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.

Applications Due January 3, 2023 at 4 pm EST
Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program

The Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program is a partnership between the Trust and the Prince George's County Department of the Environment. This program is designed to encourage on-the-ground restoration activities that improve communities, improve water quality, support the County's Climate Action plan, and engage County residents in the restoration and protection of local rivers and streams.

Applications Due January 10, 2023 at 4 pm EST
Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Nontidal Wetlands Awards Program

The Maryland Nontidal Wetland Award Program is a partnership between the Trust and the Maryland Department of the Environment. This program is designed to support no net loss
of nontidal wetland acreage and functions in the state of Maryland. This program seeks proposals for nontidal wetland restoration, nontidal wetland creation, nontidal wetland enhancement, and/or nontidal wetland preservation projects.

Applications Due January 13, 2023 at 4 pm EST
Youth Environmental Education Grant Program

The Youth Environmental Education Grant Program is a partnership between the Trust, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This program is designed to engage youth and students in outdoor education activities that raise public awareness and participation in the restoration and protection of the Chesapeake and coastal Bays and their rivers.

Applications Due January 26, 2023 at 4 pm EST
Pooled Monitoring Initiative’s Restoration Research Award Program

The Pooled Monitoring Initiative is a partnership between the Trust, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation through the Environmental Protection Agency’s Chesapeake Bay Program Office, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, and others. This program is designed to answer several key restoration questions that are a barrier to watershed restoration project implementation.

Applications Due March 8, 2023 at 4 pm EST
Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns (G3) Grant Program

The Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns (G3) Grant Program is a partnership between the Trust, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III, and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. This program supports design and implementation of green streets, community greening, and urban tree canopy projects that enhance livability in cities and communities, in addition to white papers that address these topics.

Applications Due March 9, 2023 at 4 pm EST
Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps

The Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps (Corps) places young adults with nonprofit organizations or government agencies to work fulltime in the environmental field for a one-year term of paid service and 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.
Applications Due March 13, 2023 at 4 pm EST
Anne Arundel Forestry and Forested Land Protection Grant Program

The Anne Arundel Forestry and Forested Land Protection Grant Program is a partnership between the Trust and the Anne Arundel County Government. 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.

Applications Due March 16, 2023 at 4 pm EST
Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration Grant Program

The Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration Grant Program is a partnership between the Trust, the Anne Arundel County Bureau of Watershed Protection and Restoration, and the City of Annapolis. This program aims to improve water quality in the County's local streams and waterways as called for in the County's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit and County and City of Annapolis' Stormwater Management Inventory and Watershed Improvement Plan.

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 of 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.

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 or knowledge among event participants about issues pertaining to restoration and protection of the natural resources of the Chesapeake and/or Maryland's other watersheds. The Trust will also entertain requests that promote the following major sources of revenue for the Trust: 1) the "Treasure the Chesapeake" license plate program; 2) the Chesapeake and Endangered Species Tax Check-off on the Maryland State income tax form; and 3) the Maryland Outdoor Recreation and Clean Water Fund.

**Veteran's Engagement Mini Grant Program**

The Veteran's Engagement Mini Grant Program is designed to support veteran's groups organizations engaging veteran's groups as they provide healing and therapeutic services, outdoor recreation, community engagement, and green jobs training. Funding for this program is in part supported by the Healing, Hunting, and Fishing Fund through the online boating, fishing, and hunting license and registration site at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.
Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship

Prince George's County Department of the Environment and the Chesapeake Bay Trust seek projects that improve water quality, build climate resilient communities, and engage residents in Prince George's County. Example projects include rain gardens, native plant gardens, tree canopy education, community engagement, and more. For more information, contact Nguyen Le.

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Maryland Department of the Environment Nontidal Wetlands Award Program

The Maryland Department of the Environment and the Chesapeake Bay 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, flood attenuation, recharge of groundwater, and aesthetics in the State’s local watersheds. For more information, contact Sarah Koser or Sadie Drescher.

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Youth Environmental Education Grant Program

This program welcomes applications for projects that involve youth and students investigating a local environmental issue, problem, or phenomenon through indoor and outdoor research culminating in developing solutions and taking action in their school or community.

Applications Due:
Friday, January 13, 2023 at 4:00PM EST

https://cbtrust.org/grants/youth-environmental-education-grant-program/

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Youth Environmental Education Grant Program

The Youth Environmental Education Award Grant Program is designed to engage youth and students in outdoor educational activities that raise public awareness and participation in restoration and protection of the Chesapeake and coastal Bays and their rivers. The program was established to provide accessible funds to organizations, agencies for youth, and schools for environmental education and educator support. For more information, contact Carlton Burns.

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The Pooled Monitoring Initiative's Restoration Research Award Program funds the answers to key restoration questions focused on the effectiveness of watershed restoration practices. The Pooled Monitoring Initiative pools resources to support scientists who answer these key restoration questions posed by regulatory and practitioner communities through this award program. For more information, contact Sadie Drescher.

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The G3 Grant Program helps communities develop and implement plans that reduce stormwater runoff, increase the amount of urban green spaces, improve the health of our environment, and enhance quality of life and community livability. Example projects include design and construction of green streets, rain gardens, green roofs, tree plantings, white papers/tools and more. For more information, contact Nguyen Le.
The Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps

The Corps places young adults with nonprofit organizations or government agencies to work fulltime in the environmental field for a one-year term of paid service and 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. For more information, contact Emily Stransky or Carlton Burns.

