



Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

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GRANTS: UPCOMING DEADLINES & 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.

[Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration](#): March 12, 2020, 4pm

[Chesapeake Conservation Corps Member Application](#): March 12, 2020, 4pm

[Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns](#): March 20, 2020, 4pm

[Anne Arundel County Forestry & Forested Land Protection](#): March 26, 2020, 4pm

NEW! [District of Columbia Community Stormwater Solutions](#): April 7, 2020, 6pm.

[Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate](#): Rolling deadline

[Anne Arundel County Mini Community Planting](#): Rolling deadline. Submit by November 30, for December review consideration.

[Charles County Forestry](#): Rolling deadline

[Community Engagement Mini Grant](#): Rolling deadline

[Sponsorship](#): Rolling deadline

NEWS FROM THE TRUST



Over \$1.3 Million Announced to Support Projects to Advance Restoration of Maryland Waterways Through a Unique Public-Private Partnership

The Chesapeake Bay Trust, in partnership with the [City of Baltimore Department of Public Works](#), [Charles County](#), [City of Gaithersburg](#), [Harford County](#), [Howard County](#), [Queen Anne's County](#), and the [City of Salisbury](#) announce \$1,361,357 in funding for the Trust's [Outreach and Restoration Grant](#)

[Program](#). These awards allow a diverse range of environmental and non-environmental organizations alike, such as faith organizations, workforce organizations, neighborhood associations, and business associations, to lead projects that enhance communities and improve natural resources. This round of grants demonstrates the benefits of a unique partnership between a grant-maker and multiple local governments who aim to engage and support their nonprofit communities on-the-ground through efficient administration of grant awards.

Awards were made to 39 projects rigorously reviewed by external technical experts and following widely accepted restoration best practices.

“This unprecedented program partnership with seven different governments speaks to the importance of working together to achieve efficiencies,” said Dr. Jana Davis, executive director for the Chesapeake Bay Trust. “We are thrilled that so many dynamic projects can be supported to engage residents in natural resources projects, and that so many jurisdictions value the engagement of their local on-the-ground nonprofits, both primarily environmental as well as non-environmental, in addressing natural resource challenges.” Read the full release and list of awarded projects [here](#).



Chesapeake Bay Trust Announces New Partnership to Support Community-Oriented and Inspired Projects

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is excited to announce a recently formed partnership with the [District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment](#) to create the [Community Stormwater Solutions Grant](#)

[program](#). The goals of this program are to protect and enhance the District’s bodies of water or watersheds through a combined approach. This program will support community-oriented and inspired projects that are designed to increase knowledge and promote behavior change as it relates to environmental and stormwater management issues.

This program funds activities such as educational events/workshops, installation and maintenance of runoff reducing green infrastructure, art installations, restoration of habitat, litter or pollution reduction or other project-types that meet the goals of the grant program. Projects should be inspired and supported by the target community within the District. Learn more and begin your application [here](#).



The [Moveable Feast](#) has a mission: to foster a community that cares for men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other life-threatening illnesses by preparing and delivering nutritious meals and groceries and providing nutritional counseling and other services. Their Vision is: FEED people FIGHT disease FOSTER hope.

Trust staff (pictured above) recently volunteered to help set-up, prepare meals, and clean up at the Baltimore City facility. Moveable Feast began in 1989 in Baltimore City serving 10 homebound individuals living with AIDS. In 2019 they celebrated 30 years of their organization! Last year they provided over **740,000 meals** to over **6,000 clients!**

GRANTEE PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES



Creating a Native Tree Grove

Chesapeake Bay Trust grantee, the [Community Ecology Institute \(CEI\)](#), is a Howard County based non-profit with a mission to foster social and ecological health and community by enhancing the connections between all people and the natural world. CEI received an award through the Trust's Community Engagement Mini Grant program:

Most Howard County residents live within a half-mile of a storm drain or stream that eventually leads to the Patuxent or Patapsco rivers and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. It is vital that residents learn how their behavior affects the health of local waterways and become inspired to care for natural resources. To achieve this big-picture goal, CEI applied for a Chesapeake Bay Trust grant to create a new native tree grove in community open space owned by the [Columbia Association](#). Also supported by the [Howard County Forestry Board](#) and the [Audubon Society of Central Maryland](#), this project was designed to: engage Howard County residents in the practice of civic ecology, take lasting action to protect local watersheds and address climate change, and positively influence behavior towards local watersheds. Read

the full blog post [here](#). For more information on the Trust's [Community Engagement Mini Grant program](#), click [here](#).

