



What is a Moose Plate?

Since 2001, the purchase of Moose License Plates has created more than \$14.6 million in revenue, supporting conservation and heritage projects in every county in New Hampshire.

Did You Know?

The NH Conservation and Heritage License Plate Program began in 1993 when a group of 4th grade students in Holderness presented the idea to the NH State Legislature.

Learn more

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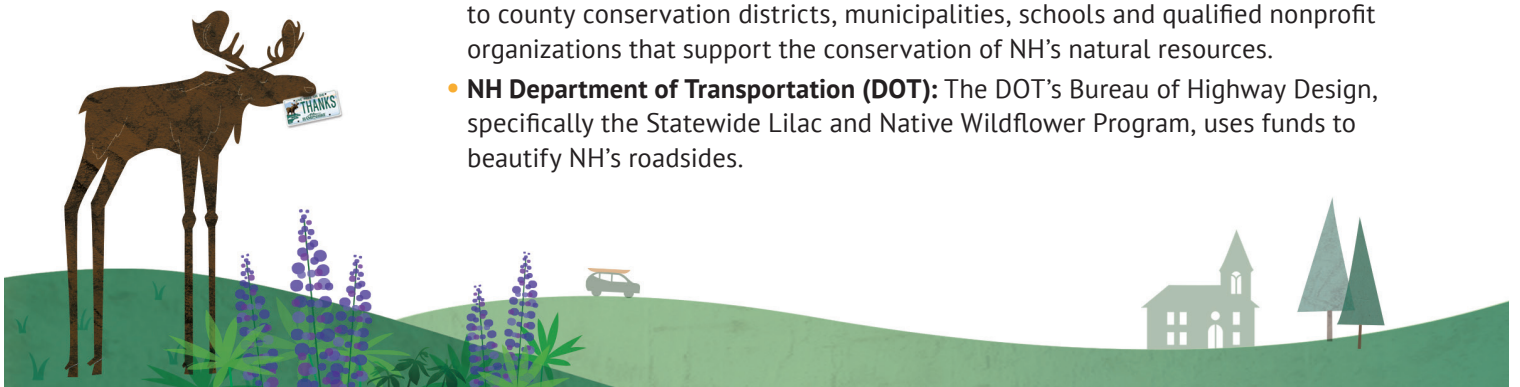
A Moose Plate is a special license plate benefiting New Hampshire conservation and heritage. Moose Plates are purchased, for a fee, at your city or town clerk's office when you register or renew your vehicle.

Benefits of Buying a Moose Plate

The NH Conservation and Heritage License Plate (Moose Plate) Program supports the protection of scenic lands, historic sites and artifacts, plants and wildlife in New Hampshire. Revenues are distributed to designated state agencies for the purpose of conserving publicly owned historic properties, works of art, artifacts and archaeological sites; researching and managing nongame wildlife species, their habitat, native plant species, exemplary natural communities and educating the public about these species; providing grants to counties, municipalities and non-profits for resource conservation projects; expanding roadside wildflower and lilac plantings; and administering the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP).

Recipient Agencies

- **NH Department of Cultural Resources (DCR):** Through the Division of Historical Resources, the State Council on the Arts and the State Library, the DCR funds grant projects for the restoration, preservation and/or conservation of publicly owned items significant to New Hampshire's cultural heritage.
- **NH Fish and Game Department:** Moose Plate funds benefit NH Fish and Game's Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program in its work to protect and restore threatened and endangered wildlife and their habitats.
- **NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED):** Through the Natural Heritage Bureau, DRED funds projects that research and manage native plants and natural communities. Through the Historic Sites Bureau, DRED helps fund the care, maintenance and administration of historic sites and resources.
- **NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP):** Funds from the Moose Plate program support LCHIP's administrative costs, including staffing and office expenses. LCHIP provides matching grants (from a different source) to help municipalities and nonprofits protect the state's most important natural, historical and cultural resources.
- **NH State Conservation Committee (SCC):** The SCC awards Moose Plate grants to county conservation districts, municipalities, schools and qualified nonprofit organizations that support the conservation of NH's natural resources.
- **NH Department of Transportation (DOT):** The DOT's Bureau of Highway Design, specifically the Statewide Lilac and Native Wildflower Program, uses funds to beautify NH's roadsides.



Conservation and Heritage License Plate (Moose Plate) revenues are divided as follows, as determined by New Hampshire legislation (RSA 261:97-b).

Up to \$50,000 annually shall be distributed to the Department of Transportation for the expanded wildflower establishment program.

\$1 from every plate sold, up to \$50,000 annually, shall be placed in an account for use by the Department of Resources and Economic Development to promote the Moose Plate program.

