



# Chesapeake Bay Trust

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## GRANTS: Upcoming Deadlines and Open Programs

*The Chesapeake Bay Trust's grant-making strategies are shaped by three core objectives: environmental education, demonstration-based restoration, and community engagement. We look to these objectives as basic touchstones for developing our programs, engaging new partners, and communicating about our work.*

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### **[District of Columbia Donation and Reuse Award Program](#)**

#### **Application Due November 6, 2023 at 6 pm ET**

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### [Clean Water Montgomery](#)

**Application Due November 16, 2023 at 4 pm ET**

The Montgomery County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust announce a grant program to support watershed restoration and outreach projects throughout Montgomery County. This program aims to promote initiatives and projects which will improve water quality in Montgomery County's local streams and waterways through public engagement, education, and on-the-ground restoration.

### [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship](#)

**Application Due November 30, 2023 at 4 pm ET**

The Prince George's County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust announce the tenth year of partnership for the Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program. This grant program funds on-the-ground restoration activities that improve communities, improve water quality, support the County's Climate Action Plan, and engage Prince George's County residents in the restoration and protection of the local rivers and streams of Prince George's County.

### [Nontidal Wetlands Award Program](#)

**Application Extended (AGAIN) and now Due December 6, 2023 at 4 pm ET**

The Maryland Department of the Environment and the Trust seek proposals for nontidal wetland projects in Maryland. This program seeks to implement cost-effective wetland projects to provide valuable wetland functions, including habitat for a wide range of species and improved water quality, flood attenuation, recharge of groundwater, and aesthetics in the State's local watersheds and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay, Youghiogheny River, and Atlantic Coastal Bays.

### [Watershed Assistance Grant Program](#)

**Application Due December 6, 2023 at 4pm ET**

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this opportunity will be improved water quality in the entire State of Maryland and the West Virginia portion of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

### **[Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps Host Application](#)**

**Application Due December 7, 2023 at 4 pm ET**

The Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps places young adults (ages 18-25) with nonprofit organizations or government agencies to work full-time in the environmental field for a one-year term of stipend-supported service. The Corps provides young professionals with experience, leadership and professional development training, mentorship, and a support network with other young environmentalists. Positions offered by host organizations are in the fields of environmental restoration, community engagement, environmental education, climate change, sustainable agriculture, energy conservation, and forestry. The Chesapeake Bay Trust anticipates placing approximately 50-55 Corps Members with nonprofit organizations and government agencies throughout Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay to work full-time for a stipend-supported year of service from August 14, 2024 to August 13, 2025.

### **[Anne Arundel County Forestry and Forested Land Protection](#)**

**Application Due January 3, 2023 at 4 pm ET**

Anne Arundel County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust announce a partnership to provide funds for forestry projects and land protection in Anne Arundel County. The goal of this program is to implement cost-effective reforestation and greening projects and increase the number of acres of protected forested land in the County. By increasing tree cover and expanding green areas, erosion can be reduced; water and soil quality can be improved; airborne pollutants such as particulates, nitrogen oxide, and carbon monoxide can be filtered; and summer temperatures and resulting ozone pollution and energy use can be reduced. By protecting forested land, valuable ecological services such as habitat, water quality, and flood control can be ensured for the future.

### **Rolling Deadlines**

#### **[Anne Arundel Community Tree Planting Mini Grant](#)**

The Anne Arundel County Community Tree Planting Mini Grant Program is a partnership between the Anne Arundel County Forestry Board and the Chesapeake Bay Trust to provide small community-based grants to help communities and organizations increase the number trees and tree canopy in neighborhoods, parks, and communities. This program only funds within Anne Arundel County.

#### **[Charles County Forestry](#)**

The Charles County Forestry Grant Program is a partnership between the Charles County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust that aims to fund cost-effective reforestation projects in the County to increase tree canopy and as a result create forest habitat and improve water quality in the county's local watersheds and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

### **City of Rockville Rainscapes Rebate**

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is proud to partner with the City of Rockville on its RainScapes Program. The City of Rockville Rainscapes Rebate Program offers rebate incentives to homeowners, not-for-profit organizations, and others to install practices that will improve stormwater runoff quality, reduce pollution, and improve local stream and river health.

