

Purpose

Clean and clear water in Lancaster County!

About the Lancaster Clean Water Fund

The Lancaster Clean Water Fund serves as a catalyst for increased collaboration to efficiently achieve clean and clear water in Lancaster County by 2040. It provides a unique opportunity to work with landowners, leaders, and communities across the county on education, restoration, and protection projects to improve water quality.

Across Lancaster County, clean water is a priority. With over half of Lancaster County streams and much of our groundwater unhealthy, our community is PA's priority area for reducing specific pollutants (nutrient and sediment) by 2025 in accordance with Lancaster's Countywide Action Plan (CAP).



Grants range from

\$1,000 - \$25,000



Partners

This grant is created and managed with the Lancaster Clean Water Partners to achieve clean and clear local waterways by 2040.

We work with countless trusted experts in the field to make this grant possible, including:

- Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- Economic Development Company of Lancaster County
- Lancaster Conservancy
- Lancaster County Conservation District
- Lancaster Farmland Trust
- Local municipalities
- Penn State's Agriculture and Environment Center

Grant Opportunities

Community Conservation Grant

Grants of \$1,000 - \$15,000

The **Community Conservation Grant** supports education, outreach, and regional engagement projects that improve Lancaster's water quality through collaboration and creativity. This grant does not fund implementation projects.



Application Process

- 1 Contact Emily Smedley to get the access code to the application. Be prepared to share project basics.
- 2 Use the code to access the application on the Community Foundation portal, found at www.LancFound.org/grants.
- 3 **Applications due July 22 at 11:59 p.m.** Applicants are encouraged to submit a draft application for staff feedback by June 24. Draft applications will be returned by July 8.



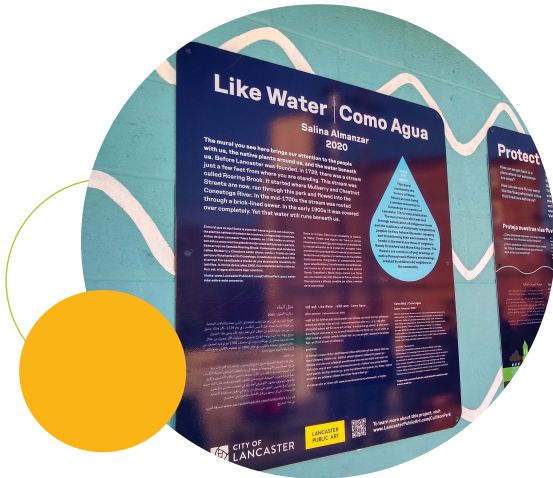
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Grant Specifics

- Projects can range from educational campaigns to art installations to water quality monitoring equipment.
- Match is not required.
- Up to 8% of awarded funds can cover administrative costs.
- Use the [Collaborative Watershed Mapping Tool](#) when applicable to assist with answering application questions.
- Awarded funds will be released to grantees after signing a Grantee Partner Agreement. Grantees will be responsible for submitting one report at the end of the grant period which includes a financial report. One walk-through with a Lancaster Clean Water Partners staff member will be required to verify project completion.

Evaluation Criteria

- Projects should align with Lancaster's Countywide Action Plan, demonstrate a collective, diverse effort for clean water, and show sustainability of the project through economic and climate changes.
- Applicants are encouraged to describe how their project will prioritize collaboration with new Lancaster County partners in an effort to collectively protect water, create habitats, and encourage outdoor exploration.



Grant Opportunities

Clean Water Implementation Small Grant

Grants of \$5,000 - \$25,000

The **Clean Water Implementation Small Grant** supports implementation of collaborative, watershed-scale restoration projects that encourages diverse audiences to improve Lancaster's water quality at a rapid pace.



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Grant Specifics

- Projects can range from implementation of agricultural conservation and stormwater practices to riparian buffer plantings to removal of impervious surfaces.
- Match is not required.
- Up to 8% of awarded funds can cover administrative costs.
- If a buffer will be planted as part of the project, a maintenance plan is required.
- Funds can be used to reimburse design and engineering if project implementation funding is already received.
- Use the [Collaborative Watershed Mapping Tool](#) when applicable to assist with answering application questions.
- After grantees sign the Grantee Partner Agreement, 50% of awarded funds will be released. One walk-through with a Lancaster County Conservation District staff member will be required to verify project completion. When verified, the grantee is responsible for submitting one report which includes a financial report. When the final report is approved, the remaining project funds will be released.