



Long Island Sound Study
A Partnership to Restore and Protect the Sound

Sustainable & Resilient Communities



February 2024 - Western & Eastern CT



SRC Funding Workshops this March

Want to map out a path towards resilience for your community? Do you need help understanding the vast sea of grant opportunities and how your community's goals can fit in? Here is your chance to mingle in person and learn about resilience-related funding opportunities for our local region! Hear from program officers who will be sharing tips for securing funding, ask questions of successful awardees, and join round table discussions where you can bounce around project ideas. Check out the details below and register now to save your spot!

Upcoming Events

[SRC Funding Workshops](#)

The Sustainable and Resilient Communities team will host two in-person workshops this March with funding organizations. Join us to learn more about funding opportunities, hear success stories, and find out ways to improve your applications.

- [**March 7, 2024 - Eastern Connecticut | Register here**](#)
- [**March 21, 2024 - Western Connecticut | Register here**](#)

[**Elevation Certificate Virtual Workshops**](#)

Are you looking to elevate your skills? Maine's Department of Agriculture, Conservation, & Forestry is hosting virtual Elevation Certificate Workshops this month. You can join the waitlist for the February 14th training, and sign up for the February 29th training where you'll learn how to interpret FEMA's new Elevation Certificate.

February 29th 9:00am - 4:30pm | [Register here](#)

[**NFWF LIS Futures Fund Feedback Sessions**](#)

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's [**Long Island Sound Futures Fund**](#) supports projects to fully restore the health and living resources of Long Island Sound. This annual funding opportunity typically opens in early March and applications are due in May. NFWF staff will be available at the following times to provide one-to-one feedback on project ideas with applicants.

February 13 - April 25, 2024 | 1-3 PM on Tuesdays & Thursdays
[Book a session here](#)

[**LIS Futures Fund Webinar for CT and NY Applicants**](#)

This webinar is available to prospective CT and NY applicants to NFWF's Long Island Sound's Futures Fund to learn about preparing a competitive proposal.

March 11, 2024 | 1:00pm EDT | [Register here](#)

[**Coastal Perspectives Lecture Series**](#)

The University of Connecticut is hosting their Coastal Perspectives Lecture Series online and in person at the Avery Point Campus from **now through April**. These lectures are free and open to the public, and cover a range of coastal issues. Check out the [link](#) to learn more about the five upcoming lecture topics and their dates.

Funding Opportunities

NEW

[**Long Island Sound Study Research Grant Program**](#)

The Long Island Sound Study has announced its Research Grant Program for 2025-2026 and intends to fund research that supports the science-based management of the Long Island Sound. A copy of the RFP can be found [here](#) and electronic submissions will be collected [here](#).

Proposals are due April 8, 2024

DUE SOON

Climate Smart Land Stewardship Grant Program

This grant program strives to integrate climate mitigation, resilience, and adaptation into the stewardship of conserved lands by increasing the number of acres in Connecticut that use climate smart land stewardship practices. There are four opportunities to apply!

Applications are due quarterly on March 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1, 2024

Brownfield Remediation and Development Opportunities

There are four subprograms offered by the Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development that seek to help support projects on brownfields. There will be four webinars throughout January and February to provide more information on these funding opportunities (see below for webinar details).

Applications for all opportunities are due March 1, 2024

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Long Island Sound Grant Writing Support

Remember, the **Long Island Sound Resilience Grant Writing Assistance Program** is still available for municipalities and community organizations! [Learn more here.](#)

This program is intended to assist with the development of sustainability and resilience focused projects that will impact communities within the [Long Island Sound coastal boundary](#). Through this opportunity, CTSG can provide you with grant preparation and writing capacity to pursue such projects.

**Applications are accepted on a rolling basis (as funding allows).
No match required!**

[Access the Request for Proposals here!](#)

For answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) see the [FAQ Document](#).

[**Apply Here**](#)

Resilience Roles

Director of the Office of Planning and Resilience

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's NEW Office of Planning and Resilience is seeking a director to support this office in coordinating solutions to climate risks and developing sustainable solutions around the state. Apply today through this [link](#) to be considered for the position. **Deadline to apply is February 20, 2024**

Coastal Restoration and Resilience Project Manager

Save the Sound is hiring their first ever Coastal Restoration and Resilience Project Manager to join their ecological restoration team. This role will manage the implementation of a range of resilience and restoration projects along the Long Island Sound. Apply at this [link](#) to be considered. **Position will remain open until filled**

Sound Bites

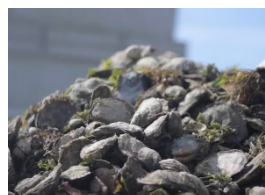
LONG ISLAND SOUND **SCHOOL**

Long Island Sound Schools Network

10 public schools along the Connecticut and New York coasts have been selected for the launch of the Long Island Sound Schools network with goal of helping the schools implement projects and plans that increase ocean literacy through community engagement. Learn more about the program [here](#).

Connecticut Aquaculture Video Series

Check out this new [YouTube Playlist](#) developed by Connecticut Sea Grant and UConn Extension to learn about the state's aquaculture industry! Featured topics include oyster cultivation, European seabass, sugar kelp, shell fishing history, and so much more. Stay tuned as new videos are released every two weeks this winter!



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