### **Community Engagement and Restoration Mini Grant**

The Community Engagement and Restoration Mini Grant Program is designed to engage Maryland residents in activities that enhance communities, engage residents, and improve natural resources. This program funds small-scale activities such as tree plantings, rain gardens, stream cleanups, and storm drain stenciling, among others.

### **Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate**

The Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program offers rebate incentives to homeowners, businesses, and others to install practices that will improve stormwater runoff quality, reduce pollution, and improve local stream and river health. Seven types of stormwater practices are eligible for rebates: rain barrels, cisterns, rain gardens, urban tree canopy, pavement removal, permeable pavement, and green roofs.

### **Sponsorship Program**

The Sponsorship Program is designed to support events that will increase awareness within the event participants about issues pertaining to restoration and protection of the natural resources of the Chesapeake and/or Maryland's other watersheds. The Chesapeake Bay Trust will entertain requests to sponsor events, such as conferences, festivals, and forums that allow the Trust to advance its mission.

### **Veteran's Engagement Mini Grant Program**

The Veteran's Engagement Mini Grant Program is designed to support veteran's groups and organizations engaging veteran's groups as they provide healing and therapeutic services, outdoor recreation, community engagement, and green jobs training.

**GRANTEE NEWS**

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[Click Here to Start a New Application](#)



### EPA CBP Goal Implementation Team Funding Program IS OPEN!

Seeking proposals for Scope of Work #4: Addressing Regional Tree Supply Challenges & Opportunities

Learn more at <https://cbtrust.org/grants/git/>

Applications due on October 16, 2023 at 4PM EDT

Contact Whitney Vong  
[wwong@cbtrust.org](mailto:wwong@cbtrust.org)



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## Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Nontidal Wetlands Award Program



To support no net loss of nontidal wetland acreage and functions in the state of Maryland.

Application Due Date  
Extended to:  
Tuesday, December 6, 2023 at  
4PM EDT



Maryland  
Department of  
the Environment



Chesapeake  
Bay Trust

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### Donation and Reuse Award Program

★ ★ ★ DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT  
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Application closes November 9, 2023 at 4pm ET

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

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<https://cbtrust.org/grants/district-of-columbia-donation-reuse/>

Contact Amber Cameron at [ACameron@cbtrust.org](mailto:ACameron@cbtrust.org)

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## District of Columbia Urban Agriculture Small Award Program



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR



Application closes November 6, 2023  
at 4pm ET



<https://cbtrust.org/grants/district-of-columbia-urban-agriculture/>



Contact Carlton Burns at  
CBurns@cbtrust.org

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Application closes November 15, 2023 at 4pm EST



Contact Amber Cameron at [acameron@cbtrust.org](mailto:acameron@cbtrust.org)



<https://cbtrust.org/grants/chesapeakeoyster/>

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# AILEEN HUGHES AWARD PROGRAM



<https://cbtrust.org/grants/keep-maryland-beautiful/>



Application closes November 15, 2023 at 4pm EST



Contact Amber Cameron at [acameron@cbtrust.org](mailto:acameron@cbtrust.org)

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Example projects include rain gardens, stormwater management practices, native plant gardens, tree canopy education, tree preservation, outreach and community engagement, illegal dumping data analysis, and more! For more information, contact [Nguyen Le](mailto:NLe@cbtrust.org).

## Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program

### OPEN AND ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

#### Learn more at

<https://cbtrust.org/grants/prince-georges-stormwater-stewardship/>



#### Contact Nguyen Le

[NLe@cbtrust.org](mailto:NLe@cbtrust.org)



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## Clean Water Montgomery



Application closes November 16, 2023  
at 4pm EST



<https://cbtrust.org/grants/cleanwatermontgomery/>



Contact Kathy Somoza at  
[KSomoza@cbtrust.org](mailto:KSomoza@cbtrust.org)

## Clean Water Montgomery

The [Montgomery County Government](#) and the Chesapeake Bay Trust announce a grant program to support watershed restoration and outreach projects throughout Montgomery County. This program aims to promote initiatives and projects which will improve water quality in Montgomery County's local streams and waterways through public engagement, education, and on-the-ground restoration. For more information, contact [Kathy Somoza](#).

