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Foundation and Non-Profit Source Descriptions

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PARTNERSHIP AND FOUNDATION SOURCE DESCRIPTIONS

Local Partnerships and Foundations:

The Greater Houston Partnership The Houston Business Promise

This program is a collaborative agreement between Houston area businesses and schools. Member local businesses are committed to improving the quality of education provided in the area. They provide mentoring, direct financial aid, volunteer support, summer and part-time jobs for students, salary supplements for teachers, and continuing education for employees. Approximately 550 businesses contribute an estimated \$10 million annually through both cash donations and in-kind in-school services.

East Harris County Manufacturers Association (EHCMA)

This association has a membership of 78 industrial plants located in the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bay area, mostly petroleum and petrochemical producers. They work together to prevent pollution, and have invested more than one billion dollars in equipment designed to protect the environment while improving the efficiency of their industrial operations. EHCMA members have a large number of employees taking part in citizen and volunteer groups in the area.

Clean Texas 2000

(see WSQ-5, Water/Sediment Quality Section, Galveston Bay Plan)

Through this program, the TNRCC has formed partnerships with Texas businesses, local governments, communities, and individuals. Goals include the reduction of hazardous waste and toxic release by 50% or more by the year 2000, the reduction of solid waste in landfills by 50% by the year 2000, and to educate all Texans about what they can personally do to improve and preserve the Texas environment. Anyone who sponsors or participates in an environmental project may become a partner in Clean Texas 2000.

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Clean Industries 2000

The goal of Clean Industries 2000 is to reduce polluting emissions by 60% by the year 2000. To qualify as a member of Clean Industries 2000, companies must implement internal reviews to review law compliance, and form citizens advisory committees to educate the public about household wastes, groundwater protection, and water quality monitoring. These industries must also underwrite at least one environmental community project annually, which could help fund some of the Galveston Bay Plan actions that involve Galveston Bay communities.

Galveston Bay Area Clean Industries 2000 Members:

Air Products Manufacturing Corporation/ Pasadena Plant

Akzo Chemicals, Inc./ Deer Park

Amoco Chemical Company/ Chocolate Bayou Plant

Amoco Chemical Company/ Texas City

BASF Corporation/ Freeport

BP Chemicals, Inc./ Green Lake Facility

Dow Chemical Company/ Freeport

Dow Chemical Company/ La Porte

Du Pont/ La Porte

Enron Methanol/ Pasadena Plant

Ethyl Corporation/ Houston Plant

Exxon Chemical/ Baytown Olefins

Exxon Chemical/ Mont Belvieu

FMC Corporation/ Pasadena

Himont U.S.A./ Pasadena

Hoechst Celanese/ Clear Lake

ISK Biotech/ Houston

Miles, Inc./ Baytown

Miles, Inc./ Houston

Monsanto Company/ Chocolate Bayou Plant

Occidental Chemical/ Battleground

Occidental Chemical/ Bayport

Occidental Chemical/ Deer Park

Occidental Chemical/ Pasadena

Oxychem Petrochemicals/ Chocolate Bayou

Phillips 66 Company/ Houston Chemical Complex

Rhone-Poulenc Basic Chemicals/ Houston Plant

Rohm and Haas Texas, Inc./ Deer Park

Schnectady Chemicals/ Freeport

Shell Oil Company/ Deer Park

Solvay Polymers, Inc./ Texas City

Sterling Chemicals, Inc./ Texas City

Union Carbide/ Texas City

The Galveston Bay Foundation

Many objectives outlined in the Galveston Bay Plan could be achieved through work with the Galveston Bay Foundation, including the public education and outreach contained in every action plan, and the volunteer monitoring and support of the numerous water sampling and seagrass planting efforts. Due to the non-profit and established status of the Foundation, it is in a good position to seek federal education grants and foundation grants for Galveston Bay Plan education and outreach initiatives. Three examples of the many GBF programs are briefly described below.

