

# APPENDIX C

## Additional Reference Material

**“Not everything that counts  
can be counted, and not  
everything that can be  
counted counts.”**

—Albert Einstein, physicist



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## PROPERTY TAX RATE ANALYSIS

Data sources for these Tax Rate Tables are:

Population: <https://www.nh.gov/osi/data-center/population-estimates.htm>

Tax rates: <https://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/municipal/documents/19-tax-rates.pdf>

### Tax Rates for NH Municipalities of Similar Size

Sorted by Tax Rate

Towns of similar population (6000 - 8000) are shaded in gray

Municipality	County	2019 population	2019 Tax Rate	Tax Rate State Rank
Wolfeboro	Carroll	6,312	\$15.84	34
Gilford	Belknap	7,255	\$15.86	35
Meredith	Belknap	6,420	\$15.89	37
Atkinson	Rockingham	7,115	\$17.67	49
Stratham	Rockingham	7,559	\$18.63	56
Plaistow	Rockingham	7,749	\$21.31	80
Kingston	Rockingham	6,240	\$22.00	92
Farmington	Strafford	6,883	\$22.24	95
Hollis	Hillsborough	7,962	\$23.10	112
Pembroke	Merrimack	7,093	\$23.58	122
Belmont	Belknap	7,353	\$25.01	146
Swanzy	Cheshire	7,398	\$25.76	154
Bow	Merrimack	7,903	\$26.21	160
Sandown	Rockingham	6,473	\$26.96	173
Epping	Rockingham	7,031	\$27.70	184
Rindge	Cheshire	6,244	\$27.76	185
Plymouth	Grafton	6,911	\$28.19	196
Peterborough	Hillsborough	6,716	\$29.75	204
Newport	Sullivan	6,480	\$32.53	223

## Tax Rate for Rockingham County Municipalities

Sorted by Tax Rate

Towns of similar population (6000 - 8000) are shaded in gray

Municipality	County	2019 population	2019 Tax Rate	Tax Rate State Rank	Tax Rate County Rank
New Castle	Rockingham	968	\$6.19	2	1
Newington	Rockingham	800	\$9.34	5	2
Rye	Rockingham	5,479	\$10.22	9	3
Portsmouth	Rockingham	22,206	\$14.86	28	4
Seabrook	Rockingham	8,904	\$15.75	33	5
Hampton	Rockingham	15,207	\$16.01	40	6
Greenland	Rockingham	4,146	\$16.40	41	7
North Hampton	Rockingham	4,582	\$16.70	43	8
<b>Atkinson</b>	<b>Rockingham</b>	<b>7,115</b>	<b>\$17.67</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>9</b>
South Hampton	Rockingham	826	\$17.85	51	10
Candia	Rockingham	3,967	\$18.60	55	11
Stratham	Rockingham	7,559	\$18.63	56	12
Auburn	Rockingham	5,653	\$18.81	58	13
Londonderry	Rockingham	26,266	\$19.39	64	14
Kensington	Rockingham	2,146	\$19.46	66	15
Newfields	Rockingham	1,723	\$20.59	74	16
Chester	Rockingham	5,298	\$20.80	76	17
Hampstead	Rockingham	8,741	\$20.99	79	18
Plaistow	Rockingham	7,749	\$21.31	80	19
Salem	Rockingham	29,957	\$21.98	89	20
Kingston	Rockingham	6,240	\$22.00	92	21
Hampton Falls	Rockingham	2,428	\$22.11	93	22
Nottingham	Rockingham	5,144	\$22.50	100	23
East Kingston	Rockingham	2,424	\$22.52	101	24
Northwood	Rockingham	4,300	\$22.52	102	25
Windham	Rockingham	14,792	\$22.55	103	26
Deerfield	Rockingham	4,659	\$23.11	114	27
Exeter	Rockingham	15,382	\$23.27	118	28
Newmarket	Rockingham	9,460	\$24.26	138	29
Derry	Rockingham	33,249	\$26.12	159	30
Newton	Rockingham	4,967	\$26.38	163	31
Raymond	Rockingham	10,489	\$26.59	166	32
Sandown	Rockingham	6,473	\$26.96	173	33
Brentwood	Rockingham	4,610	\$27.70	183	34
Epping	Rockingham	7,031	\$27.70	184	35
Danville	Rockingham	4,553	\$28.06	194	36
Fremont	Rockingham	4,765	\$31.05	215	37



