

Mid-Atlantic Community Forestry Fund

FY 26 Request for Proposals

Deadline: February 27, 2026















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The Mid-Atlantic Community Forestry Fund at a Glance

WHAT IS IT?

A funding opportunity that will support projects using forestry to address Environmental Justice (EJ) issues throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region.

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INTERESTED IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, BUT DON'T HAVE EXPERIENCE IN FORESTRY?

✓ We will provide technical assistance with forestry-related topics for applicants and awardees, helping them develop and implement their projects to reflect general forestry principles. The Capacity Building track can also be used to train your organization in forestry skills.

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WHO AND WHAT IS INELIGIBLE?

- × For-profit entities.
- Construction expenses.
- × Land acquisition.
- × Research and development
- × Plants considered invasive.
- Projects required to fulfill required regulations.
- Planting of invasive species.

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WHEN IS THE DEADLINE?

Deadline for applications is on Friday, February 27, 2026 at 4:00 PM EST. Late applications will **not** be accepted.

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WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS WILL BE FUNDED?

Three tracks are available:

1) Environmental Justice organization capacity-building

Up to \$100,000 per project

2) Tree canopy for resiliency and public health

No max. request amount per project

3) Workforce development in community forestry

Up to \$200,000 per project

Learn more on page 5 to 7

WHO CAN APPLY?

√ Tax-exempt or fiscally sponsored organizations with projects located in an area with demonstrable environmental justice concerns in the Mid-Atlantic Region (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, WV).

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We work with a network of local organizations acting like Hub partners throughout the region. We encourage you to contact your local partner to learn more about the program and receive assistance with the application process!

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Introduction and Program Goals

The <u>Chesapeake Bay Trust</u> (Trust) is a nonprofit, grant-making organization dedicated to improving the bays, streams, rivers, forests, parks, and other natural resources of our local systems, from the Chesapeake to the Coastal Bays to the Youghiogheny River. The Trust, supported in large part by Maryland's Chesapeake Bay License Plate, and partnerships with other regional funders, engages and empowers diverse groups to take actions that enrich natural resources and local communities of the Chesapeake Bay region. Since 1985, the Trust has awarded over \$190 million in grants to municipalities, nonprofit organizations, schools, and public agencies throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Many communities and populations in the Mid-Atlantic face numerous challenges due to historic and contemporary structural segregation in the form of unequal policies and practices like redlining and zoning laws. This has led to disproportionate burdens in these communities such as traffic proximity and volume, high rates of asthma, lack of green space, proximity to hazardous waste facilities, abandoned mine lands, and projected flood risk.

Our goal is to democratize the co-benefits that healthy community forests have for decades into the future.

A just community forestry and tree stewardship effort that integrates environmental, climate, and energy justice is a powerful tool to improve the health of the Mid-Atlantic region. Increasing tree canopy improves local air and water quality, cools neighborhoods, fosters public health, stimulates local green jobs, encourages community cohesion, mitigates flooding and its adverse effects, and strengthens the Chesapeake Bay and its inhabitants.

With a budget of over \$17.5 million provided by the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry program as well as by other local private and community foundations, the Mid-Atlantic Community Forestry Fund (the Fund) aims to democratize the co-benefits of healthy community forests. The Fund invites applications from community-based organizations and non-profits interested in addressing local environmental justice issues and enhancing public health through forestry-related projects. Technical assistance will be provided to organizations that need it the most, especially to assist them with the planning and implementation of forestry projects.

This program has three tracks. Projects can apply to one or more of the three tracks listed below.



The Fund is led by a partnership between the Chesapeake Bay Trust (the Trust), Center for Engagement, Environmental Justice, and Health (CEEJH Inc.), Centro de Apoyo Familiar, Howard University, Overbrook Environmental Education Center, South Baltimore Community Land Trust, and Sussex Health and Environmental Network. The Fund emphasizes participatory and inclusive decision-making and robust evaluation throughout its processes.

