

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.

Capacity Building Initiative: January 13, 2022 at 4PM EST

The Capacity Building Initiative (CBI) is a joint initiative of the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Chesapeake Bay Funders Network. The Capacity Building Grant Program is designed to increase the effectiveness of organizations that work at the nexus of natural resource and community health issues, within the Chesapeake Bay, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny River watersheds by addressing organizational capacity needs.

<u>Pooled Monitoring Initiative's Restoration Research Award Program</u>: January 27, 2022 at 4PM EST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation through the Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay Program Office, Anne Arundel County, the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration, the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, and other partners announce a Request for Proposals for its Restoration Research award program. The goal of this research program is to answer several key restoration questions that are a barrier to watershed restoration project implementation.

Youth Environmental Education Grant Program: January 27, 2022 at 4PM EST

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).

<u>Chesapeake Conservation Corps Member Application</u>: March 3rd, 2022 at 4PM EST

The Chesapeake Conservation Corps is a partnership between the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, BGE an Exelon Company, the National Park Service, and the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The

Corps is a leadership program that provides young adults (ages 18-25) with hands-on environmental and leadership experience through placements with nonprofit or government agencies for one-year terms of service in the Chesapeake Bay region.

<u>Chesapeake Conservation Corps Equity Fellowship Opportunity</u>: March 3rd, 2022 at 4PM EST

The Chesapeake Conservation Corps is a partnership between the State of Maryland, BGE an Exelon Company, the National Park Service, and the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The Chesapeake Conservation Corps Equity Fellowship provides young adults with additional financial assistance to help Corps Members with the financial challenge of a year of service.

<u>Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns (G3) Program</u>: March 3rd, 2022 at 4PM EST

The Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program is a partnership between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Chesapeake Bay Trust. This program is designed to 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 streams and the Chesapeake Bay, and enhance quality of life and community livability.

Urban Trees Grant Program: : March 3rd, 2022 at 4PM EST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is announcing a Notice of Intent to Fund, subject to the State of Maryland budgeting process, an Urban Trees Grant Program. The goal will be to plant 500,000 trees in targeted urban, underserved communities over the next nine years as part of a broader state-wide tree planting goal. The Urban Tree Grant Program seeks to bring communities together to increase urban tree canopy. Increased tree canopy improves air quality and human health by reducing the urban heat island effect while also mitigating some of the impacts of climate change.

Anne Arundel Watershed Restoration Grant Program: March 17, 2022 at 4PM EST

The Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration Grant Program is a partnership between the Trust, the Anne Arundel County Bureau of Watershed Protection and Restoration, and the City of Annapolis. This award program aims to improve water quality in the County's local streams and waterways, as called for in the County's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit and County and City of Annapolis' Stormwater Management Inventory and Watershed Improvement Plan, which require reductions in storm flow volume and pollutants entering the County's waterways.

<u>Anne Arundel County Community Tree Planting Mini Grant Program</u>: Rolling deadline

The Anne Arundel County Community Tree Planting Mini Grant Program is a partnership between the Anne Arundel County Forestry Board and the Chesapeake Bay Trust to provide small community-based grants to help communities and organizations increase the number trees and tree canopy in neighborhoods, parks, and communities. This program only funds within Anne Arundel County.

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 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.

<u>Community Engagement and Restoration Mini Grant Program</u>: 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.

<u>Veteran's Engagement Mini Grant Program</u>: Rolling deadline

The Veteran's Engagement Mini Grant Porgram is designed to support veteran's groups and organizatios engaging veteran's groups as they provide healing and therapeutic services, outdoor recreation, community engagement, and green jobs training. Funding for this program is in part supported by the Healing, Hunting, and Fishing Fund through the online boating, fishing, and hunting license and registration site at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

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



For more information or any questions regarding registration, please contact Rylee Kennedy at rkennedy@cbtrust.org.

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

Veterans Engagement Mini Grant Program NOW OPEN! The Veteran's Engagement Mini Grant Program is designed to support veteran's groups and organizations engaging veteran's groups as they provide healing and therapeutic services, outdoor recreation, community engagement, and green jobs training. cbtrust.org/grant/veterans-engagement/



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 here. Available in .jpg or .png file, the Trust logo can accompany all promotional materials related to your awarded project.

Feel free to use the Trust's logo on social media, tagging us in your posts on Twitter @baytrust, Facebook @chesapeakebaytrust, and Instagram @chesapeakebaytrust.

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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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