical Conservation Area Soil Carbon Project	Mississippi Soil & Water Conservation Commission	Classic	CCA	Mississippi River Basin	MS		\$9,756,098.00	This project will work to incentivize Mississippi River Basin farmers to adopt regenerative and climate-smart practices, leveraging technical expertise and federal funding, water quality improvement, nutrient reduction strategy, and carbon removal credit sales to enhance soil organic carbon accrual and protect critical conservation area.
Montana Grasslands and Wildlife Corridors	Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Quail Forever	Classic	CCA	Prairie Grasslands Region	MT		\$25,000,000.00	Through the Montana Grasslands and Wildlife Corridors project, partners aim to address threats to grasslands across Montana to anchor intact landscapes, improve wildlife habitat, maintain wildlife migration corridors, sequester carbon, keep grass-based agriculture profitable and sustainable, and ensure Montana's grasslands are vibrant. Utilizing an impressive partnership framework, the project will work to impact 120,000 acres of grasslands by removing or modifying 200 miles of fence to facilitate wildlife movement, seeding 5,000 acres of grass, contracting management improvements on 10,000 acres, and establishing reliable livestock water on 100,000 acres of grasslands. Additionally, partners expect to utilize land rental contracts to address barriers to grassland restorations, leverage partnerships, and keep restoration projects intact for a minimum of 10 years on 30,000 acres.
Catalyzing Resilient and Connected Grassland Conservation in Eastern Montana	The Conservation Fund	Classic	CCA	Prairie Grasslands Region	MT		\$25,000,000.00	The goal of this proposed project is to accelerate the pace of grassland conservation in Montana's portion of the Prairie Grasslands Critical Conservation Area. The project objective is to protect 100,000 acres of priority grassland through the acquisition of Entity-Held Easements on properties that are predominantly in grassland cover and composed of soils at high risk of conversion or development. In addition, emphasis will be placed on properties that provide breeding habitat for one of five grassland bird species in decline, migration corridors for priority big game species, critical areas for climate mitigation and

								adaptation, and proximity to existing conserved grassland habitat.
Partnering to Protect Johnston County Farmland	Johnston County Soil and Water Conservation District	Classic	S/M	N/A	NC		\$15,090,879.00	This project aims to increase the Johnston County Soil and Water Conservation District's capacity to implement conservation easements to protect Johnston County farmland and keep agriculture viable in that region. The goal of this project is to reduce urban sprawl in Johnston County, NC.
The Land of the Pines: Protecting Critical Conservation Areas and Working Lands in the Lumber River Watershed	North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Classic	CCA	Longleaf Pine Range	NC		\$12,500,000.00	This project will leverage state funds with federal dollars to protect working lands in the Lumber River Basin. Through this partnership, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Sciences will use RCPP to fund conservation easements in critical areas within the Lumber River Basin.
Ecosystem Restoration in North Carolina's High Country: Providing Ecological Uplift for North America's Oldest Rivers	Blue Ridge Resource Conservation and Development	AFA	S/M	N/A	NC		\$15,000,000.00	This project will work to restore streambanks and establish riparian buffers in western North Carolina to improve water quality, enhance wildlife habitat, promote sustainable agriculture, sequester carbon and build strong community partnerships to ensure long-term environmental, social, and economic benefits for the region.
Pasture Progress: Advancing Regenerative Beef in Nebraska	Prime Pursuits	AFA	CCA	Prairie Grasslands Region	NE		\$21,010,976.00	This project will work to help Nebraska beef producers design and implement grazing management plans and deliver corn produced using regenerative farming practices to cattle feeders that reduce and avoid GHG emissions. The project goal is to implement regenerative grazing and cover crops on 1,267,300 acres of land to achieve an estimated 150,635 MT CO2e reduction to address Prairie Grasslands Region Critical Conservation Area priorities.

