

## FUNDING PROFILE

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation

# CHESAPEAKE BAY INNOVATIVE NUTRIENT & SEDIMENT REDUCTION GRANTS

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## SUMMARY

The National Fish & Wildlife Foundation offers grants through its Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants program (INSR) to support collaborative, regional-scale partnerships that accelerate water quality improvements.

- Funded under the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund
- Administered by National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
- Annual program funding (2023): \$30 million
- Funding Source: Federal Budget - EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office, USDA NRCS, US Forest Service and US Fish & Wildlife Service; Private - Altria Group

## FEATURES

Program grants range from \$500,000 - \$1 million. Grants must be completed within three years of grant award.

2023 program has new focus on nature-based infrastructure grants, supporting existing partnerships, and enhancing diversity, equity, inclusion and justice outcomes.

Program uses FieldDoc to demonstrate reductions in pollution.

## ELIGIBILITY

### Who is Eligible?

Existing partnerships which can demonstrate effective mechanisms for achieving water quality improvements; Non-profit organizations, local governments, state agencies, and educational institutions.

### Eligible Costs

Projects must be within Chesapeake Bay Watershed and support local Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs).

Match: 1:1 match required

Key areas: partnerships and network growth, managing ag land runoff, green infrastructure, forested buffers, floodplain and wetland reconnection, and conservation finance and market development.

## HELPFUL TIPS

Contact the CWQE for organizations and agencies that have received regional grants for work in 2021/2022 focusing on such BMPs as streamside buffers, rotational grazing, and soil health.

Examples include regional authorities for stormwater program funding, agricultural coalitions, and multi-sector partnerships.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applicants to consult with NFWF by November 3, 2022 prior to being directed to submit a full proposal. Full proposals due November 17, 2022. Awards announced in March 2022.

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