C2P2 – Land Acquisition & Conservation Program

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SUMMARY

DCNR's C2P2 provides reimbursable grants for land acquisition projects involving community recreation and critical habitat/open space.

- Administered by PA DCNR Bureau of Recreation and Conservation
- Annual Funding: $30 - $50 million/year
- Funding Sources: State – Keystone Recreation, Park & Conservation Fund, Environmental Stewardship Fund, PA Heritage Areas Program; Federal – Land & Water Conservation Fund

FEATURES

Awarded projects have contract period of four years, but most close within 1-2 years.

Project budget must include the land easement purchase cost and other eligible costs.

An appraisal must be submitted with the application and must be less than one year old.

Public access is required for community recreation projects; it is not required but is highly recommended for critical habitat/open space projects.

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

Counties, municipalities, state agencies (Community Recreation), approved pre-qualified land trusts (Critical Habitat/Open Space)

Eligible Costs

Appraisal, technical reviews, surveys, legal work associated with parcel, title commitment and insurance, settlement costs, Phase One ESA's, DCNR funding signage, fee acquisitions and conservation easements.

1:1 cash or non-cash match required. Only acceptable non-cash match is donated land value.

HELPFUL TIPS

For videos with more information on all DCNR grants, visit the [Pennsylvania DCNR YouTube Channel](#).

For conservation easements, DCNR will only fund the highest protection area.

Focus on how project protects lands that enhance landscape connectivity and recreational access to existing protected lands.

HOW TO APPLY

Application Period: 1/16/2024 – 4/3/2024.

Southcentral PA: Discuss your project idea with DCNR Southcentral Regional Manager Lori Yeich at 717-702-2043; lyeich@pa.gov. Full list of regional advisors [HERE.](#)

Apply via DCNR's [online application portal](#).

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