Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps

2025-2026 Mini Grant Program

Narrative Questions

**Complete all questions in this narrative template.** You will upload this document as a MS Word or PDF file into the online application system. Make sure that your answers describe how the criteria in the “Evaluation Criteria” section of the Request for Proposals (RFP) will be met. The RFP and online application are located here: <https://cbtrust.org/chesapeake-climate-corps/apply/corps-mini-grant/>.

# What are the Goals of the Project?

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| Project Description |
| Provide a detailed explanation of your project including goals and how those goals will be accomplished. |
| Project Background |
| Why is this project needed? How were the problem and project need identified? Is this project an extension of an ongoing or recently completed project or plan? |
| 1. Project Impact & Value
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| Please describe how your project connects to the restoration, protection, and/or stewardship of the local environment within the Chesapeake Bay region. Why does this project matter? What difference or impact will it make? |

# Who will be engaged?

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| Audience |
| Identify the priority audience you will educate, engage, and/or impact. Describe how you will reach them and why you have chosen that method. |
| Demographic Information |
| In light of the Trust’s commitment to the advancement of diversity in its award-making, provide demographic information about the community or population involved in, or served by, the project.*Provide your organization’s experience working within the specific communities that you will be prioritizing. If you have not had significant experience within your prioritized demographic, explain how you intend to address this issue; the Trust encourages applicants to establish partnerships with local organizations that may have greater cultural competencies within the targeted demographic(s).* |
| Community Context |
| The best projects connect to other existing community watershed stewardship efforts. Please describe how this project fits into other watershed stewardship activities occurring in the community.*For example, are neighboring faith-based organizations or homeowner’s associations who may already be undertaking environmental activities going to be engaged in this project?* |

#  What are the long-term impacts?

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| Demonstration Value |
| Describe how the lessons learned from this project might be transferred to others? For on-the-ground projects, describe why and how the project location(s) were selected and how accessible the site is to the public. |
| Sustainability |
| The Trust aims to invest in projects that have the longest potential longevity after the grant period has ended. Several threats exist that may result in loss of project value: change in public interest in an effort, changes in rainfall or sea level associated with climate change; change in land use; and more.Discuss the future you see for the work for which you are requesting funds. What factors may affect its long-term value and how will you ensure its long-term value is maximized? If the project or program will need ongoing financial resources to maintain its value, provide an abbreviated plan describing how the project will be sustained beyond the term of the proposed funding request. Who at your Host or another organization will manage the project moving forward? |
| Evaluation |
| What does a successful project outcome look like? Please provide a description of how you will determine whether the project is successful. |