

# GROWING GREENER PLUS GRANTS PROGRAM



## SUMMARY

PA DEP's Growing Greener Plus program covers three grant programs, including the Watershed Restoration and Protection program, which provides grants for the planning, design, and implementation of agricultural conservation and urban stormwater practices.

- Administered by PA Department of Environmental Protection
- Annual program funding (2021): \$18 million
- Created in 1999 at \$650 million over five years
- Funding Sources: State - PA Environmental Stewardship Fund; Federal - Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) Set-Aside and Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act Bond Forfeiture

## FEATURES

Maximum grant request is \$500,000; average award \$235,000. 3-year grant period.

If applicant is located in county with Countywide Action Plan (CAP) and projects can be installed in 12-18 months, applicants should apply via CAP grants instead.

GG Renaissance Initiative category focuses in agriculturally impaired small catchment areas of 25 or fewer land parcels in Centre, Huntingdon, Lancaster, Snyder and Union counties. Maximum grant is \$750,000. Seven-year implementation.

## ELIGIBILITY

### Who is Eligible?

Municipalities, counties, Council of Governments, municipal authorities, school districts, non-profit organizations, conservation districts, educational institutions, watershed associations

### Eligible Costs

Design and construction for agricultural and urban stormwater MS4 areas; education and outreach; flooding restoration and prevention; abandoned mine remediation; stream restoration; monitoring tools; watershed group support; technical assistance to local organizations, Act 167 Stormwater Management Planning.

Can cover non-routine O&M costs (e.g., water sample analysis, BMPs damaged by flooding, major repairs to streambank stabilization, replacement of materials)

Match: 15% of grant request.

## HELPFUL TIPS

Projects not funded under GG Plus may be referred to PENNVEST for funding consideration. Once referred, PENNVEST will contact applicants to work them into PENNVEST funding process.

Higher priority to projects in impaired waters under DEP's 2022 Integrated Water Quality Report and projects that support PA 2021 Climate Action Plan.

## HOW TO APPLY

Application deadline: June 23, 2023; Applicants must discuss with DEP Regional Staff, County CAP Coordinator and Conservation by June 2, 2023.

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Apply via PA Department of Community and Economic Development's Electronic Single Application [website](#).



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