New Hope Academy and Students Manage Stormwater Beautifully on Their Property

[New Hope Academy](#) is a K-12 school located in Landover Hills. In 2015, New Hope Academy was approved for a grant to construct two rain gardens on their school parking lot helping to combat the large amounts of stormwater runoff that the school was experiencing on its parking lot.



The construction of the two rain gardens engaged New Hope Academy students, as well as students from one of their project partners, the University of Maryland. The rain gardens totaled 250 square feet and included native trees and plants. The students enjoyed the opportunity to be outdoors, learn about reducing pollution impacts, and help green their environment.

This project was funded through the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#). This program supports applicants seeking to carry out environmentally conscious projects focused on stormwater management and citizen engagement efforts. Read more about New Hope Academy's project [here](#).

WHAT GRANTEES ARE SAYING...



"We've ([Southeast Community Development Corporation](#)) loved working with neighbors to care for the Fayette Street Pocket Park all year! The gardens were originally installed by neighbors and partners in 2015 and were replanted in 2018 thanks to help from Friends of Library Square and a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust in collaboration with Healthy Harbor.

During our weekly workdays we've been clearing litter, trimming plants, and training neighbors in how to identify plants and weeds. Our young helpers wanted to do something about the trash and dumping in their alley, too, so we trained them to use the 311 app to report it!"

GRANTEE RESOURCES

HELP THE TRUST TELL YOUR STORY!

The Trust invites awardees to include us in your social media promotions! Send us your event flyers, tell us about your upcoming events, tag us in your posts on Twitter [@baytrust](#), Facebook [@chesapeakebaytrust](#), and Instagram [@chesapeakebaytrust](#). You might just be featured in our next newsletter reaching thousands of readers each month!

We encourage you to email photos taken during any grant event, and especially before and after photos of hands-on restoration projects. Send them to cedson@cbtrust.org and let the Trust help you tell your story!

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

[Nature-Based and Green Infrastructure Solution Grants](#). The American Planning Association is seeking project inquiries from communities interested in exploring nature-based and green infrastructure solutions through pre- and post-disaster recovery planning. The APA recognizes the growing need for communities to plan for increased resilience and understands the importance of shifting thinking away from expensive gray infrastructure solutions. Deadline to apply is Friday, February 28, 2020.

[Unity Garden Grant Cycle Now Open](#). Unity Grants is accepting proposals through March 1, 2020 for native gardening projects in Anne Arundel County.

[City Nature Challenge](#) (CNC). Calling all nature lovers and wildlife enthusiasts in the Baltimore metro area! Please consider participating in the CNC - a friendly international science competition to see which metropolitan area can make the most observations of wildlife and identify the most species in their city. *The challenge starts Friday, April 24 and continues until Monday, April 27* in over 150 cities around the globe. Baltimore recorded 1,268 species during the 2019 challenge, earning 5th place for number of species identified among metro area regions similar in size. All observations made and uploaded to the free [iNaturalist](#) app or website during the challenge in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard and Queen Anne's counties count toward Baltimore's City Nature Challenge totals. Learn more through the contest's regional partner, the National Aquarium, [here](#).

[Philanthropy Forum](#). Save the date - May 5th! All fundraisers, nonprofit staff, nonprofit board members, and those who work with fundraisers and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to join hundreds of attendees for this free event, hosted by the B&O Railroad Museum in downtown Baltimore. Presented by MedStar Health and catered by Rouge Catering, the forum will feature educational sessions, corporate and foundation funder panel, networking happy hour, and more. Registration and additional dates available soon. E-mail

vconnelly@connellyfundraising.com or call (443) 413-6033 for more information and to be included as information is released.



A Helpful Resource in Your Grant Application Process!

The "How to Apply" webinar is a tool to guide applicants through the grant application process from start to finish; with tips, resources, & information aimed to streamline your application time & eliminate the distractions that can sideline your efforts. Check out the informative video [here](#) or [learn more about our programs and opportunities](#).



Chesapeake Bay Trust Logo

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 on social media, tagging us in your posts on Twitter [@baytrust](#), Facebook [@chesapeakebaytrust](#), and Instagram [@chesapeakebaytrust](#).

AROUND THE BAY

Making education meaningful. "New online course helps teachers provide their students with Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences." Read the full [Chesapeake Bay Program](#) offering [here](#).