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[Click Here to View the Application](#)



## Watershed Assistance Grant Program



Application closes  
November 6, 2023 at  
4pm ET



<https://cbtrust.org/grants/watershed-assistance/>



Contact Sarah Koser at  
SKoser@cbtrust.org & Megan  
Diehl at MDeihl@cbtrust.org



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## Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps

### HOST ORGANIZATION APPLICATION NOW OPEN

Host a young adult for a full-time year of service in the environmental field...

Welcoming applications from:

- Nonprofit Organization
- Municipal, County, Regional, State, or Federal Public Agency
- Faith-based Organizations
- Community Association
- Service, Youth, and Civic Group
- Public and Independent Higher Educational Institutions



APPLICATIONS DUE:  
DECEMBER 7, 2023 AT 4PM EST

APPLY NOW

<https://cbtrust.org/chesapeake-climate-corps/apply/>

QUESTIONS?

Emily Stransky, Program Manager  
estransky@cbtrust.org  
410-974-2941 x. 101

[Click Here to View the Program Webpage](#)

[Click Here to View the Host Organization Application Package and Learn More](#)

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## Anne Arundel County Forestry and Forested Land Protection Grant Program IS NOW OPEN!



January 3, 2024, 4PM EST



<https://cbtrust.org/grants/forestry-and-forested-land-protection/>



[wwong@cbtrust.org](mailto:wwong@cbtrust.org)



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--- CONTRACTUAL OPPORTUNITIES ---

These opportunities are funded by the Trust



## CHESAPEAKE CONSERVATION & CLIMATE CORPS

# CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Chesapeake Bay Trust's Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps (Corps) Program seeks contractors to increase awareness of and engagement in the Corps Program and provide support for eligible young adults through the application process and their potential placement with the Corps.

To Learn More and Submit a Proposal Visit:

<https://cbtrust.org/grants/bidder-opportunities/>

Proposals Due: November 2nd, 2023 by 4PM EST

Questions?

Contact: Hayley Rost, [hrost@cbtrust.org](mailto:hrost@cbtrust.org), 410-974-2941 x119

[Click Here to View the Request for Proposals](#)

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## Request for Proposals - Contractual Services to Provide Outreach & Technical Assistance Services for the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps

The Chesapeake Bay Trust seeks qualified contractors to provide outreach and technical assistance to Corps Member applicants, especially young adults from fence-line communities and/or communities disproportionately impacted by climate change. Offerors must outline in detail their ability to increase awareness of and engagement in the Trust's Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps (Corps) and provide support for eligible young adults through the application process and their potential placement with the Corps.

For more information, contact [Hayley Rost](#).

## Request for Proposals - Assistance to Provide Outreach Services for the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Diversity Equity and Inclusion Initiative

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For more information, contact [Kayleigh Katzenberger](#).

**OUTREACH SERVICES FOR THE CHESAPEAKE  
BAY TRUST'S DIVERSITY EQUITY  
AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE  
REQUEST FOR  
PROPOSALS**

**CONTACT:**  
KAYLEIGH KATZENBERGER  
410-974-2941  
KKATZENBERGER@CBTRUST.ORG

November 2, 2023 at 4pm EDT

Bids expected to not exceed \$15,000

<https://cbtrust.org/grants/bidder-opportunities/>

Chesapeake Bay Trust

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## --- OTHER OPPORTUNITIES ---

These opportunities are not funded by the Trust

### Maryland Department of Natural Resources

#### Career Opportunity - Power Plant Siting Assessor

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources seeks a full-time Power Plant Siting Assessor to assess the impacts of power plants in a scientific manner while under close or moderate supervision. This requires the management of complex technical evaluations of the environment, economics, and engineering issues conducted for the purpose of achieving a balance between providing adequate electricity at a reasonable cost while protecting our natural resources. These evaluations consist of objective,



comprehensive technical analyses of multidisciplinary sets of issues and lead to a consolidated set of policy or operational recommendations. This position performs other duties that are required to complete all tasks associated with this job's functions.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