Protecting Nebraska's Groundwater and Grasslands	Nebraska Community Foundation	Classic	S/M	N/A	NE		\$20,794,000.00	This RCPP project will provide minimally restrictive easements and associated enhancements as a new option in the conservation toolbox to facilitate adoption of playa and grassland restoration/enhancement practices. The Rainwater Basin Joint Venture will track RCPP and partner-leveraged projects in both geospatial and financial databases. Annual activity and unique practice acres, as well as financial contributions will be recorded to quantify RCPP ecosystem outcomes.
Irrigation and Nutrient Management in lower Loup River Basin	Lower Loup Natural Resources District	Classic	CCA	Prairie Grasslands Region	NE		\$18,292,683.00	The goal of this project is to provide conservation improvements within the Lower Loup Natural Resources District. These practices will benefit soil health, emissions, water quality and water quantity. The water resources will be managed through better irrigation, resulting in water savings. A secondary objective is improvements to water quality and soil health with better nutrient management. Leaching below the root zone is a major concern. The project will include grid soil sampling on row-crop irrigation fields, increasing organics through cover crops, crop rotations, tillage practices, and improved fertilizer application.
Growing and Expanding Nebraska's Grassland Cores	Nebraska Community Foundation	AFA	CCA	Prairie Grasslands Region	NE		\$25,000,000.00	The Prairie Grassland Region project will focus on sustainable treatment of woody encroachment through a combination of brush management and follow-up treatments of Prescribed Fire and Integrated Pest Management to treat reinfestation. This biome scale grassland management effort aims to improve forage production, provide wildlife benefits, and maximize carbon storage to help address climate change.
Expanding the Application of Climate Smart Forest Management in New Hampshire and Western Maine to Sustain Diverse Resource Benefits and Values	The Nature Conservancy	Classic	CCA	Northeast Forests and Waters	NH	ME	\$10,000,000.00	This project will deliver financial assistance to landowners to support the implementation of climate-smart forest management practices that will address the priority issue of degraded plant conditions. This project will expand the use of climate-smart forest management practices by building on the successful Climate Resilient Forest Management project launched in 2022

								by The Nature Conservancy, the University of Vermont, and the Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science.
Improving Water Quality and Climate Resiliency in NH through Ecosystem Restoration	Connecticut River Conservancy	Classic	CCA	Northeast Forests and Waters	NH		\$11,463,415.00	The goal of this effort is to restore degraded stream and forest ecosystems in parts of New Hampshire, which will in turn improve water quality, ecosystem health, and climate resiliency. These will directly address all three concerns in the Northeast Forest and Waters CCA by improving degraded plant conditions in forests and riparian zones, enhancing in-stream and riparian habitat, and restoring areas presently contributing to water quality degradation. The proposed activities will also prevent nitrogen losses to waterways and help sequester carbon, which are USDA Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry focus areas.
Restoring the Musconetcong River through Dam Removal	American Rivers	Classic	S/M	N/A	NJ		\$9,273,000.00	The primary goal of this project is to remove the Warren Mill Dam, which is situated in the Musconetcong Gorge, on the Musconetcong River— New Jersey’s largest tributary to the Delaware River. Anticipated outcomes include: improved fish passage; reduced flooding potential for downstream communities; a restored floodplain; improved public safety; improved water quality for local agricultural producers and local communities; improved recreational access; and increased rural economic development opportunities by increasing the redevelopment potential of the former Warren Glenn Paper Mill site. Following the dam’s removal, the National Park Service can assess the restored, free flowing 2-mile river segment for addition to the Musconetcong National Wild and Scenic River.

Navajo Nation Tribal Ranch Water Distribution Installations	Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture	AFA	S/M	N/A	NM		\$25,000,000.00	The Navajo Nation will improve livestock water distribution, conserve water and reduce greenhouse gas emissions on 35 tribal ranches by replacing existing windmill pumps and water hauling with remote managed solar pump technology. The project will eliminate windmills that pump water indiscriminately and sometimes cause flooding risks to cattle and the 2-4 hours of truck travel tribal ranchers drive multiple times per week to haul water to remote parts of the ranches. By increasing the number of water access points, the project will reduce labor and fuel costs and provide a more efficient way to improve sustainability of land, culture, and income for tribal livestock producers
Tribal Buffalo Restoration in the Southwest Region	InterTribal Buffalo Council	AFA	S/M	N/A	NM	AZ; CO; UT	\$21,250,000.00	This project will work to restore and manage native grasslands ecosystems utilizing buffalo and conservation practices on 83-member tribal nation's lands across three projects in Utah, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico. This project will work to restore cultural and spiritual practices, sequester carbon and reduce greenhouse GHG emissions.
H2Ohio Pasture and Hayland Project	Ohio Department of Agriculture	Classic	CCA	Mississippi River Basin	OH		\$9,322,935.00	This project will use both federal RCPP and state H2Ohio funds to implement land management practices across a 44-county project for carbon sequestration and reduction of nutrient and sediment loading to the Ohio River, Mississippi River Basin, and Gulf of Mexico.
Reducing Enteric Methane Emissions by Improving Feed Management on Dairy Farms	The Nature Conservancy	AFA	S/M	N/A	OH	ID; IN; KS; OH	\$12,661,000.00	This project will work to reduce enteric methane emissions from more than 51,000 milking cows by 20-30% in Ohio, Idaho, Indiana and Kansas via implementation of the feed-based additive 3-NOP. The project is expected to achieve a reduction of up to 82,000 MTCO <sub>2</sub> e.