## Tax Rates for all NH Municipalities

Sorted by Tax Rate

Towns of similar population (6000 - 8000) are shaded in gray

Municipality	County	2019 population	2019 Tax Rate	Tax Rate State Rank
Hart's Location	Carroll	46	\$4.00	1
New Castle	Rockingham	968	\$6.19	2
Moultonborough	Carroll	4,129	\$7.15	3
Newington	Rockingham	800	\$9.34	5
Bartlett	Carroll	2,837	\$9.34	4
Hebron	Grafton	628	\$9.69	6
Bridgewater	Grafton	1,106	\$9.76	7
Tuftonboro	Carroll	2,423	\$10.11	8
Rye	Rockingham	5,479	\$10.22	9
Jackson	Carroll	849	\$11.26	10
Monroe	Grafton	813	\$11.34	11
Windsor	Hillsborough	222	\$11.81	12
Eaton	Carroll	418	\$12.05	13
Wakefield	Carroll	5,141	\$12.47	14
Alton	Belknap	5,361	\$12.51	15
Easton	Grafton	272	\$12.99	16
Holderness	Grafton	2,131	\$13.17	17
Errol	Coos	296	\$13.43	18
Freedom	Carroll	1,596	\$13.56	19
Albany	Carroll	753	\$13.97	20
Waterville Valley	Grafton	248	\$14.14	21
Dummer	Coos	304	\$14.16	22
Chatham	Carroll	344	\$14.20	23
Sandwich	Carroll	1,357	\$14.23	24
Lincoln	Grafton	1,748	\$14.58	25
New London	Merrimack	4,117	\$14.71	26
Randolph	Coos	308	\$14.80	27
Portsmouth	Rockingham	22,206	\$14.86	28
Stoddard	Cheshire	1,277	\$15.10	29
Center Harbor	Belknap	1,091	\$15.22	30
Shelburne	Coos	379	\$15.44	31
Clarksville	Coos	278	\$15.55	32
Seabrook	Rockingham	8,904	\$15.75	33
Wolfeboro	Carroll	6,312	\$15.84	34
Gilford	Belknap	7,255	\$15.86	35

Newbury	Merrimack	2,193	\$15.88	36
Meredith	Belknap	6,420	\$15.89	37
Sunapee	Sullivan	3,489	\$15.93	38
Pittsburg	Coos	888	\$16.00	39
Hampton	Rockingham	15,207	\$16.01	40
Greenland	Rockingham	4,146	\$16.40	41
Brookfield	Carroll	735	\$16.70	42
North Hampton	Rockingham	4,582	\$16.70	43
Groton	Grafton	610	\$16.83	44
Ossipee	Carroll	4,436	\$17.11	45
Nelson	Cheshire	737	\$17.25	46
Conway	Carroll	10,215	\$17.32	47
Harrisville	Cheshire	965	\$17.40	48
Benton	Grafton	377	\$17.67	50
<b>Atkinson</b>	<b>Rockingham</b>	<b>7,115</b>	<b>\$17.67</b>	<b>49</b>
South Hampton	Rockingham	826	\$17.85	51
Stark	Coos	573	\$18.07	52
Madison	Carroll	2,648	\$18.26	53
Hanover	Grafton	11,502	\$18.45	54
Candia	Rockingham	3,967	\$18.60	55
Stratham	Rockingham	7,559	\$18.63	56
Thornton	Grafton	2,611	\$18.68	57
Auburn	Rockingham	5,653	\$18.81	58
Columbia	Coos	779	\$18.92	59
Bedford	Hillsborough	23,011	\$18.95	60
Franconia	Grafton	1,132	\$18.98	61
Sanbornton	Belknap	3,005	\$19.22	62
New Hampton	Belknap	2,298	\$19.24	63
Londonderry	Rockingham	26,266	\$19.39	64
Pelham	Hillsborough	14,032	\$19.40	65
Kensington	Rockingham	2,146	\$19.46	66
Cornish	Sullivan	1,654	\$19.52	67
Croydon	Sullivan	778	\$19.56	68
Tilton	Belknap	3,673	\$19.61	69
Carroll	Coos	818	\$20.00	70
Sugar Hill	Grafton	583	\$20.07	71
Hudson	Hillsborough	25,514	\$20.28	72
Newfields	Rockingham	1,723	\$20.59	74
Laconia	Belknap	16,709	\$20.59	73
Ellsworth	Grafton	86	\$20.64	75
Chester	Rockingham	5,298	\$20.80	76

