GRANT PROSPECT: Middlesex Canal Association Building Project

**Bafflin Foundation**

**Prospect: Good A**

Providence-based. Funds almost exclusively land trusts, but some building renovation. Total millpond project may appeal to them.

Funding Range: $25K-$300K.

From Guidestar:

**Bafflin Foundation**  
50 Kennedy Plz., Ste. 1500  
Providence, RI 02903-2393  
Contact: Paul A. Silver Esq., Secy.  
**Type of Grantmaker**: Independent foundation  
**IRS Exemption Status**: 501(c)(3)  
**Financial Data** (yr. ended 12/31/11): Assets: $17,678,142; Total giving: $852,850  
**EIN**: 050454795  
**990-PF**: [2011](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/050/050454795/050454795_201112_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2010](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/050/050454795/050454795_201012_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2009](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/050/050454795/050454795_200912_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2008](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/050/050454795/050454795_200812_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2007](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/050/050454795/050454795_200712_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2006](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/050/050454795/050454795_200612_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2005](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/050/050454795/050454795_200512_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2004](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/050/050454795/050454795_200412_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2003](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/050/050454795/050454795_200312_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2002](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/050/050454795/050454795_200212_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2001](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/050/050454795/050454795_200112_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank)

**Last Updated:** 8/5/2012

**Donor(s)**  
Note: If a donor is deceased, the symbol (‡) follows the name.  
Lois Orswell‡

**Background**  
Established in 1990 in RI.

**Limitations**  
Giving primarily in southern New England.  
No grants to individuals, or for continuing support.

**Purpose and Activities**  
Giving primarily for the preservation of land and wildlife; some support also for art museums.

**Fields of Interest**  
**Subjects**  
Animals/wildlife, preservation/protection  
Environment, natural resources  
Museums (art)

**Geographic Focus**  
Connecticut  
Massachusetts  
Rhode Island

**Types of Support**  
Building/renovation  
Land acquisition  
Matching/challenge support

**Application Information**  
Application form not required. Initial approach: Letter  
Copies of proposal: 2  
Board meeting date(s): Semiannually  
Deadline(s): None  
Final notification: 1-5 months

**Officers and Directors**  
Note: An asterisk (\*) following an individual's name indicates an officer who is also a trustee or director.  
**Paul A. Silver**,\* Secretary  
**Michael M. Edwards**,\* Treasurer  
**Joachim A. Weissfeld**

**Financial Data**  
**Year ended 12/31/11:**  
Assets: $17,678,142 (market value)  
Expenditures: $919,128  
Total giving: $852,850  
Qualifying distributions: $852,850  
Giving activities include:   
$852,850 for grants

**Additional Location Information**  
County: Providence  
Metropolitan area: Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA  
Congressional district: Rhode Island District 2

**Selected Grants**  
The following grants are a representative sample of this grantmaker's funding activity:  
$300,000 to Nature Conservancy in Rhode Island, Providence, RI, in 2006. For program support and land acquisition, payable over 1 year.  
$125,000 to Wyndham Land Trust, Pomfret Center, CT, in 2006. For land acquisition, payable over 1 year.  
$100,000 to Central Park Conservancy, New York, NY, in 2006. For operating support, payable over 1 year.  
$75,000 to New England Forestry Foundation, Littleton, MA, in 2006. For land acquisition, payable over 1 year.  
$75,000 to Westerly Land Trust, Westerly, RI, in 2006. For land acquisition, payable over 1 year.  
$50,000 to Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, Athol, MA, in 2006. For land acquisition, payable over 1 year.  
$50,000 to Robert Potter League for Animals, Middletown, RI, in 2006. For land acquisition, payable over 1 year.  
$40,000 to Aquidneck Island Land Trust, Middletown, RI, in 2006. For land acquisition, payable over 1 year.  
$25,000 to Humane Society of the United States, Washington, DC, in 2006. For building renovations, payable over 1 year.  
$25,000 to Northeast Wilderness Trust, Boston, MA, in 2006. For conservation easement, payable over 1 year.