Agroforestry and Reforestation on Working Farms for Habitat Restoration, Water Quality, and Carbon Sequestration in the Mississippi River Basin	Propagate Group PBC	AFA	CCA	Mississippi River Basin	OH	AR; KY; MO; TN	\$24,634,689.00	This multistate project will work to increase adoption of agroforestry and reforestation climate-smart conservation practices on farms across the Mississippi River Critical Conservation Area. The project intends to increase on-farm water holding capacity while decreasing sediment and nutrient erosion into waterways, enhance bird habitat, and sequester carbon on farms by enhancing floral diversity with mixed tree and shrub species.
Tribal Buffalo Restoration in the Southeast Region	InterTribal Buffalo Council	AFA	S/M	N/A	OK	FL; KS; NE; OK	\$21,250,000.00	This project will work to restore and manage native grasslands ecosystems utilizing buffalo and conservation practices on lands within 22-member tribal nations within the four-state project area (OK, FL, KS & NE). Project goals include restoration of cultural and spiritual practices, carbon sequestration and reduced GHG emissions.
Protect-Ignite-Restore	Oregon Department of Forestry	AFA	S/M	N/A	OR		\$9,940,000.00	This project will work to reduce fuel load hazards and improve forest health on 4,600 acres in underserved communities within Southern Oregon that connect with previous treatments funded by NRCS, Oregon Department of Forestry, and USDA. The project aims to reduce greenhouse gas and smoke emission events, improve forest soil and biomass carbon storage, and foster more resilient forest ecosystems.
Rogue Bear All-Lands Restoration Project	Lomakatsi Restoration Project	AFA	S/M	N/A	OR		\$21,250,000.00	This project aims to strategically reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest health on 8,500 to 10,000 acres of private non-industrial forestland across very high wildlife risk zone in the Rogue Basin of southwest Oregon. Additional project goals include improved forestland resilience and air quality, enhanced wildlife habitat and increased carbon sequestration.

Pilot Butte Canal King Way Irrigation Modernization and Conservation	Deschutes River Conservancy	Classic	CCA	Western Waters	OR		\$25,000,000.00	This project employs district canal piping, private lateral piping, on-farm efficiencies, and water marketing to save water in the Central Oregon Irrigation District, which will be redirected to the North Unit Irrigation District (NUID) in exchange for using stored water from Wickiup Reservoir to manage flows in the Upper Deschutes. Water savings generated will contribute directly to basin-wide goals of increasing flows in the Upper Deschutes to benefit ESA-listed species. Under the Habitat Conservation Plan, the districts have committed to increase flows from 100 to 300 cfs by 2028, and to 400-500 cfs by 2033.
Expanding Resilient Working Lands in Harney County	High Desert Partnership	Classic	CCA	Western Waters	OR		\$18,462,351.00	The goal for this RCPP is to expand existing conservation efforts, implementing climate smart and other adaptive practices on a landscape scale. These practices will allow producers and wildlife to build resilience to increasingly frequent and severe drought. Partners will target practices in wetlands to enhance habitat and production in flood-irrigated grass hay meadows with benefits to wildlife and livestock. Partners will scale up practices that promote healthy sagebrush and forests to reduce impacts of catastrophic wildfires to benefit the community and wildlife, increasing their resiliency to a changing climate.
Greater Waterman Landscape Resiliency Project	Wheeler Soil and Water Conservation District	Classic	S/M	N/A	OR		\$21,250,000.00	The goal of the Greater Waterman Landscape Resiliency project is to conserve, restore, and enhance over 23,000 acres of critical range and forest lands for 92 producers in the Middle John Day Basin. The 338,596-acre project area is located in the top 15% of the priority geographies in the Oregon Landscape Resilience Plan and is part of an existing NRCS Conservation Implementation Strategies boundary. The project area has experienced significant landscape degradation, specifically due to fire suppression and non-sustainable grazing practices. Forest stand density has increased, leading to unhealthy stands that are more susceptible to wildfire, insects, and disease. The proposed project will reverse these trends, and help landowners work toward a more



