



Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

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GRANT DEADLINES

- [Environmental Education Mini Grant Program](#): August 2, 2018
- [Outreach and Restoration Grant Program](#): September 13, 2018
- [Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach Grant Program](#): September 27, 2018
- [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#): September 27, 2018
- [Watershed Assistance Grant Program](#): September 27th, 2018
- [Prince George's Rain Check Rebate Program](#): Rolling deadline
- [Community Engagement Mini Grant Program](#): Rolling deadline
- [Sponsorship Program](#): Rolling deadline

NEWS FROM THE TRUST



The Trust co-hosted a Grant Program Workshop on the Outreach and Restoration Grant Program with Baltimore City Department of Public Works earlier this month. Nearly sixty attendees learned about the grant program and how to apply.

Outreach and Restoration Grant Program Webinar Now Available

Organizations interested in applying to the [Outreach and Restoration Grant Program](#) now have a new resource to assist them in the application process.

The Trust produced a webinar that explains the grant program (eligible projects, who can apply), describes example project types, and provides application tips and tricks.

The short, 22-minute webinar is available on the grant program [landing page](#), where you can also learn more about the program, review the request for proposals, and submit your application.

The Outreach and Restoration Grant Program is currently open and accepting applications. It funds projects throughout Maryland. The application deadline is Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 4 pm.



Trust Announces Nearly \$700,000 to Support Local Green Infrastructure Projects

Last month, the Trust in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the City of Baltimore Office of Sustainability announced \$693,791 in funding for the Chesapeake Bay [Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program](#). These grants 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 rivers, streams, and the Chesapeake Bay, create “green jobs,” and enhance livability in cities and communities.

Awards were made to 21 innovative green infrastructure projects that span across Delaware; Maryland; Pennsylvania; Virginia; Washington, D.C.; and West Virginia.

The Town of Bath, West Virginia (widely known as Berkeley Springs), one of the 21 grant recipients for this round of funding and a second-time Green Streets grantee, was the host location for the grant announcement.

“Towns and communities throughout our region are eager to enhance their streetscapes and improve our waterways through green infrastructure projects,” said Dr. Jana Davis, executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Trust. “We are proud to combine forces with our funding partners to ensure that local jurisdictions have the resources they need to take action for our communities and for our rivers and streams.”

Read more about the Streetscape Renewal Plan that Bath, West Virginia, is implementing with their grant funding and see the full list of grant awards [here](#).

GRANTEE NEWS

- **Eastern Shore Artist, Organization Turn Bay’s Trash to Treasure:** Kent Island Beach Cleanups (KIBCU), an organization based in Queen Anne’s County, is bringing the Bay’s garbage to life, with help from a [Mini Community Engagement](#) grant from the Trust. KIBCU is working with a local artist to build a 7-foot-tall sculpture covered with marine life out of the trash collected from their cleanups along the shores of Kent Island. Read more and watch a video about this unique project [here](#).
- **Cambridge Revitalizes Historic Neighborhood Lot:** With the help of a [Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns grant](#), ShoreRivers, Habitat for Humanity Choptank, Cambridge Main Street, and the Waugh United Methodist Church are collaborating on a pilot program to green vacant lots. Read more and watch a video about this project [here](#). Read an NPR report on the impact of urban greening [here](#).
- **Jug Bay Unveils Trails, Nature Discovery Place at New Waysons Corner Preserve:** Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary and their 2017-2018 [Chesapeake Conservation Corps](#) member, Shelby Cross, celebrated the grand opening of a new children’s play area called the Nature Discovery Place earlier this month. Cross designed and built the play space as the capstone project for her year of service. Learn more about this project [here](#).



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GRANTEE RESOURCES

- **Chesapeake Bay Expertise Database (CBED):** The [Chesapeake Research Consortium's CBED](#) connects faculty and staff scientists working on Chesapeake related issues with each other, with other scientists in the region, and with managers, research funders, and others and helps the Chesapeake Research Consortium help all scientists of the Chesapeake region. Register your own expertise [here](#).

We want to hear from you! Please send your news and success stories to Erin Valentine

(evalentine@cbtrust.org) to be featured on our blog and in our newsletters.

AROUND THE BAY

- **Air Quality Study Over Chesapeake Bay Seeks to Understand Pollution:** For several weeks this summer, researchers launched balloons, drones, and planes above Hart-Miller Island to better understand the complex swirl of air pollution over the Chesapeake Bay. “The study is an exciting example of cutting-edge research on the interface between land and water,” Maryland Environment Secretary Ben Grumbles said. Read more in [this article](#) from the *Washington Post*.
- **Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership Exceeds 2017 Targets for Reducing Phosphorus, Sediment:** Now halfway to the 2025 cleanup deadline, the Chesapeake Bay Program announced that it is on target to meet goals for reduced phosphorus and sediment pollution, but work is still needed to close the gap in reducing nitrogen loads. Read more on this from the Chesapeake Bay Program [here](#).
- **Gardening for the Chesapeake:** Gardening for the Chesapeake may conjure images of planting oysters, but land-based gardens filled with native plants and grasses are a significant part of the water quality puzzle. Learn more about the University of Maryland Extension's Bay-Wise master gardener program and other plant-based solutions to water quality issues in [this article](#) from *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*.

ABOUT THE TRUST

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 \$90 million in grants and projects that engage hundreds of thousands of dedicated individuals in efforts that are making a difference for all of our local systems--Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny.

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