

SECTION 319 NONPOINT SOURCE MANAGEMENT GRANTS



SUMMARY

The Section 319 Nonpoint Source Management Grants provides grants for projects to decrease nonpoint source pollution, including urban and agricultural runoff, identified in a Section 319 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP).

- Created by Section 319(h) of the federal Water Pollution Control Act in 1987; established in 1990 in PA
- Administered by PA Department of Environmental Protection
- Annual program funding (2021): \$4.5 million in PA
- Total program funding since inception: \$139 million in PA
- Allocation Source: Federal Budget (EPA)

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

Incorporated watershed association, counties, municipalities, municipal authorities, conservation districts, 501(c)(3) organizations, educational institutions, and councils of governments. Non-qualifying organizations can partner with a qualifying entity.

Eligible Costs

All project costs are eligible for funding including materials, contracting, administration (including salaries) and design/permitting.

No match is required; however, in-kind or cash match increases funding potential.

Cannot be used for projects regulated by an NPDES permit, including CAFO or MS4 projects. Agricultural projects must have Manure or Nutrient Management Plans.

FEATURES

Focus on implementation of practices to address pollution from farms, stormwater runoff, stream channel degradation, abandoned mine drainage, and floodplain restoration.

Grants will support new Watershed Improvement Plans in Environmental Justice areas.

Projects funded in 2020 ranged in amounts from \$30,000 to \$790,000.

HELPFUL TIPS

The online application system becomes overloaded at due date time. Apply early to avoid technical issues.

Must contact Chesapeake Bay County Action Plan Coordinator, if applicable, by time of grant submission.

Can submit Landowner-Grantee Agreements before construction to add flexibility to install Best Management Practices.

HOW TO APPLY

Contacts: Work with your [county conservation district](#) when preparing application; State contact: Ann Devine, PADEP, at 717-772-5653 or adevine@pa.gov. Watershed support section at <mailto:RA-EP319grantfunding@pa.gov>.

Apply online to the [eGrant](#) system.

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