								resilient landscape that stores long-term carbon and is more resilient to climate change impacts; allowing producers to maintain the landscape as critical working lands for agriculture, forestry, and livestock grazing.
Greenhouse Gas and Water Quality Solutions for Pennsylvania Dairies	Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture	Classic	S/M	N/A	PA		\$21,250,000.00	This project will address emissions of greenhouse gases contributing to climate change, and water quality degradation. The primary goals of this project are to reduce enteric emissions from dairy cows and to improve manure management at the farm level.
Monitoring the Impacts of Climate-Smart Hemp Cultivation on the Chesapeake Bay Watershed	National Hemp Association, Inc.	Classic	CCA	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	PA	MD	\$19,675,227.00	The National Hemp Association, Inc. plans to prevent water quality degradation and improve aquatic and terrestrial habitat in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed by cultivating hemp on up to 5,000 acres per year using selected conservation practices, including contour farming, crop rotation, cover cropping, nutrient management, and no-till. Expected conservation benefits resulting from practice implementation include reduced field nutrient, pesticide, pathogen, and sediment loss and improved aquatic and terrestrial habitat through reduced heavy metal content in soil and water. The project will be supported by i-Hemp Katalyst, which will contribute over \$31M to offset producer costs and serve as the off-take partner.

Puerto Rico Climate-Smart Beef Cattle Initiative	Procarne	Classic	S/M	N/A	PR		\$21,250,000.00	The PR Beef Coop (Procarne) is undertaking an initiative to empower historically underserved producers to address resource concerns in connection with GHG emissions, soil degradation, excess and insufficient water, water quality, wetlands conservation, pasture conditions, livestock productivity, and energy inefficiencies. By focusing on both existing ranches and prime farmland currently abandoned or underused, the initiative seeks to improve these farms and farmers resilience and adaptability to climate change.
US Held Agricultural Easements to Support Farm Viability in RI	Rhode Island Department Of Environmental Management	Classic	S/M	N/A	RI		\$5,625,000.00	The goal of this project is long term protection of land to conserve prime and important farm soils to ensure farm viability in Rhode Island.
Cultivating Sustainability: Developing a Crop Emissions and Sustainability Index for Enhanced Economic Potential on Sisseton Wahpeton Tribal Lands	Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate	AFA	CCA	Prairie Grasslands Region	SD		\$1,200,000.00	This project will work to establish a comprehensive Crop Emissions and Sustainability Index for assessing and comparing the environmental impact and sustainability of crop production on the Sisseton Wahpeton Tribal and trust lands. This initiative aims to integrate traditional agricultural knowledge and practices with modern scientific methods to create a robust framework that supports sustainable agriculture while enhancing the tribe's economic potential.
Second Century Working Lands & Woody Habitat Program	South Dakota Second Century Habitat Fund Inc.	AFA	CCA	Prairie Grasslands Region	SD		\$11,293,311.00	This project will work to restore marginal croplands to grasslands that can serve as breeding habitat for migratory and resident wetland- and grassland- dependent bird species. The restored grasslands are expected to capture significant amounts of carbon dioxide, reduce sediment, nitrogen and phosphorous runoff, enhance soil health and ecosystem resilience.
Native Nations Grassland Restoration in the Northern Great Plains	Buffalo Nations Grasslands Alliance	Classic	CCA	Prairie Grasslands Region	SD		\$4,957,317.00	The overall goal of this project is to restore and protect Tribally owned grasslands in the Northern Great Plains. The Buffalo Nations Grasslands Alliance will work with the 16 Native Nation partners in the region to identify marginal croplands that are suitable for restoration. Additionally, they will work with 1-3

								Indigenous producers that own allotments to pilot US-held easements.
Accelerating Prescribed Fire in South Dakota	Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Quail Forever	Classic	CCA	Prairie Grasslands Region	SD		\$24,387,150.00	Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Quail Forever seek to proactively curb the spread of Eastern Red Cedar (ERC) across grasslands in South-Central South Dakota. Their strategy is to target existing intact grasslands before they become significantly invaded by ERC. This approach halts ERC expansion and treats impacted grasslands while reducing costs for future treatment. Ultimately, this effort will protect the integrity of grasslands and landscapes South Dakota is known for and its economy relies upon. This partnership will deliver 50,000-acres of prescribed fire and provide technical assistance to an estimated 75,000-acres of grassland under improved management. Successful implementation will positively impact carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gases.
The Nature Conservancy RCPP Project in South Dakota	The Nature Conservancy	Classic	S/M	N/A	SD		\$19,664,000.00	The Nature Conservancy's goal for this project is to protect large uninterrupted spans of quality grasslands necessary to support current populations of wildlife, store carbon, and increase the resiliency of South Dakota's ranching community. We are requesting \$22,088,329 in RCPP funding leveraged with \$19.66M in landowner and partner contributions to perpetually protect approximately 20,000 acres of priority grasslands in western South Dakota using entity-held conservation easements.
Tribal Buffalo Restoration in the Northern Great Plains Region	InterTribal Buffalo Council	AFA	S/M	N/A	SD	MT; ND; SD; WY	\$21,250,000.00	This project will work to restore and manage native grasslands ecosystems utilizing buffalo and conservation practices on lands within 21-member tribal nations within the four-state project area (SD, MT, ND & WY). Project goals include restoration of cultural and spiritual practices, carbon sequestration and reduced GHG emissions.

