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## **New Jersey Highlands Coalition Announces 2009 Small Grants Program**

BOONTON -- The New Jersey Highlands Coalition is seeking applications for the next round of its Small Grants Program. The Coalition will be awarding a limited number of grants to assist grassroots organizations working on projects located within the New Jersey Highlands or associated with protecting New Jersey Highlands resources.

Grassroots organizations, defined as non-governmental organizations with a total annual operating budget of less than \$200,000, are invited to apply. It is not necessary that the organization be incorporated. Grant awards will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Priority will be given to projects that: Focus on implementation of the Regional Master Plan; establish a precedent advancing strong environmental protection in the Highlands; assist an organization to fight against a seriously environmentally damaging development in the Highlands; support capacity building of Highlands Region grassroots organizations; or educate the public about Highlands water and resources.

Grassroots organizations wishing to be considered for a grant in June should submit applications by March 31, 2009. For more information, contact Julia Somers at 973-588-7190 or [julia@njhighlandscoalition.org](mailto:julia@njhighlandscoalition.org), or visit [www.njhighlandscoalition.org](http://www.njhighlandscoalition.org).