Outreach and Restoration Grant Program
Charles County

JUNE 16TH, 2020

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN CHARLES COUNTY AND THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST
Funding is from Charles County (Department of Planning and Growth Management) and Bay Plate sales.
History of Partnership

An agreement between Charles County and the Chesapeake Bay Trust in 2015 was created.

This agreement supports the County’s goal of “improving water quality and to make progress on environmental restoration efforts for compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) requirements for meeting water quality goals.”

Charles County has continued to partner with the Chesapeake Bay Trust through the Outreach and Restoration program.

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Outreach and Restoration Grant Program

Goals:
- Implement community-led stewardship efforts.
- Complete on-the-ground restoration projects.
- Enhance public awareness about benefits of restoration through installation of best management practices (BMPs).
- Fund projects that both improve communities and improve local natural resources like green spaces, parks, tree canopy, water bodies, and more within the City.

Funding amount: up to $75,000

Application Deadline: August 4th at 4pm

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Who is Eligible?

- 501(c)3 Private Nonprofit Organizations
- Faith-based Organizations
- Community and Homeowners Associations
- Service, Youth, and Civic Groups
- Municipal, County, Regional, State, Federal Public Agencies
- Soil/Water Conservation Districts & Resource Conservation and Development Councils
- Forestry Boards
- Public and Independent Higher Educational Institutions (Schools and Colleges)

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Track 1: Outreach

Increase public knowledge and engagement or promote behavior change as it relates to the challenges and solutions to restore Maryland’s natural resources: local green spaces from urban to rural, parks, streams, rivers, and bays.

Up to $30,000 for projects focused on increasing knowledge

Up to $50,000 for behavior change projects

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Track 1: Outreach

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Project Ideas

- Illicit discharge education
- Dumpster maintenance education
- Stormwater education and benefits of practices such as rain barrels, rain gardens, tree plantings, and pervious pavement
- Assist community members in installing stormwater practices at their home
- Support the formation or capacity-building of organizations who want to promote watershed health
- Pet waste education
- Stream and litter cleanups

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Track 2: Restoration

Engage people in on-the-ground community-based projects that benefit both the community and the quality of one or more natural resources (examples: water quality, tree canopy, and habitat). These projects should be ready for implementation (construction).

Up to $50,000 for implementing (constructing) restoration projects

Up to $5,000 of overall budget can be used for the design of restoration practices. Complex projects that require engineer designs may need more design funding than is available in this program.

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Track 2: Restoration

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Project Ideas

- Construction of stormwater features such as bioretention cells, bioswales, rain gardens, and other low impact development (LID) techniques.
- Installing conservation landscapes, pollinator gardens, and native plantings.
- Planting trees
- Removal of impervious surfaces and replacing it with permeable pavement or native plantings.
- Green roofs
- Planting streamside forest buffers

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Track 3: Outreach and Restoration

Combine the goals for both tracks above in order to achieve increased meaningful and measurable outcomes.

Up to $75,000 for projects that combine outreach projects with restoration projects.

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Track 3: Outreach and Restoration

Charles County Project Ideas

Installation of stormwater practices such as rain barrels, rain gardens, and permeable pavement combined with educational workshops on the benefits of these practices.

Installation of conservation landscapes, pollinator gardens, and native plantings paired with educational components on the benefits of native plants.

Planting trees paired with educational components on the benefits of trees.

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Example Project

Charles Soil Conservation District

Planted native pollinator friendly plants, installed rain gardens, and removed invasive species.

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**Alice Ferguson Foundation**
The Adopt a Stream project will connect the community to their local streams and empower them to become stewards of their local environment and in partnership with Charles County Public Works, the project would provide training to 20 Charles County residents, organizations, and business with the proper tools to monitor and provide detailed data on the waste entering the Charles County waterways while also engaging 240 additional volunteers in successful cleanups.

**Mount Sinai African Methodist Episcopal Church**
Develop a community education program that will increase awareness of climate change and the threats to maintaining clean water in our communities. The curriculum will utilize the Water Heroes VBS program designed by the Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake. Participants will identify a location for building a rain garden and work collaboratively to complete it.

**Port Tobacco River Conservancy**
Complete construction of an outdoor classroom at Dr. James Craik Elementary, Pomfret, MD; enhance stormwater control BMPs constructed under Grant No. 15419 to increase the amount of stormwater managed; and finally, develop and implement a public outreach program to increase awareness and improve dumpster maintenance practices in the Charles County Public Schools.

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Practical Tips for Your Grant Application

Read
Read the Request for Proposals (RFP) thoroughly

Partners
What partner would make your application most successful? Do you need a subcontractor?

Schedule
You can schedule a site visit before submitting application. You can ask the Chesapeake Bay Trust to review and discuss your project idea!

