

WATERSHED RESTORATION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM



SUMMARY

The Watershed Restoration and Protection Program (WRPP) provides grants for the implementation of agricultural and urban best management practices (BMPs) to reduce nutrient and sediment pollution from nonpoint sources.

- Established in 2012 as one of seven Act 13 (Marcellus Shale Legacy) programs
- Administered by the Commonwealth Financing Authority (independent agency of PA DCED)
- Annual program funding: varies based on Act 13 industry
- Total WRPP funding since inception: \$16.5 million
- Funding Source: State Budget - Act 13 of 2012

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

Municipalities, Councils of Government, nongovernmental organizations, higher educational institutions, watershed organizations, for-profit businesses.

Eligible Costs

Funds construction, improvement, expansion, repair, maintenance or rehabilitation of new or existing watershed protection Best Management Practices (BMPs); funds both agricultural and urban watershed projects; also funds monitoring of water quality to track load reductions.

Supports Trust Funds for long-term operation and maintenance costs.

Requires a 15% match (cash or loan) or value of real estate.



Last Update: March 2021

FEATURES

Provides grants up to \$300,000 per project.

Goal is to restore stream reaches impaired by polluted runoff; 23 projects funded in 2019 reflect mix of urban green infrastructure, stormwater retrofits, and stream restoration.

Unique feature allows for grants to support creation of Trust Fund for long-term operation and maintenance costs.

HELPFUL TIPS

Permits must be secured prior to construction, but not at time of application.

Detailed project design estimates are required.

CFA charges a \$100 non-refundable application fee.

Talk to your legislator – show legislative support for your project.

HOW TO APPLY

Application Deadline: annual; submit between Feb. 1 and May 31.

Apply via online PA DCED Single Application at www.dced.state.pa.us

Contact: Greg Welker or Brian Eckert, PA DCED at 717-787-6245 or ra-dcedsitedvpt@pa.gov.