Eligible Project Locations

- The intent of this program is to address environmental justice issues through forestry-related projects that directly resource and engage overburdened communities. Projects must occur in areas with environmental justice concerns in DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, and WV. Make sure you use tools and datasets at your disposal to clearly justify the project need based on the area's environmental justice indicators like the ones below. Due to the federal nature of this program, we strongly discourage using racial demographic indicators to justify project need. See the "Additional Resources" on our website for more information.
 - Air and water quality.
 - Flood risk or sea level rise exposure.
 - Legacy pollution and proximity to hazardous waste.
 - Tree canopy coverage, green space access, and heat exposure.
- Median income, poverty, and linguistic isolation rates.
- Disparities in access to safe housing.
- Health disparities and food insecurity.
- Other environmental justice indicators that you consider relevant for your project.
- ✓ Federally approved Opportunity Zones are also eligible project locations. You can find more information here.

Eligible Applicants

We welcome requests only from <u>tax-exempt or fiscally sponsored</u> <u>organizations</u> including, but not limited to:

- ✓ Non-profit organizations
- Community and neighborhood associations
- Counties and municipalities
- ✓ Fiscally sponsored community-based organizations
- ✓ Faith-based institutions
- ✓ Federally recognized tribes
- ✓ Forest conservancy district boards
- ✓ Indigenous-led and tribal non-profit organizations
- ✓ Institutions of higher education
- ✓ Schools
- ✓ Service, youth, and civic groups

To be awarded funds through this program, you will need either a Unique Entity Identifier* issued by SAM.gov, or to apply in partnership with a fiscal sponsor. To learn more about the UEI, click on the icon:



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By submitting an application to this program, applicants acknowledge that:

- 1) They are compliant with federal employment and non-discrimination laws.
- 2) They have not been debarred, convicted, charged or had a civil judgment rendered against them for fraud or related offense by any government agency (federal, state or local) or been terminated for cause or default by any government agency (federal, state, or local).
- 3) In addition, all final products will be provided to the funding partners for use and distribution at the sole discretion of the funding partners.

Please note: This program is funded utilizing Federal funding. Your application budget must be prepared utilizing Federal requirements, including <u>2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E Cost Principles</u> and applicable indirect cost rates (see <u>2 CFR 200.414</u>). If you have a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA), it must be uploaded with the application. The Trust has prepared an Indirect and Fringe Cost Policy and FAQ for Federal Funding document to assist applicants: <u>Additional Applicant & Awardee Resources - Chesapeake Bay Trust</u>. *Please contact us if you would like assistance*.

Ineligible Projects, Applicants, and Expenses

Due to the federal nature of this grant funding, some types of projects, applicants, and expenses are restricted. These restrictions include, but are not limited to:

- ⊗ Land acquisition.
- Work defined in 2 CFR 200 as Research and Development.
- Planting projects on private property without documented approval by the property owner.
- Projects required as mitigation for new or redevelopment, regulatory offset, or regulatory reasons.
- Applications by for-profit entities.
- Organizations with outstanding final, progress, or status reports under other CBT grants.
- Purchase of equipment, defined as an article of nonexpendable, tangible personal property with a

- useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit.
- Certain telecommunications and video surveillance equipment or services as per 2 CFR 200.216
- **Solution** Octivities, including site preparation like sidewalk repairs or extensive concrete removal.
- Removal of trees that don't meet eligibility criteria approved by the Forest Service and are not replaced within one year and in a 1:1 ratio (1 new tree for 1 tree removed).
- Planting of state-listed invasive species, including species listed as "restricted", "pending further review", "non-restricted", or on a watch list.

The Trust and partners reserve the right to fund projects and budget items that advance their missions and meet specific funding priorities and criteria.

