

CHESAPEAKE BAY SMALL WATERSHED GRANTS



SUMMARY

The National Fish & Wildlife Foundation offers grants through its Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants (SWG) program to support planning/technical assistance and implementation of water quality and habitat projects.

- Funded under the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund
- Administered by National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
- Annual program funding (2023): \$10 - \$25 million
- Total program funding since 1999: over \$200 million
- Funding Source: Federal Budget - EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office, USDA NRCS, US Forest Service and US Fish & Wildlife Service; Altria Group

FEATURES

Program has two funding opportunities: 1) SWG Implementation (SWG-I) grants of \$75,000 - \$500,000, and 2) SWG Planning and Technical Assistance (SWG-PTA) grants up to \$75,000.

Non-federal matching funds are encouraged but not required.

Expansive set of SWG program priorities. Strengthens commitment to advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice outcomes.

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

Projects must occur wholly within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. SWG-I: Local governments, non-profit and community-based organizations, and K-12 educational institutions. SWG-PTA: Local governments, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, state agencies. See list of approved technical service providers at NFWF.

Eligible Costs

Planning and implementation of projects that manage agricultural and urban runoff. Supports forest buffers, livestock exclusion and stream restoration; floodplain restoration; urban tree planting; habitat improvements for Eastern Brook Trout. To conserve riparian corridors, supports other conservation programs by helping with transaction costs, bonus payments for easements and land preservation programs. See RFP for full list of priorities.

HELPFUL TIPS

New [Applicant Toolbox](#) available online.

[Field liaisons](#) are available to provide specific sector expertise on project development.

SWG-TA grants can support mapping and planning associated with establishing a stormwater authority/fee program.

HOW TO APPLY

Annual deadline April 20, 2023. Awards usually announced in early fall. Submissions through [NFWF's Easygrants online system](#).

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