



Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

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GRANTS: UPCOMING DEADLINES & 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.

[Charles County Forestry](#): Rolling deadline

[Community Engagement Mini Grant Program](#): Rolling deadline

[Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate](#): Rolling deadline

[Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach Grant Program](#): November 12, 2020, at 4PM EST

[Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#): November 19, 2020, at 4pm EST

For questions concerning any of the above open opportunities, please refer to the specific webpage for the Officer and Assistant assigned to the Grant Program.

NEWS FROM THE TRUST



Bittersweet moments are being shared at the Tust as we say goodbye to our [Chesapeake Conservation Corps](#) class of 2019-2020 graduates and welcome our new cohort! Created by the Maryland Legislature to invest in the state's young people, the CCC provides valuable job skills training, and promotes the green economy in Maryland. Last week, 37 Corps members met virtually with their 35 host organizations to learn more about their job responsibilities for the upcoming year, which will be shaped this year by COVID-19 as Corps members follow state and local guidance and their host site's policies on remote work and social distancing. "In these tough times, more and more of us are realizing the importance of our natural resources as use of parks and other outdoor resources increases," said Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio of Maryland Department of Natural Resources, one of the key funders of the program. Read the full press release [here](#).



THANK YOU

We at the Trust would like to thank all those who attended and participated in producing our 22nd Treasure the Chesapeake Celebration-we could not have it without you!



District of Columbia Community Stormwater Solutions Grant Program Awards Over \$93K to District Communities, Non-profits, and Small Businesses for Stormwater Projects. Seven organizations have received funding totaling \$93,760 for projects to both engage communities and new audiences in environmental issues as well as help manage stormwater runoff in the District of Columbia. Through this partnership, grants will be made to protect and enhance the District's water bodies and watersheds and build relationships with community-based organizations and small businesses. The [Community Stormwater Solutions Grant Program](#) supports community-oriented and inspired projects designed to increase knowledge about watershed and stormwater-related issues, while connecting with

people through other interests such as the arts, their neighborhoods, their families, and play spaces. Read the full press release [here!](#)

WHAT GRANTEES ARE SAYING...



"The Students to Streams program has been fantastic for our science students. Through this program we are able to make science real for our students by connecting curriculum to our very important local ecosystem, the Chesapeake Bay. Students are able to become involved with local issues affecting them by participating in action projects to help improve our relationship with the watershed! Students to Streams gets us

outside to examine our local streams and supports us in completing our action projects!"
– Kim Agee, Queen Anne's County High School Biology and Environmental Science Teacher



HELP THE TRUST TELL YOUR STORY!

The Trust has begun research and development of the 2020 Annual Report. As with prior year's reports, there are opportunities to showcase specific grantee events, projects, and outcomes through high-resolution photographs and captions provided to us by current grantees.

We encourage you to email photos taken during any grant event, and especially before and after photos of hands-on restoration projects. Send them to karreza@cbtrust.org or tag us at [@chesapeakebaytrust](https://www.facebook.com/chesapeakebaytrust) on Facebook or [@baytrust](https://twitter.com/baytrust) on twitter and let the Trust help you tell your story!

See the 2019 Annual Report [here](#)

See the full history of annual reports [here](#)

GRANTEE RESOURCES



Grantee Resources for Applying and Managing Awards

"How to Apply for a Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant" [video](#)

"How to Manage a Chesapeake Bay Trust Award" [video](#)

"How to Manage Your Chesapeake Bay Trust Award During COVID-19" video

Download image files of the Trust logo for your signage and project needs [here](#).

Available in .jpg or .png file, the Trust logo can accompany all promotional materials related to your awarded project. Feel free to use on social media, tagging us in your posts on Twitter [@baytrust](https://twitter.com/baytrust), Facebook [@chesapeakebaytrust](https://www.facebook.com/chesapeakebaytrust), and Instagram [@chesapeakebaytrust](https://www.instagram.com/chesapeakebaytrust).

The videos linked above can be found on our Vimeo page [here](#) as well as on our Grants and Opportunities page under "Resources" [here](#) along with Trust logos.