Stream Restoration in the Duck River Watershed: Protecting and Enhancing Aquatic Habitat for America's Most Biodiverse River	Duck River Watershed Society, Inc.	AFA	CCA	Mississippi River Basin	TN		\$20,000,000.00	This project aims to enhance and restore the quality and connectivity of aquatic and riparian habitats in the Duck River Watershed in Tennessee through natural channel design stream restoration and riparian buffer establishment using NRCS conservation practices.
MidSouth Regional Conservation Partnership Program	MidSouth Development District	Classic	S/M	N/A	TN	AR; MS; TN	\$21,250,000.00	This project aims to enhance ecosystem health by establishing diverse habitats on the edges of production sites across six counties, supporting ecosystem services that reduce synthetic inputs and improve water and soil quality. This approach will increase biodiversity, providing natural pest control and pollination, thereby promoting sustainable agriculture.
Middle Tennessee Field and Forest Partnership	Agricenter International, Inc.	Classic	CCA	Mississippi River Basin	TN		\$24,887,189.00	The Middle Tennessee Field and Forest Partnership's goal is to broaden engagement of producers and landowners as partners in addressing the priority resource concerns of inadequate habitat for wildlife and water quality degradation in two of Tennessee's most significant habitats – the Duck River watershed and the Western Highland Rim. The project will improve terrestrial habitat, water quality, and degraded plant condition through development and implementation of forest management plans; improve water quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through practices that reduce field sediment, nutrient, and pathogen loss and address soil quality limitations on cropland and pasture; and increase participation of part-time farmers, small farms and forests, homesteads, historically underserved producers and landowners, and Justice40 disadvantaged communities in NRCS programs.

Restoring Post Oak Savannah for Houston Toad Recovery, Aquifer Recharge, and Wildfire Risk Reduction	Amphibian and Reptile Conservancy	Classic	S/M	N/A	TX		\$4,740,000.00	The restoration of post oak savannah and grassland ecosystems will support population recovery of the federally endangered Houston toad by restoring ecological and hydrologic function to at least 8,200 acres of degraded habitat in East-central Texas. This will benefit numerous other upland wildlife and human communities by supporting sustainable land management, improving aquifer recharge, and mitigating wildfire risk. Habitat restoration across the nine-county project area will include mulching, herbicide, native seed planting, and prescribed fire and grazing to open up savannah understory from woody brush overgrowth.
North Texas Prairie Initiative	Native Prairies Association of Texas	Classic	CCA	Prairie Grasslands Region	TX		\$25,000,000.00	The primary project goal is to accelerate the permanent protection of more high-quality grassland by engaging with private landowner to conserve habitat for diverse wildlife and climate-smart agriculture. The North Texas Prairie Initiative works with 33 counties encompassing the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, a strategically important region for native prairie due to increasing fragmentation by rapid urban development.
CLF RCPP/REPI Texas Partnership	Compatible Lands Foundation	Classic	CCA	Prairie Grasslands Region	TX		\$1,219,512.00	Compatible Lands Foundations and its military partners, Fort Cavazos and Dyess Air Force Base, will partner with NRCS to purchase both working land and non-working land easements to prevent loss of working lands, habitat, and open space and to address incompatible development impacting the military missions. This includes protection of natural areas, wildlife habitat, and regional water quality as compatible with working lands in the Prairie Grasslands critical conservation area. Compatible Lands Foundation aims to promote conservation activities that assist Fort Cavazos and Dyess Air Force Base with sustaining their military missions.