Washington	Sullivan	1,143	\$20.84	77
Dorchester	Grafton	362	\$20.88	78
Hampstead	Rockingham	8,741	\$20.99	79
Plaistow	Rockingham	7,749	\$21.31	80
Bath	Grafton	1,114	\$21.40	81
Tamworth	Carroll	2,918	\$21.54	82
Hooksett	Merrimack	14,650	\$21.55	83
Andover	Merrimack	2,372	\$21.64	84
Woodstock	Grafton	1,380	\$21.69	85
New Ipswich	Hillsborough	5,328	\$21.73	86
Nashua	Hillsborough	88,872	\$21.76	87
Webster	Merrimack	1,902	\$21.96	88
Salem	Rockingham	29,957	\$21.98	89
Jefferson	Coos	1,134	\$21.99	90
Springfield	Sullivan	1,344	\$21.99	91
Kingston	Rockingham	6,240	\$22.00	92
Hampton Falls	Rockingham	2,428	\$22.11	93
Sharon	Hillsborough	360	\$22.12	94
Farmington	Strafford	6,883	\$22.24	95
Sullivan	Cheshire	699	\$22.25	96
Chesterfield	Cheshire	3,705	\$22.32	97
Landaff	Grafton	424	\$22.47	99
Franklin	Merrimack	8,714	\$22.47	98
Nottingham	Rockingham	5,144	\$22.50	100
East Kingston	Rockingham	2,424	\$22.52	101
Northwood	Rockingham	4,300	\$22.52	102
Windham	Rockingham	14,792	\$22.55	103
Temple	Hillsborough	1,404	\$22.58	104
Rollinsford	Strafford	2,579	\$22.61	105
Barrington	Strafford	9,123	\$22.67	106
Gilmanton	Belknap	3,809	\$22.79	107
Bristol	Grafton	3,124	\$22.80	108
Barnstead	Belknap	4,740	\$22.83	109
Rumney	Grafton	1,498	\$22.94	110
Loudon	Merrimack	5,684	\$22.98	111
Littleton	Grafton	5,939	\$23.10	113
Hollis	Hillsborough	7,962	\$23.10	112
Deerfield	Rockingham	4,659	\$23.11	114
Salisbury	Merrimack	1,424	\$23.14	115
Campton	Grafton	3,405	\$23.21	116
Wentworth	Grafton	925	\$23.22	117