AROUND THE BAY

Teaching environmental justice across the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Why is educating students on environmental justice so important? With predominantly people of color disproportionately living near major industrial sites, issues such as within low-income communities bearing unequal risk of climate change impacts Black and Latino families

having less access to green spaces and affordable, healthy foods, all fall under the category of environmental justice. To learn more about programs involving co-development of workshops, neighborhood greening/beautification projects, wetland plantings and shoreline debris clean-ups, read the [Chesapeake Bay Program's](#) full article [here](#).

'Great first steps': Chesapeake Bay leaders commit to action on diversity. Dr. Janice Underwood, Virginia's chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer, praised the Bay's leaders for taking a "good first step" towards creating an environmental justice board and presenting a proposed implementation plan for the diversity initiative within six months! Read the [Chesapeake Bay Journal](#) article [here](#).

Wastewater treatment plant upgrades help reduce nitrogen pollution entering the Bay. Did you know that excessive amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus result in the growth of algae blooms? In turn they lead to low-oxygen "dead zones" that suffocate marine life. To learn more about the implementation of advanced technologies to treat wastewater continues to help reduce the levels of nitrogen and phosphorus that reach the Bay, read the [Chesapeake Bay Program's](#) full report [here](#).

Invasive Plant Poised to Overrun Potomac Watershed. It's a different type of water chestnut: *Trapa bispinosa*, and Northern Virginia is the first place it has been found growing in the country! Found in 54 locations across five counties, all of them in Virginia within the Potomac River watershed. Read more about the invasive plant in [Chesapeake Bay Magazine's](#) full article [here](#).

Chesapeake Bay lighthouse repairs nearly complete. More than \$430,000 was raised to replace rotting metal at the base of the lighthouse. Efforts to raise enough money to stop a 145-year-old lighthouse from falling into Maryland's Chesapeake Bay were a big success, and almost all the repair work is done. Read more from [WTOPNews'](#) article [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Walking the Walk: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice in Action

When: August 26th from 2:00pm-3:30pm

Register for the event [here!](#)

In May 2017, the Trust, the [Chesapeake Bay Funders Network](#), and the [Choose Clean Water Coalition](#) launched a significant, collaborative initiative to assess the state of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) among organizations working on environmental issues in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and to develop a diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice (DEIJ) guide with recommendations for how organizations working on environmental issues and the funders who support them, can increase DEI within their organizations. The Guide titled, "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice in Action", was released at the Choose Clean Water Coalition's Annual Conference in summer 2019.

Since its release, organizations have been implementing recommendations in the Guide as a pathway to advance DEIJ throughout the Bay community.

During this webinar, the [Chesapeake Legal Alliance](#), [Chesapeake Conservancy](#), and [Chesapeake Commons](#) will discuss success and barriers they have encountered to carry out their organizational DEIJ goals. The Trust, on behalf of the Chesapeake Bay Funders Network (CBFN) will also provide an update on CBFN's Capacity Building Initiative and resources available for DEIJ efforts. Attendees will leave with a greater understanding of approaches to make our community more diverse, equitable, inclusive, and just.

Mark Your Calendars!

Clear as Mud: Three Steps to Become a Better Communicator

September 21, 2020; September 23, 2020; September 25, 2020

from 10:00am-12:00pm each day

Presented by the [Choose Clean Water Coalition](#) and [Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay](#), with support from the Trust, [Chesapeake Legal Alliance](#), and [Virginia Conservation Network](#), this crash course will dive into effective storytelling, crafting presentations, and translating nuanced science and data into a compelling and understandable message. For more information, visit [here](#).

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[The Chesapeake Bay Trust](#) is a nonprofit, grant-making organization dedicated to improving the streams, rivers, and other natural resources of the Chesapeake region through environmental education, community outreach, and local watershed restoration.

Since 1985, the Trust has awarded more than \$120 million in grants and projects that engage hundreds of thousands of dedicated individuals in efforts that are making a difference for all our local systems--Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny. For nearly two decades, the Trust has received a "4-star rating" from Charity Navigator, the nation's leading independent evaluator of nonprofit organizations.



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