Obtain
Obtain supporting documents and letters of commitment from partners or landowners

Submit
Submit your application by August 4th at 4 pm

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Where to Find the RFP and Online Application

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Outreach and Restoration Grant Program

The Chesapeake Bay Trust, in partnership with the City of Baltimore Department of Public Works, Charles County, Harford County, Howard County, the City of Gaithersburg, and the City of Salisbury, is pleased to announce that the Outreach and Restoration Grant Program is now open. This grant program encourages outreach and community engagement activities that increase stewardship ethic of natural resources and on-the-ground restoration activities that demonstrate restoration techniques and engage Maryland citizens in the restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers. This grant program funds projects in partner areas as well as throughout Maryland.

What this funds: Application Tracks - Applicants can request funds from one of the following tracks.

- **Track 1: Outreach**: up to $30,000 for projects focused on education and awareness as project outcomes, up to $50,000 for behavior change projects.
- **Track 2: Restoration**: up to $50,000 for implementation projects.
- **Track 3: Outreach and Restoration**: up to $75,000 for projects that combine restoration and outreach elements to measurably build knowledge within the community served.

Who can apply: Non-profit organizations, community and homeowner associations, faith-based organizations, and more. See RFP for full list of organizations. This grant program funds projects in partner areas as well as throughout Maryland.

Is match required? Match is encouraged but not required.

Grant Application Process: The Chesapeake Bay Trust's grant applications are all submitted through an online system. If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact us at grants@cbtrust.org or 410-670-4600.
Grant Process Timeline

August 4th
Application Due!

Signed Grant Agreement
Contingencies

Award Period
12-24 Months

Status Report

Final Report

Complete

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Application Open
May - August

Workshops

We are here

Review/TRC
September - November

Grant Management/Plans Review and Permitting/Construction/Maintenance
12-24 Months

Grantee

Application
Develop Design
Initial Site Visit
May - August

Workshops

CBT County Review
1-2 Months After Final Report Submission

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What to Expect After Submission

Decision Notification:
- Decisions to be made in late November
- Full or Partial Award Letters (mid- to late-December)
- Decline Letters (mid- to late-December)
- Debriefs and Feedback (if requested, early January)

If Awarded:
- READ then submit Signed Award Agreement
- Post-award conference call with the Chesapeake Bay Trust to review grant agreement
- Post-award site visit if you are doing a restoration project
- Permitting, Plans Review, and As-builts
- Reporting (progress report(s), status report(s), final report)

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• Chesapeake Bay Trust Website
  ◦ Outreach and Restoration Grant Program
    https://cbtrust.org/grants/outreach-and-restoration/
  ◦ Additional Resources https://cbtrust.org/additional-resources/

• Behavior Change Case Study Database is an open collection of outreach campaigns focused on changing behaviors or practices of target audiences that reduce their impact on the local environment

• Rapid Assessment for Outreach Programs Fostering Environmentally Responsible Behaviors - to assist organizations with assessing whether elements of their environmental behavior change programs are being used to their full potential

• Water Resources Registry (WRR) – An interactive mapping for grantees to build their own site maps for project submission

• Talk with past grantees
Other Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant Programs
Watershed Assistance Grant Program

Goal: create a design or plan of watershed restoration and protection projects or planning and programmatic development projects.

Designs can be used to apply for implementation.

Partnership between the Trust, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and Maryland Department of the Environment

🗂️ Funding amount: up to $75,000
📅 Application deadline: August 13, 2020 at 4pm
📞 Contact: Emily Stransky, estransky@cbtrust.org

Learn more at https://cbtrust.org/grants/watershed-assistance/
Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program

Goal: help communities develop and implement plans that reduce stormwater runoff, increase the number and amount of green spaces in urban areas, improve the health of local streams and the Chesapeake Bay, and enhance quality of life and community livability.

Project Types:
- Conceptual plans and engineered designs
- Green street implementation/construction
- Community greening

Partnership between the Trust and the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region III with support by Maryland Department of Natural Resources

- Funding amount: up to $100,000
- Application deadline: Currently closed. ~March 2021
- Contact: Jeff Popp, jpopp@cbtrust.org

Learn more at https://cbtrust.org/grants/green-streets-green-jobs-green-towns/

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Community Engagement Mini Grant Program

Goal: Engage new applicants and organizations from a diverse array of communities in small-scale projects that enhance communities, engage residents, and, ultimately, improve natural resources

Project Types:
- Stream and litter clean ups
- Small-scale restoration
- Community gardens
- And more!

Funded by the Bay Plate.

- Funding amount: up to $5,000
- Application deadline: Rolling
- Contact: Bre’Anna Brooks, bbrooks@cbtrust.org

Learn more at https://cbtrust.org/grants/community-engagement/

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Who to Contact

◦ Bre’Anna Brooks, bbrooks@cbtrust.org
  (outreach and behavior change projects, also lead for Harford County and City of Baltimore projects)

◦ Nguyen Le, nle@cbtrust.org
  (small/medium-scale restoration projects, also lead for Charles County, City of Gaithersburg, and City of Salisbury projects)

◦ Sarah Koser, skoser@cbtrust.org
  (medium/large-scale restoration projects, also lead for Howard County projects)

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