Exeter	Rockingham	15,382	\$23.27	118
Chichester	Merrimack	2,630	\$23.40	119
Strafford	Strafford	4,179	\$23.47	120
Milton	Strafford	4,617	\$23.56	121
Stewartstown	Coos	1,040	\$23.58	123
Pembroke	Merrimack	7,093	\$23.58	122
Litchfield	Hillsborough	8,634	\$23.65	124
Milan	Coos	1,345	\$23.69	125
Weare	Hillsborough	8,951	\$23.71	126
New Durham	Strafford	2,641	\$23.72	127
Warren	Grafton	930	\$23.77	128
Northfield	Merrimack	4,884	\$23.80	129
Dalton	Coos	1,001	\$23.86	130
Danbury	Merrimack	1,199	\$24.00	131
Alexandria	Grafton	1,651	\$24.04	132
Whitefield	Coos	2,379	\$24.04	133
Lyman	Grafton	548	\$24.13	134
Merrimack	Hillsborough	26,237	\$24.13	135
Francestown	Hillsborough	1,585	\$24.17	136
Richmond	Cheshire	1,179	\$24.19	137
Newmarket	Rockingham	9,460	\$24.26	138
Manchester	Hillsborough	110,712	\$24.32	139
Wilmot	Merrimack	1,383	\$24.49	140
Goffstown	Hillsborough	17,938	\$24.58	141
Hancock	Hillsborough	1,665	\$24.60	142
Dublin	Cheshire	1,593	\$24.63	143
Lancaster	Coos	3,542	\$24.90	144
Rochester	Strafford	30,992	\$24.90	145
Belmont	Belknap	7,353	\$25.01	146
Enfield	Grafton	4,714	\$25.05	147
New Boston	Hillsborough	5,857	\$25.05	148
Dover	Strafford	31,795	\$25.19	149
Roxbury	Cheshire	224	\$25.28	150
Hill	Merrimack	1,102	\$25.41	151
Walpole	Cheshire	3,863	\$25.51	152
Stratford	Coos	768	\$25.74	153
Swanzey	Cheshire	7,398	\$25.76	154
Mont Vernon	Hillsborough	2,601	\$25.82	155
Grantham	Sullivan	3,044	\$25.86	156
Milford	Hillsborough	16,003	\$25.97	157
Plainfield	Sullivan	2,443	\$26.00	158



Derry	Rockingham	33,249	\$26.12	159
Bow	Merrimack	7,903	\$26.21	160
Mason	Hillsborough	1,428	\$26.24	161
Middleton	Strafford	1,812	\$26.28	162
Newton	Rockingham	4,967	\$26.38	163
Fitzwilliam	Cheshire	2,418	\$26.49	164
Piermont	Grafton	790	\$26.50	165
Raymond	Rockingham	10,489	\$26.59	166
Orange	Grafton	337	\$26.60	167
Bethlehem	Grafton	2,591	\$26.73	168
Westmoreland	Cheshire	1,748	\$26.85	169
Effingham	Carroll	1,498	\$26.90	170
Troy	Cheshire	2,140	\$26.95	171
Sandown	Rockingham	6,473	\$26.96	173
Amherst	Hillsborough	11,599	\$26.96	172
Antrim	Hillsborough	2,646	\$26.97	174
Epsom	Merrimack	4,787	\$27.09	175
Lyme	Grafton	1,729	\$27.19	176
Dunbarton	Merrimack	2,909	\$27.21	177
Greenfield	Hillsborough	1,777	\$27.27	178
Somersworth	Strafford	11,844	\$27.28	179
Lempster	Sullivan	1,184	\$27.31	180
Greenville	Hillsborough	2,079	\$27.39	181
Durham	Strafford	16,085	\$27.43	182
Brentwood	Rockingham	4,610	\$27.70	183
Epping	Rockingham	7,031	\$27.70	184
Rindge	Cheshire	6,244	\$27.76	185
Concord	Merrimack	42,982	\$27.78	186
Langdon	Sullivan	697	\$27.80	187
Alstead	Cheshire	1,961	\$27.85	188
Canterbury	Merrimack	2,404	\$27.87	189
Goshen	Sullivan	822	\$27.88	190
Bradford	Merrimack	1,690	\$27.91	191
Ashland	Grafton	2,099	\$27.95	192
Gilsum	Cheshire	826	\$28.01	193
Danville	Rockingham	4,553	\$28.06	194
Boscawen	Merrimack	4,049	\$28.12	195
Plymouth	Grafton	6,911	\$28.19	196
Unity	Sullivan	1,605	\$28.49	197
Surry	Cheshire	760	\$28.92	198
Bennington	Hillsborough	1,489	\$28.93	199