Track 1: Environmental Justice Organization Capacity Building Request up to \$100,000

This track seeks to support the capacity of organizations working to address environmental injustice through forestry programming. For these purposes, "organizational capacity" is defined as activities that strengthen an organization to help it better fulfill its mission. Strong and healthy organizations are more effective in carrying out their missions and are more consistent and sustainable partners. This track will only fund projects for organizations that <u>fulfill all the following requirements:</u>



Between 1 and 50 staff members. *



Organizational commitment to forestry as demonstrated by A) An existing mission or strategic plan, or B) A project proposal that focuses on adding forestry as a program.



An active** Board of Directors

*At least one staff member must be employed full-time (defined as >35 hours per week). If a paid staff member is not in place, the applicant may substitute a dedicated volunteer position in which the individual contributes at least 35 hours per week.

** Active is defined here as a Board that has met at least twice during the last 12 months.

Capacity-building projects should focus on addressing challenges to improve an organization's ability to advance effective long-term forestry-related initiatives. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Developing or refining a strategic plan for forestryrelated work.
- ✓ Training of staff in forestry-related skills.
- Collaborative models for forestry information and resource sharing.
- Data collection and management for forestry purposes.
- Shared technical assistance models.
- Development of local native tree guides.

- Community-based participatory planning for tree planting implementation.
- Tree nursery management and seed propagation of native tree stock.
- Development and pilot-testing of tree-maintenance models, including experimental design.
- Development or enhancement of hardware and software tool banks or other shared supplies models.

Track 2: Tree Canopy for Resiliency and Public Health

This track seeks to support tree planting and tree canopy improvements to address local public health, ecological, and environmental issues like air pollution and stormwater management. Projects should implement best practices and nature-based solutions to support biodiversity and ecosystem integrity. To ensure meaningful integration between applicants and the communities where the project will be located, the application process will require letters of recommendation from

Air-monitoring equipment can comprise up to \$1,500 of an application budget for this track.

Eligible Project Property Types include, but are not limited to:

Streets and right-of-way projects

community members.

- Reclamation of mine-impacted lands projects
- Abandoned agricultural land restoration
- education, or health institutions.

No max. request amount



All projects must follow the latest ANSI standards and ISA Best Management Practices.

Tree species selected can't be considered invasive.

Click on the icon above for more information and additional resources.

- ✓ Vacant lots
- ✓ Tribal lands
- ✓ Other types of non-federal public or private property.
- ✓ Institutional grounds, such as, but not limited to, faith, ✓ See 'Additional Resources' tab of webpage for more details.

Your project should include all three phases noted in the table below. In most cases, the implementation phase should be completed within 12 months upon award receipt, with 2 years of <u>planned and budgeted maintenance</u>, leading to 3-year award durations.



Fall planting is recommended to maximize survivorship.

The average cost per tree planted should not exceed \$600. This average is calculated by dividing the total cost of the project by the total number of trees to be planted.

Phase I Planning and Outreach

Focused on obtaining permits and support from the landowners and neighbors of the properties where the trees will be planted. For new trees to survive and thrive, the people around them should welcome them and help ensure their sustainability.

Phase II Implementation

Focused on tree planting or tree canopy improvement. We encourage you to choose native trees, but using introduced species to create food forests is also allowed. See page 8 for information about technical assistance.

Phase III: Maintenance

A written 2-year maintenance plan is required. It must include:

- Watering and mulching
- Pruning
- Pest, disease, and invasives control
- Leaf removal, care, and/or mowing around the tree.

Some Eligible Expenses

- ✓ Supplies
- ✓ Personnel*
- ✓ Outreach and engagement
- ✓ Air quality monitoring equipment
- ✓ Supplies
- ✓ Personnel*
- ✓ Site preparation (tree pit creation, stump removal)
- ✓ Tree seedlings
- ✓ Tree shelters
- ✓ Shrubs and other plants
- ✓ Community engagement activities

- ✓ Supplies
- ✓ Personnel*
- ✓ Community engagement and education activities
- ✓ Air quality monitoring equipment

This can be proposed and funded in combination with a Track III Workforce Development program focused on forestry maintenance.