Deadline: March 9, 2023 by 4:00 p.m. https://cbtrust.org/chesapeake-climate-corps/apply/

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Click Here to View the Application Package
Anne Arundel County Forestry and Forested Land Protection Grant Program

With the goal of implementing cost-effective reforestation and greening projects and increasing the number of acres of protected forested land in the County. Potential Project Tracks:
1. Reforestation/Afforestation of Protected Lands
2. Permanent Protection of Forested Lands
3. Reforestation/Afforestation and protection of lands that are currently uneased and unforestes.

APPLICATIONS DUE: MARCH 13, 2023 by 4:00PM (EST)

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

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Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration Grant Program

The Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration Grant Program funds projects to reduce pollutants flowing into local waterways through implementation, or in some cases planning and design, of watershed restoration practices. This program aims to improve water quality in the County's local streams and waterways. For more information, contact Sarah Koser.

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--- OTHER OPPORTUNITIES ---

Community-Based Organization Capacity Building Initiative (CBO-CBI)

Contractual Services

Applications Due: Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 4:00 PM EST.
Outreach Services

CBO-CBI

The Chesapeake Bay Trust, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and Maryland Department of the Environment seek qualified consultants to serve as a “Connector Group” to conduct prioritized outreach to eligible historically under-engaged community-based organizations, who will then receive technical assistance in applying to watershed resilience- and restoration-focused grant programs such as the Resiliency through Restoration Initiative (RtR), Watershed Assistance (WAGP), Outreach and Restoration (OR), and Green Streets (G3) Grant Programs. For more information, contact Emily Stransky.

Technical Assistance Services

CBO-CBI

The Chesapeake Bay Trust, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and Maryland Department of the Environment seek qualified consultants to provide technical assistance and capacity building to historically under-engaged community-based organizations in order to facilitate robust application submissions to watershed resilience- and restoration-focused grant programs such as the Resiliency through Restoration Initiative (RtR), Watershed Assistance (WAGP), Outreach and Restoration (OR), and Green Streets (G3) Grant Programs. Organizations will be recruited by a Connector Group, before being engaged by the Technical Assistance consultant. For more information, contact Emily Stransky.

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Urban Trees Program

Contractual Services

Applications Due: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 4:00PM EST
Tree Nursery Stock

Phase I & II

Urban Trees Program

The Tree Solutions Now Act (2021) of the State of Maryland established the goal of planting 5 million native trees by the end of calendar year 2031. The Chesapeake Bay Trust was named to administer a grant program to qualified community-based organizations to plant 500,000 of these trees in urban, underserved communities. This opportunity is for the production of trees of a suite of species not currently commonly grown by Maryland/regional nurseries to be made available to our grantees fall 2026 and spring 2027. For more information, contact Pia Iolster.

URBAN TREES PROGRAM

Contractual Services

The Chesapeake Bay Trust seeks assistance to provide native trees to the Chesapeake Bay Trust Urban Trees Award Program grantees.

Applications Due: January 10, 2023 by 4PM EST.

Click Here for More Information
https://cbtrust.org/grants/urban-trees/

Green Roof Pilot Project

- Application through Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship -

Applications Due: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 4:00PM EST
Call for a Green Roof Pilot Project

The Chesapeake Bay Trust calls for a green roof pilot project on an industrial building in the Lower Beaverdam Creek floodplain, or nearby area. The area includes parts of Capitol Heights, Seat Pleasant, Fairmount Heights, Glenarden, and Cheverly.

View the eligible project area at:
https://www.pgatlas.com/

Open to non-profits, for-profits, and more.

Apply through the Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Program and learn more at:
https://cbtrust.org/grants/prince-georges-stormwater-stewardship/

Applications Due: January 3, 2023 at 4PM EST.
Engagement and Restoration: ShoreRivers' Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Programs

Through the Trust's Outreach and Restoration Grant Program, and in partnership with Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Anne Arundel Community College, and Washington College, the ShoreRivers organization planted over 11 million seeds of submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) and engaged over 100 volunteers through their SAV Watcher program. ShoreRivers also created an interactive GIS Atlas showing all the restoration sites, seed harvest locations, and SAV Watcher volunteer data across the region. ShoreRivers shared that they are eager to assist any other organizations looking to complete similar efforts and they look forward to continuing this program in years to come. This project was supported in partnership with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.
¡Si se Puede! Empowering Communities Through Meaningful Watershed Education Experiences

Through the Trust’s Clean Water Montgomery and Outreach and Education Grant Programs, Nature Forward (formerly known as the Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States), engaged eleven local Latine and other immigrant families in planning and conducting a watershed stewardship project to reduce stormflow and pollutants to Long Branch in Silver Spring, Maryland. The families identified and conducted a project to reduce litter and increase recycling rates in and around the Long Branch stream, park, and surrounding neighborhood areas. Nature Forward’s project partner CHEER (Community Health & Empowerment through Education and Research) will sustain the long-term efforts of this project and continue to engage the Long Branch community. This project was supported in partnership with the Montgomery County Government.

Click Here to View a Video about the ¡Si se Puede! Project

--- 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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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.

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Let's Be Friends.
Like us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram for current Trust happenings. We'll share project successes from grantees and ensure you're aware of the work being done by other local organizations and communities to restore and protect our natural resource treasures.
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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