'Plasticene' Era: Edgewater-based researcher puts names to the undefined in our plastic-filled lives. "SERC's Marine Invasions Lab is studying the role of plastics in transporting species out of their native environment by rafting." Read the full Baltimore Sun story of plastic as species transportation [here](#).

Hindsight in 2020: To make sure next 10 years count, include everyone. "To build a more resilient Bay restoration movement, I believe we need to focus our efforts on three things: diversifying the perspectives represented in our partnerships, creating an agenda based on equity, and giving power and voice through inclusivity." Read Kate Fritz's, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, full [Bay Journal](#) blog [here](#).

ShoreRivers implementing conservation projects. "Being able to partner with farmers, partner with a homeowner, and partner at the city level is not just addressing one type of pollution, but all the different factors that play into river health." Read the full [WMDT \(47 ABC\)](#) story and watch the video [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

["Leap into Action" Anne Arundel Watershed Stewards Academy Featuring Doug Tallamy](#). Saturday, February 22nd. 9:15a-4:30p. Annapolis. Fee. Whether you are a seasoned Steward, a stormwater professional, or just getting started in the wide world of watershed restoration, this year's conference has something for everyone.

[From 'Jaws' to the high seas: Stories of shark and ocean conservation](#). Tuesday, March 5th. 6:30p-9p. Baltimore. Fee. Wendy and Peter Benchley (author of "Jaws") spent decades traveling the globe to learn about sharks from scientists and marine experts, and they worked diligently to expand public awareness of ocean conservation issues. Wendy will share fascinating, firsthand stories of their "Jaws" saga and the ocean adventures that followed to protect sharks and safeguard our seas.

[How to Read Your Stream](#). Thursday, March 7th. 7p-9:30p. Woodend Sanctuary, Chevy Chase. Fee. (Note: more dates and topics in this series listed online) Learn about the influence of land uses on streams, stream character and dynamics, bank erosion, bar formation, substrate composition, and the importance of riffles and riparian vegetation.

[It's All About the Forest!](#) Saturday, March 14th. 8:30a-3p. Eldersburg. Fee. Join experts from government agencies, academic institutions, conservation organizations, and environmental companies for presentations on tree health, forests of the future, wildfires in the Mid-Atlantic, stream restoration, and more! Fee includes snacks, lunch, and workshop materials.

[Greener than Grass: A Sustainable Landscaping Workshop](#). Saturday, March 21st. 9a-12p. JMU, Harrisonburg, VA. Fee. Turf grass is America's #1 crop, yet it has no ecological value. Learn to landscape more sustainably.

[Made in Maryland](#). May 3rd. 11a-5p. Mark your calendars for a one-day event highlighting all our state's best and famous offerings. The Trust will be there, will you hon? *The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a proud beneficiary of the event.*

[Virginia Save Our Streams Training](#). May 9th. 10a-5p. Leesburg, VA. Free. The Izaak Walton League of America is providing a workshop for those wishing to learn how to test their local water quality.

[The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim](#). June 14th. A 4.4-mile swim across the Chesapeake Bay. Join the fun and cheer the swimmers on from Sandy Point State Park or Kent Island. *The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a proud beneficiary of the event.*



The Chesapeake Bay Trust recognizes these [CPA firms](#) who have committed to working toward a healthy bay. When considering professional tax help, please study our [CPA's for a Healthy Bay!](#)



Thursday, May 7, 2020

6:00pm-9:00pm

[Baltimore Museum of Industry](#)

1415 Key Highway Baltimore, MD 21230

Connect with over 500 community leaders and friends of the Chesapeake Bay to enjoy a night on the Baltimore waterfront with an open bar, dinner, silent auction, and much, much more! Proceeds raised are administered through the Trust as grants to schools, nonprofits, community groups, and other entities for on-the-ground restoration and education projects.

Sponsorship information available: kswartout@cbtrust.org Through signage, weblinks, newsletters, media outreach, and more you can put your organization in front of tens of thousands of likeminded constituents... starting right now!

Tickets available [here](#). Join influential supporters, legislative and environmental leaders, and members of the public who come together to support the Bay and its waters.

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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 \$120 million in grants and projects that engage hundreds of thousands of dedicated individuals in efforts that are making a difference for all our local systems--Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny. For nearly two decades, the Trust has received a "4-star rating" from Charity Navigator, the nation's leading independent evaluator of nonprofit organizations.

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