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## --- OCTOBER PROJECT HIGHLIGHT ---

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### **Empowering the Next Generation of Environmental Leaders**

#### **Highlighting the Work of Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps Member Jamileth Mendez and her Host Organization the Town of Edmonston**

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[Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps](#) (Corps) program promotes and protects the environment by providing young adults with opportunities to gain career skills and become more engaged through a year of stipend-supported service with a Host Organization. Corps Member Jamileth Mendez, who is currently spending their year of service with the Town of Edmonston, was recently featured in an article written by Maryland Matters about women leaders in the Maryland Latino community who are "rising to positions of power, organizing change and making a path for the next generation of leaders."

Jamileth, and mentor Rod Barnes, have already hit the ground running, developing an ambitious and well-rounded plan for Jamileth's year with the Town that involves projects related to urban forestry, community engagement and education, the development of the Town's climate change action plan, and more! As she shared in her interview with Maryland Matters, one of Jamileth's projects, and a priority for her work this year, is the creation of "a youth 'green team' that will aim to meet twice a month." Jamileth "wants to create a space where where local youth can get together, online and in person, in activities like field trips, community cleanups, tree planting, getting engaged in what's happening with the environment." Through her work this year, Jamileth also aims to make activities and resources available in Spanish, doing most of the translating herself, with resulting materials available at events and online."

The Trust is proud to see their Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps Members and Host Organizations engaging in this type of work in the watershed, encouraging young people to take part in critical environmental work, and making environmental knowledge and resources accessible to a variety of communities and audiences.

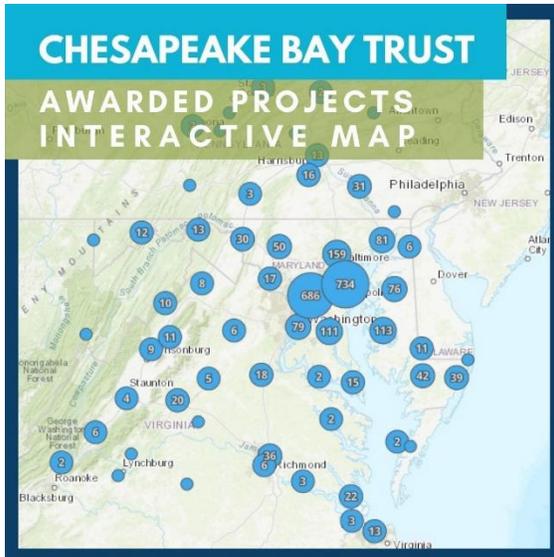
The Chesapeake Bay Trust is proud to partner with the State of Maryland and BGE an Exelon Company to administer the Corps program.



*Del. Joseline Peña-Melnyk (D-Prince George's), Gabriela Lemus and Jamileth Mendez are three Latina leaders trying to make a difference in their communities. Courtesy photos.*

[Click Here to Read the Maryland Matters Article](#)

**Showcasing YOUR Projects on the  
-- Chesapeake Bay Trust Awarded Projects Map --**



[Explore the Map](#)

Our interactive map currently displays over 3,500 awards throughout the watersheds of the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny River. Updated annually, the map allows you to search projects by area, funding partner, and/or environmental topic. Find projects in your community and see what's happening across the region!

**NEW Resource**  
**- To Estimate Pollutant Load Reductions -**

**Green Stormwater Infrastructure siMple Pollutant Load reduction Estimator (Green-SIMPLE)**

**Intended Use:**  
 The Green Stormwater Infrastructure siMple Pollutant Load reduction Estimator ("tool") was developed to help Chesapeake Bay communities more easily and consistently estimate the water quality benefits of proposed stormwater retrofits and (the specific audience for the tool includes local governments, non-profit organizations, neighborhood community associations, consultants, state agencies, universities and others conducting planning and implementation of stormwater retrofits in the Chesapeake Bay watershed).