^{*}If you plan to subcontract work in any phase (e.g., hire someone to plant or water the trees), we require you to solicit estimates from at least three consultants or contractors and include that in your application.

Track 3: Workforce Development in Community Forestry

This track seeks to support projects that engage either young adult or adult community members in job training related to forestry, including tree planting and maintenance. Participants must be located in areas with demonstrable environmental justice concerns. Partnerships with for-profit entities for trainee placement is allowed, but no funds can be directed to those entities for this partnership. We are aiming to fund projects that strive to create equitable job opportunities in the forestry industry for communities that have been historically excluded from it. These include, but are not limited to:

- Pre-employment, job placement, and career advancement support in community forestry.
- ✓ Training in community forestry skills such as tree planting, maintenance, and green infrastructure.
- ✓ Partnerships with local educational institutions like community colleges to create programs that include classroom instruction and hands-on experience.
- ✓ Providing education, vocational training, experiential learning opportunities, and career pathways in the community forestry and arboriculture industry to returning citizens.
- Establish apprenticeship programs that provide on-the-job training.
- ✓ Programs that integrate the preservation, promotion, and revival of traditional forestry and arboriculture knowledge and practices with workforce development.
- Create summer job opportunities, internships, and other educational workshops that introduce young people to careers in community forestry and arboriculture.
- ✓ Engage local community members in training programs for recognized forestry certifications.
- ✓ Collaboration with local non-profits to place workers into entry-level arboriculture positions.
- ✓ Training community members for careers in reclaiming/processing wood into green lumber, biochar, and compost.

Application Process and Assistance to Applicants

The Trust uses an online system for the application process and grant management. To apply for this award, go to http://www.cbtrust.org/grants/MACFF and click on "Get Started!". As part of the application, you will need to answer a set of "Narrative Questions" that you can find on the the "Resources" tab on our website.

Watch our video on how to apply using our online system clicking the icon below:



The Fund acknowledges that application processes can be complicated and time-consuming and that this has been historically a reason for local, small grass-roots organizations not being funded equitably. To increase participation from these groups, the Fund works as a network of local Hub Partners who will assist a select group of applicant organizations that score low on our Readiness Assessment Form, meaning they have a low capacity and need assistance to produce a competitive application. For contact information, please see the "Contacts" section below.

The Trust has a mission to empower all people to participate in the restoration and protection of our region's natural resources through its award-making. As a result, the Trust strongly encourages applications directly from or that engage communities underrepresented in the environmental space. For more about the Trust's commitment to engage underrepresented groups, see our strategic plan at www.cbtrust.org/strategic-plan and https://cbtrust.org/diversity-inclusion/.

Request up to \$200,000



All projects must include strategies to maximize participant participation throughout the program.

Applications that consider and address usual participant barriers like lack of transportation, childcare, or financial support will be prioritized.

Timeline and Technical Assistance with Forestry

Are you interested in this grant opportunity, but have limited or no experience with forestry projects?

Howard University will provide further technical assistance with forestry-related topics for selected applicants and awardees, helping you develop and implement your project proposals to reflect general forestry principles. This assistance will be provided through the following methods:

- ✓ Webinars and online workshops open to applicants around topics like selecting planting sites and understanding site conditions, tree species identification, and implementation plans for planting and maintenance.
- A casebook with past successful projects that can be replicated.
- ✓ 1-hour virtual consultations with selected applicants.
- ✓ Site visits to a sub-set of selected project sites that were awarded funds, to provide on-site technical assistance during project implementation.
- ✓ Online workshops on relevant environmental justice aspects of forestry for the full cohort of awardees of Track 2: Tree Canopy for Resiliency and Public Health. Topics will include how to create a Climate Action Plan, and how to create or improve a Climate-Resilient Tree Canopy.
- Online workshops on forestry workforce development for the full cohort of awardees of Track 3: Workforce Development in Community Forestry. Topics will include (socio)economic development, extreme environmental conditions, and labor safety.

