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.

Contractual Services for the Regional Outdoor Learning Network: March 25, 2021 at 4PM EST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust seeks qualified contractors to: 1) provide network development support to two networks in Pennsylvania and West Virginia participating in the Outdoor Learning Network Initiative and 2) implement phase 2 of the Regional Outdoor Learning Network (ROLN) which will include applying the year one recommendations from a landscape assessment to launch ROLN and develop the next iteration of a network map.

Consultant Services for the Development and Implementation of a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Training Series: April 1, 2021 at 4PM EST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust on behalf of the Chesapeake Bay Funders Network, as part of the Capacity Building Initiative seeks qualified consultants to create and implement a training series which will develop a shared understanding among funder and NGO leaders of the history, systems, and practices that contribute to inequities in the clean water movement and increase access to resources, technical assistance, and facilitated peer to peer sessions to develop near term concrete plans of action that advance DEIJ.

Contractual Services for the Outdoor Learning Network Initiative: April 1, 2021 at 4PM EST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust seeks qualified contractors to deliver training and provide ongoing support to the next set of three networks selected to participate in the Outdoor Learning Network Initiative (OLNI). Training and ongoing support will include (but not be limited to): (1) MWEE design and implementation and (2) partnership and network development using the collective impact model.

Outreach Services for the DC DOEE Community Stormwater Solutions Grant Program: April 13, 2021 at 4PM EST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust and District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) seek qualified consultants to provide Community Stormwater Solutions Grant Program advertisement to organizations or small businesses whose mission is not primarily environmentally focused and translate the funding partnership’s goals into language best received by these audiences. Additionally, the consultant will offer technical assistance for new applicants to navigate the online application process and facilitate the submission of least four (4) applications to the Community Stormwater Solutions Grant Program.
Consultant Services for a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Training for the Chesapeake Conservation Corps: May 6, 2021, at 4PM EST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust seeks qualified contractors to facilitate a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice Training for the Chesapeake Conservation Corps program. The Chesapeake Conservation Corps is a one-year term of paid service that places young adults (ages 18-25) with nonprofits or government agencies to work fulltime in the environmental field. Throughout the year the program provides real-world experience, training, mentorship, and a support network of young professionals.

Consultant Services for a Professional Development Training for the Chesapeake Conservation Corps: May 6, 2021, at 4PM EST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust seeks qualified contractors to facilitate a professional development training on resume development, cover letter writing, and other related content to support the transition of Chesapeake Conservation Corps Members from their year of service working with nonprofit organizations and government agencies to the next step in their chosen career path. The Chesapeake Conservation Corps is a one-year term of paid service that places young adults (ages 18-25) with nonprofits or government agencies to work fulltime in the environmental field. Throughout the year the program provides real-world experience, training, mentorship, and a support network of young professionals.

Charles County Forestry: Rolling deadline

The Charles County Forestry Grant Program is a partnership between the Charles County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust that aims to fund projects to implement 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 Program: Rolling deadline

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: Rolling deadline

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: Rolling Deadline

The Sponsorship Program is designed to support events that will increase awareness and 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.

For questions concerning any of the above open opportunities, please refer to the specific webpage for the Program Officer assigned to the Award Program.
Earth Day Throwback
A look back at past Grantee projects completed in celebration of Earth Day

"East Branch Stream Buffer Planting Project"
Outreach and Restoration, $16,490

The Howard County Conservancy (Conservancy) undertook an ambitious stream buffer planting for Earth Day 2018 to protect the East Branch Stream. Conservancy staff along with 143 volunteers worked to plant 355 trees over 1.19 acres of land, resulting in a larger, stronger, and healthier stream buffer, increased biodiversity, and improved habitat.

"NorthBay Environmental Science Experience"
Mini Environmental Education, $5,000

Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School sixth graders celebrated Earth Day 2018 by learning about environmental science through hands-on activities while at NorthBay Adventure. They also had the opportunity to apply their knowledge back at school through an Earth Day poster contest and a planting day.

Learn how to support your own Earth Day initiatives and other projects at www.cbtrust.org/grants

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.

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The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a nonprofit grant-making organization dedicated to improving the watersheds of the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny River through grant programs, special initiatives, and partnerships that support K-12 environmental education, on-the-ground watershed restoration, community engagement, and the underlying science of these three realms.

Since 1985, the Trust has awarded more than $130 million in grants to local municipalities, nonprofit organizations, schools and public agencies throughout the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. For nearly two decades, the Trust has received a "4-star rating" from Charity Navigator, the nation's leading independent evaluator of nonprofit organizations. About 90% of the Trust's expenditures are directed to restoration and education programs.