



# 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.*

### **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.

### **Outreach and Restoration Grant Program: August 11, 2021 at 4PM EDT**

The Outreach and Restoration Grant Program is a partnership with Charles County, the City of Annapolis, the City of Baltimore Department of Public Works, the City of Gaithersburg, the City of Salisbury, Harford County, Howard County, the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Port Administration, and the Chesapeake Bay Trust. This grant program encourages outreach and community engagement activities that increase stewardship ethic of natural resources and on-the-ground restoration activities that demonstrate restoration techniques and engage Maryland community members in the restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers.

### **Regional Capacity Building Initiative (RCBI): August 13, 2021 at 4PM EDT**

The Capacity Building Initiative (CBI) is a joint initiative from the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Chesapeake Bay Funders Network. CBI seeks to build the organizational capacity of natural resource focused nonprofit organizations working in the Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny watersheds. This program funds key capacity building strategies vital to establishing a strong base, including (but not limited to) the development of robust financial plans to modify or diversify organizational revenue sources and collaboration among organizations.

### **Outdoor Learning Network Initiative: August 19, 2021 at 4PM EDT**

The Outdoor Learning Network Initiative is a partnership between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Chesapeake Bay Trust working closely with the Chesapeake Bay Program Education Workgroup. The goal of this initiative is to advance environmental literacy at the district level by establishing local networks comprised of school districts and organizations who are committed to partnering and working collectively to embed environmental education into the school system long-term.

## **Chesapeake Oyster Innovation Award Program: September 16, 2021 at 4PM EDT**

The Chesapeake Oyster Innovation Award Program is a partnership between the Chesapeake Oyster Alliance and the Chesapeake Bay Trust that funds projects that meet any of the following three goals: increase knowledge about oyster fisheries or oyster aquaculture, advance in small-scale technologies for either increasing oyster population or oyster aquaculture, and increase in oyster fishery or aquaculture measurement/monitoring techniques or activities.

## **Anne Arundel County Forestry and Forested Land Protection Grant Program: November 11, 2021 at 4PM EDT**

The Anne Arundel County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust announce a partnership to provide funds for forestry projects and land protection in Anne Arundel County. The goal of the program is to implement cost-effective reforestation and greening projects and increase the number of acres of protected forested land in the 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 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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## Outreach and Restoration Grant Program Open and Accepting Applications



The image is a screenshot of a video player. At the top, there is a title bar that reads "Outreach and Restoration FY22 Grant Program Webinar" in white text on a dark blue background, with "from Chesapeake Bay Trust" in smaller white text below it. To the left of the title bar is a small circular icon showing a landscape. Below the title bar, the main content area of the video player has a large blue background with the text "OUTREACH AND RESTORATION FY22 GRANT PROGRAM WEBINAR" in white, bold, uppercase letters. Below this text is a blue rectangular box containing the date "THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021" in white. Underneath the date box is a horizontal row of logos for various organizations: CBTRUST, a logo with a flower, DPW (Department of Public Works), Gaithersburg, clean HOWARD (Howard County Stormwater Solutions), MDT (Maryland Department of Transportation), and Salisbury Maryland. At the bottom of the video player is a black control bar with a play button, a progress bar showing "1:58:59", and the Vimeo logo.

Grant funding is available for projects in Maryland such as tree plantings, pet waste education, green jobs and workforce training, social media marketing plan development, pollinator gardens and native plant education, installation of rain gardens and stormwater best management practices, and more!

The [Outreach and Restoration Grant Program](#) encourages outreach, community engagement activities, and on-the-ground restoration projects that increase knowledge, change behavior, and accelerate stewardship of natural resources that involve residents in restoring local green spaces, waterways, and natural resources.

Applicants can request funds from one of the following tracks:

- Track 1: Outreach/Knowledge Building Projects (up to \$30,000)
- Track 2: Behavior Change Projects (up to \$50,000)
- Track 3: Restoration Projects (up to \$50,000)
- Track 4: Outreach and Restoration Projects (up to \$75,000)

Watch the video above, or [click here](#) for a recording of a webinar to learn more about the grant program and hear from past awardees and their project success stories.

The deadline to submit an application is August 11th at 4pm EDT.

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## 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 [downloadable PDF](#) 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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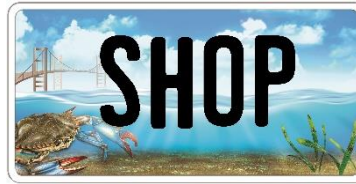
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## About The Trust

[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.



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