The tool is an easy-to-use spreadsheet that is consistent with the pollutant loading rates and load reduction efficiencies used in the Chesapeake Bay Model. It allows users to estimate pollutant load reductions from individual projects as well as to compare a suite of candidate projects based on factors such as cost-effectiveness, pollutant load reduction, maintenance burden, and constructability. The multi-value comparison can assist with watershed restoration planning and implementation prioritization.

The tool is useful for local governments, non-profit organizations and neighborhood community associations applying for stormwater retrofit implementation funding through the Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program or other programs by providing a simple option for users to estimate the water quality benefits of their proposed projects, and providing a consistent set of project metrics (e.g., \$/lb of nitrogen reduced) that funders can use to help inform decision-making.

While the tool provides a simpler alternative to more complex models such as the Chesapeake Assessment and Scenario Tool (CAST) or Field Tool, it is not intended to replace on-the-ground field assessments to evaluate potential locations for stormwater retrofits or development of concepts for candidate sites by qualified individuals.

**Credits**  
 This tool was developed by Amanda Pollack, PE, Karen Coppola, Jordan Fox, Dobi Caraco, PE, and Greg McMurry, PE (Center for Watershed Protection, Inc.) with funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 3, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

Green Stormwater Infrastructure siMple Pollutant Load reduction Estimator (Green-SIMPLE)  
 Version 3.0  
 December 2022

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[Try the Green SIMPLE Tool \(Excel File\)](#)

## --- BAY PLATE ---

More than just a License Plate!



Did you know that proceeds from the sale of Bay Tags are distributed to local community groups, schools, and non-profits? They fund tree planting, clean-ups, stormwater projects, environmental education programs, and other conservation and restoration programs! Bay Tags also come with great perks like prime parking, discounts at restaurants, merchandise and service discounts, car washes and so much more. Learn more [here!](#)

## --- GRANTEE RESOURCES ---

Resources for Applying and Managing Awards



### How to...

- [Apply for a Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant \(Video\)](#)
- [Manage a Chesapeake Bay Trust Award \(Video\)](#)
- [Manage a Chesapeake Bay Trust Award During COVID-19 \(Video\)](#)



### The Native Plant Species Selection Guide

is a downloadable PDF guide that walks through the importance of using native plants, when and how to use them in projects, and other resources available to find and purchase native plants in the Chesapeake Bay region.

[Download the Native Plant Species Selection Guide](#)



We welcome grantees to use the Trust's logo on signage, publications, and online. Available in .jpg or .png file, our logo can accompany all promotional materials related to your awarded project. Feel free to use the Trust's logo on social media, tagging us in your posts!



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## Shop Local & Support the Bay with the Trust!

**YOUR PURCHASES FUND PROJECTS AROUND THE CHESAPEAKE REGION** and empower community-based groups with the resources they need to protect and improve forests, streams, rivers, bays, wildlife, and more in their own communities.

[SHOP OUR NEW LOGO COLLECTION](#)

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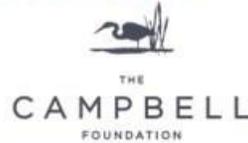
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## ABOUT THE TRUST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust shares a bold vision for a restored and protected Chesapeake Bay watershed and other natural resources in our area—from the Coastal Bays to the Chesapeake to the Youghiogheny River. We uniquely empower local community-based groups on the ground with the resources they need to take on a meaningful and measurable role in restoring forests, streams, rivers, bays, wildlife, and more in their own communities.



The Trust empowers these groups by providing grants and technical assistance. Every year, about 400 groups are awarded project money or provided other assistance to accomplish environmental education, community outreach, and local watershed restoration projects. Since 1985, the Trust has awarded \$140 million in grants and engaged hundreds of thousands of resident stewards in projects that have a measurable impact.

The Trust has received the highest rating from Charity Navigator for over two decades: on average 90 percent of the Trust's expenditures are directed to its restoration and education programs.



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