To request a virtual consultation with Howard University during the application phase, fill out the Readiness Assessment Form

APPLICATION OPENS Applicants can contact Hub Partners and CBT staff November, 2025 to request technical assistance (TA) with their applications. TA will end three weeks prior to **APPLICATION DEADLINE** deadline. Submissions are due through the Chesapeake Bay Trust Online system. February 27, 2026 Late applications will not be accepted. Early at 4:00 PM EST applications are strongly encouraged due to high web traffic on due date. APPLICATION REVIEW Applications are reviewed by the Technical Review Committee (TRC), March to April, 2026 composed of experts and local community representatives. The TRC uses the "Evaluation Criteria" listed in the RFP. **CBT BOARD MEETING** May, 2026 The TRC recommends applications to the Board of Trustees, who review them and vote for approval. **AWARD NOTIFICATIONS** Awardees will be notified and sent an Agreement June, 2026 outlining all requirements, payment phases, and reporting dates. Upon return of the signed agreement, a first disbursement is processed. **IMPLEMENTATION STARTS** Awardees can start project **Summer, 2026** implementation. Period of performance will depend on the project type and requirements.

An application may be declined, partially awarded, or fully awarded. In cases where the awardee fails to submit a status report, progress report, final report, or other requirement by the due date, the Trust reserves the right to terminate the award agreement and require a refund of funds already transferred to the awardee.

(RAF) that you can find on our website. Please note that <u>the Fund can only offer a limited number of virtual consultations which will be prioritized</u> based on the results of the RAF. Access to the RAF will be closed three weeks before the application deadline to ensure timely assistance. Awarded projects selected for an on-site visit will be notified in June 2026, after awardees are notified.

For a full list of available resources go to http://www.cbtrust.org/MACFF/ and click on the Resources tab.

Are you ready to apply? Here is a list of the requirements

After reading this RFP carefully, you can start working on gathering the following requirements for your application.

Remember to contact us at the Chesapeake Bay Trust or your local Hub partner to discuss your ideas and receive assistance with your application process *at least three weeks before the deadline* to ensure a timely response. <u>The Trust cannot guarantee assistance for our online system on the deadline date.</u>

Remember

The application deadline is Friday, February 27th, 2026, at 4:00 PM EST.

You can find contact information on page 12.

General requirements

- ✓ Your organization is tax-exempt.
- ✓ You have a <u>Unique Entity Identifier issued by SAM.gov</u>, are in the process of getting one, or are applying in partnership with a fiscal sponsor.
- ✓ The project location has demonstrable environmental justice concerns (part of the Narrative Questions Document).
- ✓ Fill out the <u>online application form</u>.
- ✓ Complete and upload the Narrative Questions Document you can find on our website.
- ✓ Financial Management Spreadsheet with detailed budget.
- ✓ Your application budget is prepared utilizing Federal requirements, including <u>2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E Cost Principles</u> and applicable indirect cost rates (see <u>2 CFR 200.414</u>).
- ✓ For projects with contractual items budgeted: estimates from at least 3 consultants for each contractual item budgeted.
- ✓ For projects that include the collection of geospatial data, ensure that you meet the requirements of the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 and USDA's Departmental Regulation 3465-001. Budget accordingly and include the proper justification.
- ✓ For projects that request funding above \$250,000, "Investing in America" signage is required and must follow the guidelines in Memorandum CA-23-6 "Enhancing Transparency Through Use of the Investing in America Emblem on Signs". This signage is allowable as a budget item, so please budget accordingly.