Wilton	Hillsborough	3,746	\$29.04	200
Acworth	Sullivan	907	\$29.07	201
Hopkinton	Merrimack	5,712	\$29.12	202
Lyndeborough	Hillsborough	1,727	\$29.14	203
Peterborough	Hillsborough	6,716	\$29.75	204
Madbury	Strafford	1,846	\$29.86	205
Brookline	Hillsborough	5,387	\$29.87	206
Warner	Merrimack	2,915	\$29.96	207
Orford	Grafton	1,258	\$29.98	208
Sutton	Merrimack	1,881	\$30.09	209
Colebrook	Coos	2,323	\$30.13	210
Haverhill	Grafton	4,663	\$30.30	211
Lebanon	Grafton	14,079	\$30.37	212
Deering	Hillsborough	1,939	\$30.62	213
Lisbon	Grafton	1,688	\$30.67	214
Fremont	Rockingham	4,765	\$31.05	215
Allenstown	Merrimack	4,368	\$31.10	216
Marlborough	Cheshire	2,143	\$31.47	217
Lee	Strafford	4,483	\$31.49	218
Hillsborough	Hillsborough	5,992	\$31.56	219
Grafton	Grafton	1,371	\$31.77	220
Marlow	Cheshire	748	\$31.92	221
Northumberland	Coos	2,251	\$32.44	222
Newport	Sullivan	6,480	\$32.53	223
Pittsfield	Merrimack	4,096	\$32.86	224
Canaan	Grafton	3,987	\$32.93	225
Gorham	Coos	2,819	\$33.77	226
Hinsdale	Cheshire	4,058	\$34.07	227
Jaffrey	Cheshire	5,424	\$34.80	228
Henniker	Merrimack	4,922	\$35.34	229
Winchester	Cheshire	4,349	\$35.64	230
Keene	Cheshire	23,429	\$37.60	231
Charlestown	Sullivan	5,154	\$39.11	232
Berlin	Coos	10,167	\$39.82	233
Claremont	Sullivan	13,246	\$40.26	234

## BUFFERS AND SETBACKS DEMYSTIFIED

### Buffers:

Implementation of water quality buffers provides a comprehensive approach to protecting the quality and availability of New Hampshire’s drinking water resources, surface waters, groundwater, and riparian habitats. Protection is often focused on tailoring approaches based on site specific conditions, land use best management practices, and the best available science.

Water quality buffer programs are accomplished most often through one or more of the following approaches:

- Local water resource protection and conservation that engages community stakeholders and water users, and promotes best practices in water management, investments in protective measures, and sound land use planning and policies;
- Land use regulation and management focused on pollution prevention best practices by limiting development and impervious surfaces in drinking water supply watersheds;
- Land conservation practices focused on protecting source waters and their contributing drainage and recharge areas; and
- Applying best available science on water quality protection, drought, climate change, water conservation, water resource, and demand management.

Water quality buffers are adopted for the purpose of protecting municipal, public, and private drinking water sources, surface waters, and groundwater resources. Water quality buffer standards are adopted to achieve the following goals:

- A. Preventing the destruction of, or significant environmental changes to, drinking water sources, surface and groundwater resources, and wetlands.
- B. Protecting the continuation of natural flow patterns and hydrology of surface waters, streams and other water courses, and wetlands, including maintenance of groundwater recharge and stream flow during dry periods.
- C. Providing for nutrient attenuation and prevention of nonpoint source pollution from stormwater runoff.
- D. Preventing erosion and excess sedimentation from entering drinking water sources, surface water resources, and their associated wetlands.
- E. Preserving and protecting important wildlife habitat, and maintaining ecological services that protect water quality.
- F. Preventing the expenditure of municipal funds for the purpose of providing and/or maintaining essential drinking water-related services and utilities, which otherwise might be required as a result of abuse or inharmonious use of water resources.
- G. Protecting wetlands, watercourses, surface and groundwater supplies, and waterbodies from degradation of their functions.