GBF Ambassadors

Ambassadors are trained volunteers who visit K-12 grade classes in the Galveston Bay area schools to promote bay education. The Ambassadors present slides, discuss water quality measures, the geographic location of the estuary, their own and the students' relationship to the bay, and other information concerning the bay area. The Galveston Bay National Estuary Program has provided funds to this program to train the volunteers and purchase supplies.

GBF Spill Response

GBF has sponsored a Resource Agency Spill Response Task Force. This task force completed a prototype of its Shoreline Operations Response Book (SORB) designed to be an operational resource for spill response. It provides water and land access information for the Galveston Bay shoreline and will contribute to shoreline characterization efforts recommended in the Spills and Dumping Plan of the Galveston Bay Plan.

The Estuarine Sampling Team (TEST)

In October 1991 the Galveston Bay Foundation received a grant from the EPA to adapt its volunteer water quality monitoring pilot project to suit the needs of the Galveston Bay Baywide Monitoring Program. With these grant funds, GBF started the Estuarine Sampling Team program (TEST).

National Partnerships:

The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

The Nature Conservancy acquires wetlands and ecologically sensitive areas. The Conservancy purchases properties with membership funds and assists in the creation of easements and private landowner management agreements. It works primarily as a broker for state and federal agencies to acquire land, by purchasing land and then selling it to the agency. The Nature Conservancy Texas Office in San Antonio can be contacted regarding the program.

Contact:

The Nature Conservancy Texas Office (210) 224-8774

The Nature Conservancy Western Regional Field Office, Colorado (303) 541-0350

The Nature Conservancy National Office, Washington D.C. (703) 841-5300

Coastal America Program (CAP)

This program was formed by a partnership between the four federal agencies that have primary responsibility for the management, regulation, and stewardship of coastal living resources: The Army Corps of Engineers, Dept. of the Interior, EPA, and NOAA. This core group works with local and state groups to form partnerships to address coastal environmental problems such as habitat loss and degradation, non-point source pollution, and contaminated sediments. The Coastal America Program asks for a minimum 25 percent non-federal match of funds for supported projects, and encourages higher matching percentages.

The Tampa Bay National Estuary Program received the first CAP grant for a long-term habitat restoration project that is expected to extend over the next 10 to 20 years in Cockroach Bay, Florida. More than 25% in non-federal matching funds were raised for this project.

The Armand Bayou and Galveston Bay Oyster Reef Projects -- Two Coastal America projects undertaken in the Galveston Bay area are the Armand Bayou Wetland Restoration, which is a demonstration project using detention basins to control residential NPS pollution, and the Galveston Bay Oyster Reef Creation project to construct a 5 acre oyster reef in the Galveston Bay. More than 80% of the cost of these programs was financed with non-federal funds.

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North American Wetlands Conservation Fund

The North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989 established the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, which includes the United States, Canada, and Mexico in a long-term program to protect, preserve, enhance, and restore habitat throughout the North American continent for waterfowl and wetland inhabitants. The goal of the Plan is to protect wetlands and priority habitat for the specific purpose of returning waterfowl populations to those observed in the 1970's. The multi-million dollar North American Wetlands Conservation Fund finances the wetlands conservation necessary to fulfill the goals of the Plan.

The North American Wetlands Conservation Council, the international council representing Canada, the U.S. and Mexico, recommends proposed wetlands conservation projects to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, which approves grant funding for the projects. Grants are available to any state, local, private, or non-profit organization to acquire, restore, and mitigate wetlands or vital habitats. Proposers must raise at least the same amount that they request from the Commission. In-kind services as well as funds spent in the past two years on wetlands acquisition and restoration are acceptable as matching funds.

Proposal deadlines for U.S. and Mexican projects are April 15 and August 15. Grant Application instructions can be obtained from the Publications Unit, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop 130 Webb, Arlington, VA 22203. Telephone: (703) 358-1711.