	Track I: Environmental Justice Organization Capacity Building	Track II: Tree Canopy for Resiliency and Public Health	Track III: Workforce Development in Community Forestry	
~	Answer track-specific additional questions in the Narrative Questions Document. Your organization has 1-50 staff members, an active Board of Directors, and a forestry component within its mission or strategic plan (or your project focuses on developing one). Your organization is directly located or works mainly in areas with demonstrable environmental justice concerns.	 ✓ Answer track-specific additional questions in the Narrative Questions Document. ✓ Community letter(s) of commitment to contribute actively to the project, describing the relationship and historic of the applicant organization and the community. ✓ Site plan detailing the planting efforts. ✓ List of plant species that will be used, making sure they are not invasive. ✓ Property owner agreements signed or a detailed plan to procure them. ✓ The average cost per tree, calculated by dividing total project cost by the number of trees to be planted; this should not exceed \$600 per tree. 	 ✓ Answer track-specific additional questions in the Narrative Questions Document. ✓ The participants in the workforce development project are directly located in areas with demonstrable environmental justice concerns. 	

Evaluation Criteria

The Fund partners acknowledge that communities and organizations that have experienced environmental injustice firsthand have often been excluded from funding opportunities. To address this structural exclusion, the Fund incorporates evaluation criteria regarding applicant characteristics and capacity. The following criteria will be used by reviewers to score your proposal:

Scoring Criteria	Description	Scoring				
General Application (Maximum of 25 points)						
Application Components	Are all required application components included? Is the budget formatted in the Financial Management Spreadsheet (FMS)? Are there letters of commitment from each listed project partner that outline their scope and role? Did the applicant respond to each narrative question? For track II, does the application include a site planting plan, tree species list, and maintenance plan.	Scale of 1 to 5				
Consistence with Request for Proposals (RFP)	Do the project goals align with the goals of the RFP, by addressing local environmental justice issues through the implementation of forestry-related activities? Is the project proposed consistent with the intent of the selected track (Capacity Building, Tree Canopy Implementation, and/or Workforce Development)?	Scale of 1 to 10				
Cost Effectiveness / Budget	Is the budget appropriate and cost-effective? Are the line items budgeted (e.g., personnel costs) justified in the application? Are non-profit partners being resourced appropriately? For projects that include contractual costs, is there documentation for at least three bids per contract? For track II, is the cost-per-tree reasonable for the project conditions?	Scale of 1 to 10				
	Why the Project is Needed (Maximum of 25 points)					
Justification	Does the applicant justify the need for the project and the practices proposed? How was the project need identified, and what was the community's involvement in that process? Does the project build on or learn from previous efforts? Does the selected project location reflect and respond to documented environmental justice concerns in the community, consider cumulative impacts, historic disinvestment, and other environmental indicators? For Track I, is the project addressing an organizational capacity gap that directly relates to the organization's ability to perform environmental justice work? For Track III, is the project addressing an existing inequity in the local forestry workforce?	Scale of 1 to 25				
Project Plan, Impact, and Sustainability (Maximum of 30 points)						
Likelihood of Project Success	What is the likelihood of success if this project is funded? Success should be defined as the accomplishment of proposed goals. Are methodologies and/or designs sound and consistent with best practices? For Track II, is the planting plan sound in terms of species selected, locations, and timeline? Has the applicant procured landowner permission or developed a plan to procure them (if necessary)? Does the applicant provide a sound two-year maintenance plan (i.e., watering, mulching, pruning)? For Track III, does the project consider and address usual participant barriers like lack of transportation, childcare, or financial support?	Scale of 1 to 10				