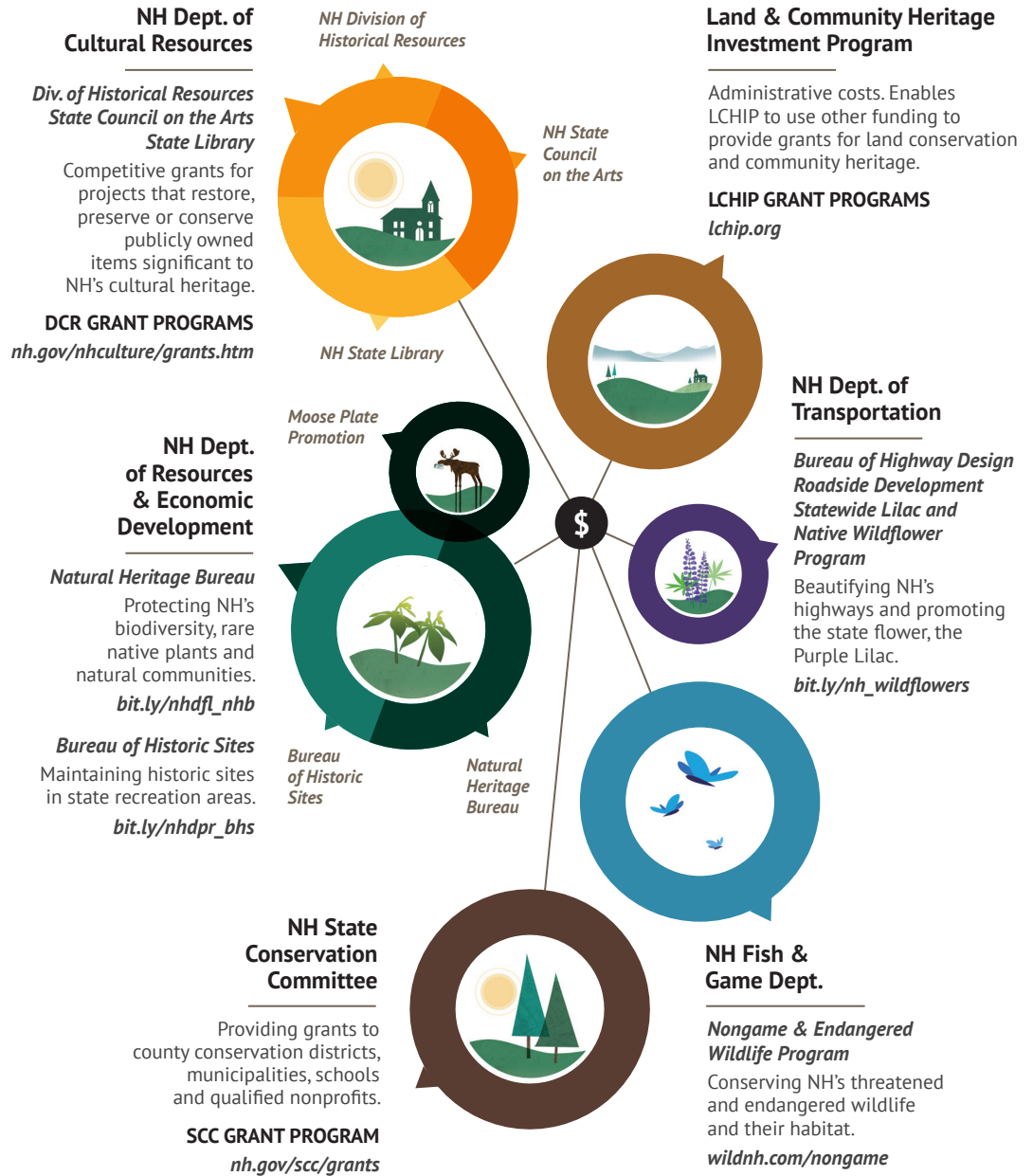
The remainder shall be distributed equally among the Department of Cultural Resources, the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Resources and Economic Development, the State Conservation Committee and the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Authority (LCHIP). The total amount to LCHIP shall not exceed \$200,000 per fiscal year.

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Where the Money Goes

Funds raised by the NH Conservation and Heritage License Plate Program goes back into our communities through the following agencies. To learn more about grants, see the information below.



NOTE:
 Diagram circle sizes indicate relative funding.





New Hampshire State Conservation Committee Conservation “Moose Plate” Grant Program

The New Hampshire State Conservation Committee Conservation “Moose Plate” Grant Program supports programs and partnerships that protect, restore and enhance the state’s valuable natural resources.

Eligible Applicants

- ❖ County Conservation Districts
- ❖ County Cooperative Extension Natural Resource Programs
- ❖ Municipalities, including agencies and commissions engaged in conservation programs
- ❖ Qualified nonprofit organizations engaged in conservation programs
- ❖ Public and private schools (Kindergarten through Grade 12)
- ❖ Scout groups

Eligible Sites

Projects on public and private land are eligible with the signed consent and approval of the appropriate governing body or landowner.

Qualifying Project Categories

Conservation Grants are awarded for projects that enhance New Hampshire’s environment by promoting the sustainability of the state’s public and private land, air and water resources. The SCC supports projects that yield “on the ground” results. Projects must qualify in one of the following six Project Categories:

- ❖ Water Quality and Quantity: Restore, enhance, maintain or protect.
- ❖ Wildlife Habitat: Restore, enhance or manage.
- ❖ Soil Conservation and Flooding: Reduce or prevent erosion, or improve soils.
- ❖ Best Management Practices: Planning, implementing for agriculture, storm water or forestry.
- ❖ Conservation Planning: Accomplishes a conservation project or outcome.
- ❖ Land Conservation: Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee purchase.

Funding Availability

- ❖ Grants available up to \$24,000

2016 Grant Cycle

- ❖ Applications are due **September 25, 2015** for projects beginning in 2016. Projects are to be completed within two years.
- ❖ The revised 2016 Application will be available on the SCC website after 7/1/2015.

For SCC Conservation “Moose Plate” Grant Program information

<http://www.nh.gov/scc/grants>

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Funds for the SCC Conservation Grant Program are derived from the sale of NH’s Conservation and Heritage License Plate Program ~ “Moose Plates” ~ www.mooseplate.com
Vehicle owners may voluntarily purchase a Moose Plate for \$38 the first year, and \$30 in succeeding years.

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