The Gulf Coast Joint Venture -- The North American Wetlands Conservation Fund facilitates partnerships in the form of joint ventures, in which coalitions of private conservation and industry groups, and state wildlife agencies cooperate to acquire, protect, and restore wetlands and other priority habitat. The Gulf Coast Joint Venture is one of twelve such ventures. Coalitions representing the Galveston Bay can take part in the Gulf Coast Joint Venture. Though a matching partnership with this program, there is great potential for habitat restoration and protection for the Galveston Bay wetlands. The Gulf Coast Joint Venture is administered by a management board comprised of members of the venture. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office, as well as the Joint Venture Office, can be contacted for more information on how to participate in this program.

Contact:

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Partners for Wildlife

The goal of the Partners for Wildlife Program is to improve and protect fish and wildlife habitat on private lands through partnerships between the USFWS, other organizations, and individuals, while leaving the land in private ownership. Through this program, the USFWS assists private landowners in restoration and management of habitat on their lands. The program provides technical assistance for wetlands restoration, nesting structures and islands, soil and water quality improvement, pesticide use reduction, and native plant restoration. Individual landowners can contact the USFWS to apply to this program. If a landowner's project meets certain criteria, the USFWS may share or pay the full costs of the project.

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USDA Water Quality Incentive Program (WQIP)

The Water Quality Incentive Program is a group effort to implement agricultural BMPs for water quality improvement. The program is funded by the USDA, and will finance 100% of the costs of implementing BMPs called for in approved WQIP plans in watersheds of at least 50,000 acres with NPS problems. The ASCS, Soil Conservation Service, Extension Service, State Water Quality Agencies, the State Conservation District, and other technical agencies all work together to provide assistance for water quality projects. State foresters, the EPA, and USGS may also be involved. (See Appendix A, Program Identification Number 10.063, for further details).

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Nonpoint Source Coordinator
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Partners for Environmental Progress "PEP"

This partnership assists non-federal government entities in studying the need for additional and/or upgraded environmental infrastructure facilities. The Corps of Engineers will provide expertise and services to communities to evaluate whether privatization of a particular environmental infrastructure is feasible or desirable. This is accomplished through a Market Feasibility Study that addresses water related environmental infrastructure and evaluates whether greater private sector involvement and investment should be encouraged.

Contact:

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Galveston, TX
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Environmental Grant Making Foundations, Funds, and Trusts

The following foundations, funds, and trusts have funded environmentally related programs and research, and are possible sources of grant funding for Galveston Bay Plan actions. The first three are located in Texas, and two of them have funded environmental projects in the Galveston Bay area. Most of these foundations have a fairly complex application process, requiring a complete and detailed proposal describing the process that will be taken to achieve the program's goals.

Hoblitzelle Foundation

This foundation was established by Karl and Esther Hoblitzelle in 1943. Grants are made to educational, scientific, cultural, and other charitable organizations in the state of Texas. The foundation does not have a separate environmental program, but does support conservation efforts. Environmental grant recipients in 1991 included The Nature Conservancy (\$53,000), South Texas Primate Observatory (\$25,000), Dallas Civic Garden Center (\$7,808), and Sportsmen Conservationists of Texas/ Texas Wildlife Foundation (\$3,000).

Contact:

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The Moody Foundation

This foundation was established by William Lewis Moody, Jr. and his wife Libbie Shearn Moody in 1942. The intent of the Moody family was to benefit the present and future generation of Texans. Foundation grants are made in the areas of health, education, community and social services, arts and humanities, and religion. The foundation does not have a separate environmental program, but supports nonprofit organizations in foundation-initiated projects in the Galveston area. Recent grant recipients include Clean Galveston (\$5,000), Moody Gardens Inc. (\$453,953) and the Texas Agricultural Experimentation Station at Uvalde (\$360,742).