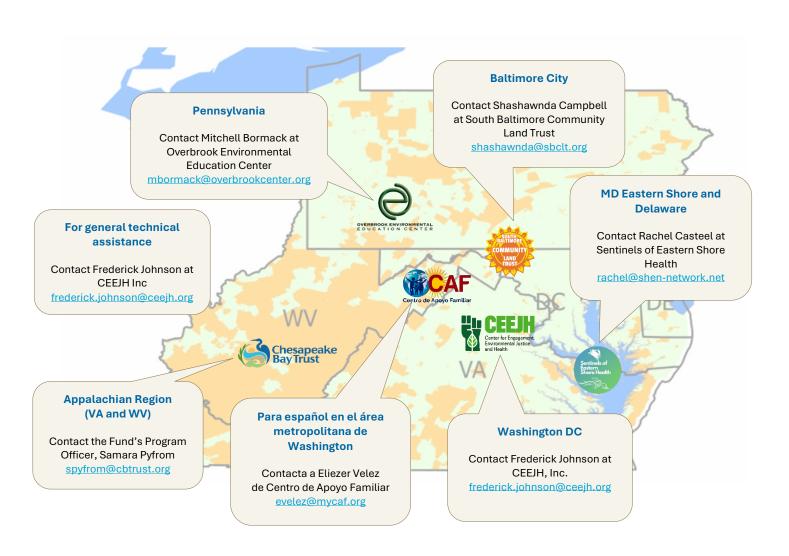
Measuring Impact	Based on the proposed project goals, is there a sound plan to measure both short and long-term impact (e.g., How will the health and survival rates of trees planted be tracked? How will air or water quality be monitored and documented? How will improved access to produce from food forests be tracked? How will the project demonstrate further the understanding of environmental justice issues? How will the career trajectory of workforce development program participants be tracked?)	Scale of 1 to 10
Sustainability	Has the applicant addressed future project sustainability? For capacity-building projects, will the project outcome enhance the ability of the organization to implement forestry-related programming beyond the funding period? For the tree canopy implementation track, has the project proposed a relevant and robust maintenance plan with a high likelihood of tree survival? For the workforce development track, will the project bring significantly higher job stability to its participants after the funding period?	Scale of 1 to 10
	Applicant Organization* Capacity (Maximum of 20 points)	1
*In cas	ses of fiscal sponsorship, reviewers will score the application based on the information provided from the sponsored entity.	
Mission Statement	Does the applicant organization or fiscally sponsored entity's mission statement focus primarily on environmental justice?	Scale of 1 to 3
Meaningful Engagement with Environmental Justice Work	Does the applicant organization or fiscally sponsored entity have a history of meaningful integration with communities that have experienced environmental injustice?	Scale of 1 to 5
Scale	Is the applicant or fiscally sponsored entity a grassroots organization (located in the communities they serve) (3pts), regional (based near but not in the communities they serve) (2pts), or does it serve a broader region like a whole state(s) (1pt)?	Scale of 1 to 3
Services Provided	Has the applicant organization or fiscally sponsored entity been focused historically on providing services aimed at reducing harm from environmental injustices?	Scale of 1 to 3
Annual Budget	Organizations that demonstrate strong reach and community impact relative to their smaller average annual budget (\$0-\$499,999): 3pts. Organizations that demonstrate a strong reach and community impact relative to their moderate average annual budget (\$500,000-\$5,000,000): 2pts. Organizations that demonstrate substantial impact and have an significant average annual budget relative to that (Greater than \$5,000,000): 1pt.	Scale of 1 to 3
History of Budget Allocation	Does the organization allocate between 75% and 100% of its annual budget to Environmental Justice work (3pts)? Between 50% and 74% (2pts)? Or less than 50% (1pt)?	Scale of 1 to 3
	Total Score Possible	100

Contacts for General Questions, Application Inquiries, and Technical Assistance

If you are interested in this funding opportunity and/or are seeking technical assistance during the application process, we highly encourage you to contact your local Environmental Justice Hub Partner.



The map below provides contact information for each local partner.





For technical assistance with forestry

Contact Dr. Lemir Teron at Howard University lemir.teron@howard.edu

For general assistance

Contact Jose Castellanos and Samara Pyfrom at Chesapeake Bay Trust jcastellanos@cbtrust.org spyfrom@cbtrust.org