**Setbacks:**

Setbacks are designed to separate structures - most commonly permanent buildings served by septic - from a sensitive resource such as wetlands or surface waters. Unlike the “no disturb” natural state of a buffer, the setback area is typically *not* a “no disturb” area. In many instances, setback regulations only require that a certain distance be maintained between structures and a wetland or surface water, and such regulations typically allow land disturbance and alteration within the setback area. Anything not identified as a “structure” in the zoning ordinance or land development regulations, including permanent uses such as parking areas and stormwater management infrastructure, are often permitted within the setback area. This level of alteration and introduction of impervious surfaces can significantly reduce or eliminate water quality protection and habitat functions in the setback area.

**Hybrid Options:**

From a water quality and habitat protection perspective, a smaller buffer is often more protective than a larger setback. Keeping a portion of a setback area in a natural state would allow it to continue to perform water quality protection functions, which, in turn, would greatly enhance the setback’s water quality protection capabilities, even if only for the first 25-30 feet from the resource.

Other alternatives include implementation of green infrastructure practices (practices that mimic or replace natural landscape functions), such as replacing standard pavement with porous pavement or pavers. Another example would be to utilize “constructed wetlands” (also called *bioretention areas*) in a project’s design, which would serve as stormwater management infrastructure that maintains natural vegetation and wildlife and aquatic habitats through the restoration of natural landscapes.

## SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR LAND CONSERVATION

**Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)** – Administered by the US Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service. The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) has two components:

- Agricultural Land Easements – Conservation easements that limit non-agricultural uses on cropland, pastureland, grassland, and nonindustrial forest land on working farms. **Local government and private landowners eligible.**
- Wetlands Reserve Easements – Conservation easements designed to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands which have been previously degraded due to agricultural uses. **Private landowners eligible.**

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements/acep/>

**Application Deadline:** Application batching periods typically mid-January and mid-May.

**Funding:** Varies, with New Hampshire receiving between \$4 million to \$8 million annually.

**Contact:** NH NRCS State Office:

<https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?service=page/ServiceCenterSummary&stateCode=33&cnty=015>

**Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Fund** – Administered by the NH Department of Environmental Services. Grant funds are available to support conservation activities that are ecologically important and will effectively sustain aquatic resource functions in the watershed for the long term. Activities include protecting, restoring, and enhancing wetlands and streams through acquisition of land, conservation easements on land, removing fill, removing invasive species, restoring wetland hydrology, and more. Funds are pooled according to nine watersheds, called Service Areas. Atkinson is within the Merrimack River Service Area.

**Eligible Applicants** include local and county government, watershed associations, school districts, and nonprofit organizations.

**Application Deadline:** NHDES typically releases a request for pre-proposals in early February, with a pre-proposal submission deadline at the end of May. If selected to submit a full application, that deadline is typically the end of August.

**Funding:** Funding amounts vary, with \$2 million available in 2021.

**Contact:** NH DES: <https://www.des.nh.gov/business-and-community/loans-and-grants/aquatic-resource-mitigation-fund>

**Community Forest Program** – Administered by US Forest Service. Provides grant funds to acquire and establish community forests that provide community benefits, including economic benefits through active forest management, clean water, wildlife habitat, educational opportunities, and public access for recreation. Full fee title acquisition is required; conservation easements are not eligible. The program pays up to 50% of the projects costs and



requires a 50% non-federal match. Public access is required. Lands acquired through the program are actively managed in accordance with a community forest plan.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/private-land/community-forest>

**Eligible Applicants** include local and county government and nonprofit organizations.

**Application Deadline:** Application typically due to NH State Forester in early January.

**Funding:** Funding amounts vary, with \$4 million available nationwide in 2021.

**Contact:** Eastern Region Manager: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/contact-us/community-forest-regional-coordinators>

**Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund** - Administered by the NH Department of Environmental Services. The Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund was established by the NH Legislature per NH RSA 485-F. The Fund provides loans, grants, and matching funds to municipalities, public and private water utilities, land trusts, and other non-profit conservation organizations for projects designed to protect, preserve, and enhance drinking water and groundwater resources in New Hampshire. Funding programs include:

- **Source Water Protection Grant Assistance Program** – Funds permanent protection of undeveloped water supply land, including wellhead protection areas, hydrologic areas of concern, and land that is likely to benefit future public water supply sources.  
**Eligible Applicants** include municipalities, public water systems, land trusts, and other conservation organizations.  
**Application Deadline:** Eligibility applications typically due mid-June. If the project is determined to be eligible the funding application is typically due in early September.  
**Funding:** Funding amounts vary, with \$2 million available statewide in 2021, with \$500,000 the maximum award.
- **Consolidated Study Assistance Program** – Funds available for small community water systems for identifying and evaluating the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of connecting to another community water system.  
**Eligible Applicants:** Community Water Systems serving up to 1,000 people, or nonprofit, non-transient, non-community water system (for example, public school)  
**Application Deadline:** Applications accepted year-round.  
**Funding:** \$200,00 available statewide in 2021; grant up to \$10,000 awarded.
- **Low-Income Residential Drought Assistance Program** – Funds for low-income qualifying homeowners experiencing drought-related loss of a safe, reliable source of drinking water at their primary residence. Program funds short-term relief (bottled water), well replacement, or connection to a community water supply.  
**Eligible Applicants:** Low-income households, determined by income criterion set by US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development guidelines.  
**Application Deadline:** Applications accepted year-round.  
**Funding:** Funding amounts vary, with \$1.5 million available in 2021.

- **Special Project Assistance Program** – Funds water supply construction projects that meet at least one of four circumstances – drinking water contamination, time critical, financial hardship, support economic growth.  
**Eligible Applicants:** Municipal and private water systems, cooperative neighborhood associations.  
**Application Deadline:** Applications accepted year-round but must be time critical.  
**Funding:** Funds are available as loans and grants with \$1.4 million allocated in 2021.
- **Drinking Water Construction Project Assistance Program** – Funds projects that create drinking water infrastructure, improve water quality, increase the viability or longevity of existing drinking water infrastructure, and enable the State to meet present and future drinking water needs.  
**Eligible Applicants:** Municipal and private water systems.  
**Application Deadline:** Applications typically due early September  
**Funding:** Varies, with \$34 million available in 2021 across all the programs listed.

**Contact:** NH DES: [https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-dwg-trust/?page\\_id=98](https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-dwg-trust/?page_id=98)

**Fields Pond Foundation** – A private foundation that grants funds for trail making and other enhancement of public access to conservation lands, rivers, and other natural resources; land acquisition for conservation; assistance in establishment of stewardship as a component of a land protection projects; and directly related education programs and publications as components of a land protection project.

**Eligible Applicants:** Tax exempt nature and land conservation organizations.

**Application Deadline:** Applications accepted year-round.

**Funding:** Expected grant range of \$500 to \$10,000

**Contact:** Fields Pond Foundation: <http://fieldspond.org/index.htm>

**Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)** – Administered by the National Park Service in partnership with the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. The Fund provides matching grants for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

**Eligible Applicants:** Local, county, and state government; school districts

**Application Deadline:** Intent to Apply Forms typically due the end of May.

**Funding:** Varies, with projects in NH typically awarded between \$25,000 - \$400,000.

**Contact:** NH Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources: <https://www.nhstateparks.org/about-us/community-recreation/land-water-conservation-fund-grant>

**National Park Services Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program**- Administered by the National Park Service. Provides technical assistance (not funding) in support of projects that develop or restore parks, conservation areas, rivers, wildlife habitats, outdoor recreation opportunities, and programs that engage the public in the outdoors.

**Eligible Applicants:** Local, county, and state government, community groups, nonprofit organizations.

**Application Deadline:** Applications typically due March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Funding:** Varies.