Contact:

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Galveston, Texas 77550
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Margaret Cullinan Wray Charitable Lead Annuity Trust

Mrs. Wray was actively involved in the community and environmental issues in Houston. She was a long-time board member of the Houston Museum of Natural Science, and a life member of the Audubon Society. The Margaret Cullinan Wray Charitable Lead Annuity Trust was created by her will in 1985. Grants are awarded in the areas of arts, education, and environmental conservation, including air, water, and solid waste control; resource conservation and reuse; habitat and species protection; and aesthetic and recreational improvements. Recent grants include the Citizen's Environmental Coalition (\$1,000) in Houston, the Galveston Bay Foundation (\$6,000), Houston Audubon Society (\$8,000), The Nature Conservancy (\$7,500), and Texas A&M University Development Foundation (\$3,530). Small seed grants for start-up costs are awarded to groups with grassroots origins, volunteer participation, and advocacy and educational goals.

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RJR Nabisco Foundation, Inc.

This foundation supports a variety of programs. Grant recipients include environmental organizations as well as educational, social service, arts and humanities organizations and health agencies. In 1989 the Foundation announced its \$30 million dollar "Next Century Schools Fund." The money is being used to fund a nationwide program to encourage and support sustainable change and basic reform in K-12 education. The program provides grants ranging from \$100,00 to \$250,000 per year.

The Next Century School Program gives priority to leadership development, higher education, public policy issues, and organizations supporting minority educational opportunities. Environmental organizations that have received funding from this program include a zoological society, an outdoor sports and learning center, a botanical garden, and an environmental law institute.

Contact:

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National Coastal Resources Research & Development Institute (NCRI)

This organization funds research and development projects with an aquaculture and/or fisheries focus, promoting environmentally and socially responsible economic growth and prosperity in the coastal U.S. and U.S. Territories. Fundable projects involve aquaculture, fisheries, seafood quality, seafood waste management, and market development for new seafood products. Projects such as those to develop gear to reduce bycatch are acceptable if they clearly contribute to the goals of the NCRI.

Grants average approximately \$50,000 annually. Individuals, institutions, state agencies, nonprofit economic development or research organizations, and private sector firms are eligible.

Contact:

NCRI
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Portland, OR 97201

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is a national, nonprofit grant making and grant seeking 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to funding projects that protect the nation's fish, wildlife, and plant resources. The NFWF was established by Congress in 1984 to leverage public and private funds by awarding challenge grants with private and federally appointed funds for innovative and effective conservation activities. Congress has authorized \$25 million to the Foundation, which will match one dollar to every two dollars raised by the proposer. Grants from the foundation must be matched with third party dollars. These third party dollars must not come from the requestor's own budget, or from federal dollars. Grants are awarded to finance conservation projects for habitat acquisition, protection and restoration, research and policy development, education and leadership training, and applied conservation. Grant recipients include The Galveston Bay Foundation (\$20,000 for coastal marsh restoration), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (13 grants totaling \$1,728,900), Ducks Unlimited, Inc. (4 grants totaling \$1,330,000), Ducks Unlimited Canada (\$400,000), The Nature Conservancy (\$400,000), and Hollywood Promos (\$320,000). Grant information is available from the Washington DC office.

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**National Science Foundation (NSF)
Informal Science Education Program**

This program provides funding to institutions for material and programs supporting science, technology, and mathematics learning outside of schools. The program goal is to provide rich and stimulating environments for recreational activities where individuals of all ages, interests and backgrounds can increase their appreciation and understanding of principles and issues involving mathematics, science, and technology. Major focus is on the media (including television, radio, and print), science museums, science-technology centers, natural history museums, zoological parks, aquaria, botanical gardens, arboreta, nature centers, and other youth-serving and community organizations.

Annual grants range from \$50,000 to \$1.5 million. Approximately 67 proposals were funded in 1992. Cost-sharing is required.

Contact:

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Division of Elementary, Secondary, and Informal Education
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North American Wildlife Foundation, Inc.

