

# Chesapeake Bay Trust Grantee Newsletter

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## **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.

## **EPA Goal Implementation Team Support**: May 31, 2021 at 4PM EDT

The EPA Goal Implementation Team Project Support Program is a partnership between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Chesapeake Bay Trust. This program is designed to invite entities experienced in various aspects of fisheries, watershed science and policy, watershed stewardship, outreach and training, climate resilience, submerged aquatic vegetation (sav), and other watershed issues to submit proposals to advance specific outcomes of the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.

## Mini Pre-K-12 Environmental Education Grant: July 1, 2021 at 4PM EDT

The Mini Environmental Education Grant Program is a partnership between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Chesapeake Bay Trust. This program is designed to increase student awareness and involvement in the restoration and protection of our region's natural resources by increasing access to programs that provide Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences (MWEEs).

## **DC Community Stormwater Solutions Grant**: July 16, 2021 at 6PM EDT

The Community Stormwater Solutions Grant Program is a partnership between the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment. This program provides funding for innovative, community-oriented and –inspired projects, aimed at improving water quality in the District of Columbia, reducing litter, and raising awareness about what we can do to restore our rivers, streams, and parks.

## **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.

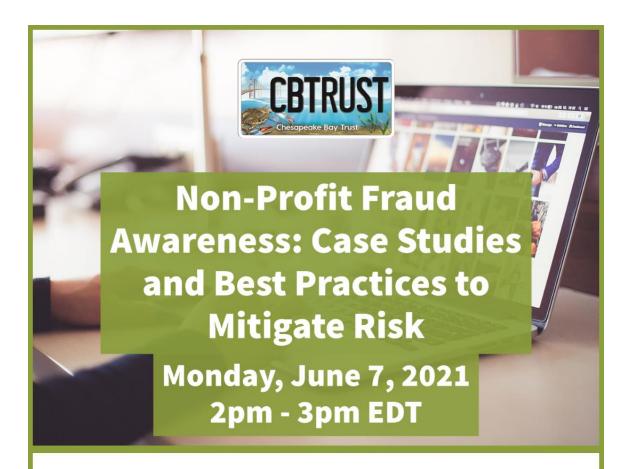
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## GRANT WORKSHOP FOR VETERANS GROUPS

## MAY 25, 2021 | STARTS AT 4 P.M. ON ZOOM

Please join us to learn about funding opportunities for veterans groups and to hear highlights of projects led by and for veterans in the region. The Chesapeake Bay Trust (the Trust) is a non-profit grant-making organization dedicated to engaging and empowering diverse groups to take actions that enrich natural resources and local communities. The Trust wishes to connect with more veterans groups who may be interested in community health, outdoor activities, and natural resource issues.

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Please join us for an informative discussion on fraud awareness and potential challenges facing non-profit organizations. During this session, gain valuable insight on the various types of fraud and best practices to manage risk. You will hear real world examples from experts in the banking, accounting, information technology, and insurance industries followed by a brief Q&A session. The Chesapeake Bay Trust is committed to raising awareness within our grantee community about the risk of fraudulent activities and ways to prevent them.

**Register 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



The "Native Plant Species Selection Guide" is a <u>downloadable PDF</u> 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 image files of the Trust logo for your signage and project needs <a href="here">here</a>. 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 <u>@baytrust</u>, Facebook <u>@chesapeakebaytrust</u>, and Instagram <u>@chesapeakebaytrust</u>.

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#### **About The Trust**

<u>The Chesapeake Bay Trust</u> 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.







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