**Contact:** National Park Service: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm>

**New England Environmental Grass Roots Fund (NEGEF)** – A non-profit foundation awarding grant funds designed to energize and nurture long term civic engagement in local initiatives that create and maintain healthy, just, safe, and environmentally sustainable communities.

**Eligible Applicants:** Community organizations that are volunteer driven.

**Application Deadline:** Applications accepted year-round.

**Funding:** Varies, with range of \$500 -- \$4,000.

**Contact:** NEGEF: <https://grassrootsfund.org/>

**New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Community Grants Program** – The Foundation award unrestricted grants to support an organization’s general operations rather than a particular project. Focus areas include health and well-being, civic engagement, education, economic development, environmental protection, and arts and culture. Atkinson is included in the Foundation’s Manchester region.

**Eligible Applicants:** Tax exempt community organizations

**Application Deadline:** Concept papers typically due end of June, with full applications due early October.

**Funding:** \$30,000 - \$60,000 over three-year period.

**Contact:** New Hampshire Charitable Foundation: <https://www.nhcf.org/how-can-we-help-you/apply-for-a-grant/unrestricted-grant-program/>

**New Hampshire Fish and Game Small Grants Program** – Administered by NH Fish and Game Department. The program assists landowners who own a minimum of 25 contiguous acres restore or enhance habitat for wildlife. Funding is available for the creation and/or maintenance of wildlife habitat within the property. Projects that qualify include brush clearing or mowing to maintain grasslands and shrublands and maintenance of woodland openings. In exchange for the grant, landowners agree that their land will remain open for non-motorized public access activities, including hunting.

**Eligible Applicants:** Municipalities and private landowners.

**Application Deadline:** Applications accepted year-round.

**Funding:** Up to \$4,000.

**Contact:** NH Fish and Game: <https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/habitat/small-grants.html>

**New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Program (LCHIP)** – Established per NH RSA 227-M and administered by an independent state authority, the NH Land and Community Heritage Program (LCHIP) provides matching grant funds to conserve and preserve New Hampshire’s most important natural, cultural, and historic resources.

**Eligible Applicants:** Municipalities and tax-exempt organizations.

**Application Deadline:** Intent to Apply form typically due mid-May with final proposals due mid-June.

**Funding:** Varies, with \$3.5 million available annually.

**Contact:** LCHIP: <https://www.lchip.org/index.php>

**Recreational Trails Program** – Administered by the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Provides grant funds for public trail projects, including maintenance and restoration of existing trails, purchase and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment, construction of new trails, development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities, and trail linkages.

**Eligible Applicants:** Municipalities and tax-exempt organizations.

**Application Deadline:** Typically end of May.

**Funding:** Varies, with a range of \$5,000 - \$110,000 in 2021.

**Contact:** NH Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources: <https://www.nhstateparks.org/about-us/trails-bureau/grants/recreational-trails-program>

**State Conservation Committee – “Moose Plate” Grants** – Administered by the NH State Conservation Committee. Grant funds are available for projects that support and promote programs and partnerships that protect, restore, and enhance the state’s valuable natural resources.

**Eligible Applicants:** Municipalities, County Conservation Districts; County Cooperative Extension, Tax-exempt organizations, public and private schools, scout groups.

**Application Deadline:** Applications typically due early September.

**Funding:** Varies, with a range of \$8,000 - \$25,000 awarded in 2021.

**Contact:** State Conservation Committee for information:

<https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/scc/grant-program.htm>

**USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) -**

Administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. CSP is a voluntary conservation program that provides landowners with financial and technical assistance to conserve and enhance soil, water, air, and related natural resources. Enhancement activities include brush management to improve wildlife habitat and planting for pollinators and beneficial insects.

**Eligible Applicants:** Private landowners.

**Application Deadline:** Applications accepted year-round.

**Funding:** Varies.

**Contact:** NH NRCS State Office:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nh/programs/financial/csp/>