This foundation was established by sportsmen and conservationists in 1911 with a mandate to expand the knowledge of the interaction between agriculture, wildlife, and wetlands. NAWF operates two major projects based in Manitoba; the Delta Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Station and the Prairie Farming Program. NAWF is a nonprofit U.S. Corporation and a registered Canadian Charity (section 501(c)(3) CWA). The foundation supports efforts designed to reverse the decline in American Waterfowl populations. Topics of particular interest include soil and water conservation, wetland preservation, and pesticide research. Recent recipients include the University of Manitoba, Solomon Sinclair Institute (\$16,710), Murphy Foundation (\$8,569), Zero Tillage (\$1,885), Wildlife Management Institute, Inc. (\$1,000), and the National Wildlife Federation (\$500).

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**Philip Morris Incorporated
Corporate Contributions Program**

Support from this program is given to U.S. based non-profit organizations for projects related to education, health and human services, civic and community activities, culture and humanities, hunger and nutrition, and conservation and the environment. The program emphasizes environmental programs related to future food sources and solid waste disposal, and programs indirectly related to these goals, such as water resource stewardship, farmland protection, improving waste management techniques, encouraging the collaboration in the development of public policies and programs, and education about environmental preservation and resource management.

Grants for education focus on programs which seek to reform and strengthen the educational system, particularly those involved with higher education and preparing the future work force. Pre-school and secondary school applications will also be considered. The program promotes workshops and teacher education. Grants average approximately \$100,000.

Contact:

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The Shalan Foundation, Inc.

The Shalan Foundation provides grants to promote environmental balance and economic justice, sustainable development and democracy, participatory planning and healthy communities. Grants are made in the areas of economic planning, resource management, and citizen participation, with particular interest given to sustainable agriculture and forestry, and toxics reduction. Recent recipients include the Labor Community Strategy Center (\$45,000), the National Toxics Campaign (\$15,000), California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation (\$12,000), and the Citizens Fund (Fresno, CA, \$10,000). Collaborative efforts, education, and policy are encouraged activities for assistance.

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Stern Family Fund

This fund was established by Philip M. Stern in 1959. The Stern Family Fund prefers to support grassroots organizations working for environmental justice, citizen empowerment, issue advocacy, and increased government and corporate accountability. Recent recipients include the Conservation Law Foundation of New England (\$15,000), Food and Water, Inc. (\$15,000), National Toxics Campaign Fund (\$15,000), The Tides Foundation, Communication Consortium (\$15,000), Central Massachusetts Safe Energy Project (\$10,000), Citizen Alert (\$10,000), and the Environmental Policy Institute (\$10,000).

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Edna Bailey Sussman Fund

This fund was created in the will of Margaret Sussman in 1983. The net income of the trust is used to fund internships to students at colleges and universities. Internships are provided to students to study and develop ways to further wildlife and natural resource preservation, and pollution control. The most frequently worked on topics are water resources, wildlife and fisheries management, ecology, waste reduction, and environmental regulation and policy.

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Threshold Foundation

The Threshold Foundation provides grants for educational and informational projects to reduce pollution of water, air, and oceans, global warming, toxic and nuclear waste, and to promote biodiversity, forest preservation, alternative agriculture, and sustainable culture. Recent recipients include Friends of the Earth (\$38,000), Public Media Center (\$30,000), Japan Tropical Forest Action Network, (\$25,000), the Antarctica Project (\$22,000), and the Southwest Research and Information Center (\$20,000).

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Wallace Genetic Foundation Inc.

This foundation was established by Henry A. Wallace in 1959. Agricultural research, preservation of farmland, ecology, and conservation are the main priorities of the Foundation. Grant recipients include the American Farmland Trust, Land Stewardship Project, Practical Farmers of Iowa, and Westchester Land Trust. The foundation does not encourage unsolicited grants. Instead, it responds to trustee recommendations and initiatives.

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