Northfields Protection Initiative; Heritage, Habitat, and H2O in the Heber Valley	Utah Open Lands	Classic	S/M	N/A	UT		\$16,585,000.00	The Northfields Protection Initiative addresses a critical need for land conservation in a region under significant pressure from urban development. The project will focus on conservation easements to ensure permanent land protection of the Northfields and is critical to the continued success of the US Bureau of Reclamation, Utah Reclamation Mitigation Conservation Commission's 1,500-acre Provo River Restoration Project.
Scaling Silvopasture using Carbon Markets	Working Trees, Inc.	Classic	S/M	N/A	VA	MD	\$6,278,000.00	Project partners aim to make silvopasture simple, scalable, and profitable to deploy for landowners. Partners will use RCPP financial assistance to help landowners implement land management activities associated with the adoption of silvopasture systems. The producers who enroll in this RCPP will sequester approximately 2,800 tons of CO2e within the five-year RCPP program and will sequester a total of 650,000 tons of CO2e over the duration of Working Trees' 30-year silvopasture carbon program. In addition to substantial carbon drawdown benefits, this RCPP will also generate ecosystem service benefits, including water quality improvements, improved soil health, improved biodiversity and improved resilience for the agricultural operations enrolled, This project will result in planting of 150,000 trees and is expected to sequester 18,000 metric tons of CO2e over the five year span of the RCPP project.
Adapting Stream Crossings in a Changing Climate for Fish and Farms	Whatcom Conservation District	Classic	CCA	Western Waters	WA		\$4,800,000.00	This project will work to remedy barriers to fish passage by replacing barrier culverts with fish passable structures and improve stream habitat by adding large wood to create cover and resting pools for fish. Increased populations of salmonid species including ESA listed Chinook salmon and Steelhead is the desired environmental outcome of this project. Each distinct project site will be monitored before and after implementation using protocols established by the Washington State Department of

								Fish & Wildlife to document increases of both juvenile fish and adult spawning fish.
Milwaukee River Basin Conservation Partnership	Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District	Classic	S/M	N/A	WI		\$19,882,000.00	The Milwaukee River Basin Conservation Partnership (MRBCP) is working to address climate resiliency, soil health, water quality, and the farming economy by supporting landowners and producers across the rural-urban Milwaukee River Basin in Southeastern Wisconsin. Objectives of this project include obligating 5,000 acres of climate-smart practices, protecting 2,500 acres of entity-held easements, reducing 60,000 lbs of phosphorus from leaving fields, improving grazing operations, and engaging 200 historically underserved, urban and small-scale producers. Soil health and economic studies will measure the effectiveness of climate-smart practices to improve carbon storage and profitability.
Midwest Greener Future	AgOutcomes, Inc.	AFA	S/M	N/A	WI	IL; IN; MN	\$21,242,000.00	Multi-state (IA, IL, IN and MN) project to address the three primary sources of greenhouse gases tied to dairy production and improve water quality using cover crops, reduced tillage, no-till, conservation crop rotation, feed management, and waste separation. Over the life of the project the aim is to reduce 59,800 metric tons of enteric emissions from lactating dairy cows via implementation of the feed-based additive 3-NOP; achieve 22,500 metric tons of emission reductions from manure storage; 327,491 metric tons of emission reductions and carbon sequestration within crop production; and prevent 3,056,585 pounds of nitrogen and 218,328 pounds of phosphorus from impacting water quality.

West Virginia Appalachian Plateau Partnership: Improving Management and Soil Fertility to Protect Watersheds	West Virginia University	Classic	S/M	N/A	WV		\$7,816,000.00	This project aims to protect watersheds of the West Virginia Appalachian Plateau and restore the land by improving soil fertility using conservation land management contracted practices of managed grazing and nutrient management, which will sequester carbon across 100 farms.
Promoting Landscape Resilience and Protecting Migration Corridors in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem	Jackson Hole Land Trust	Classic	S/M	N/A	WY		\$21,250,000.00	The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem home to abundant wildlife populations and also home to a vibrant agricultural community of farms and ranches. These private lands are under threat of development as farms and ranches are parceled off to meet the demands of a growing population. The primary goal of this project is to protect and enhance the critical lands in Northwest Wyoming that sequester carbon, support the region's iconic ungulate species, and support the agricultural economies in the area.
Salt River Watershed Restoration Project	Trout Unlimited, Inc.	AFA	S/M	N/A	WY		\$14,034,000.00	This project aims to restore aquatic and riparian habitat, reduce streambank erosion, restore habitat connectivity, and sequester carbon in the Salt River and its tributaries through stream restoration, grazing management, and agricultural infrastructure projects.