

DIRT & GRAVEL / LOW VOLUME ROAD PROGRAM



SUMMARY

The Dirt & Gravel / Low Volume Road Program (DGLVR) provides funds to implement Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance (ESM) practices on qualifying roads.

- Created by Section 9106 of the PA Vehicle Code in 1997; amended by Act 89 of 2013 to include paved roads
- Administered by PA State Conservation Commission to County Conservation Districts
- Annual program funding (2021/22): \$28 Million
- Total funding since inception: \$242 Million
- Funding Source: State Budget

FEATURES

Project must improve an unpaved road or a paved road traveled by fewer than 500 vehicles per day.

Project must improve water quality through ESM practices on the road.

Each county enacts county specific regulations and grant program priorities.

Each county is given a yearly allocation for unpaved roads and low volume roads.

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

Public road owning entities are eligible to receive funds for qualifying roads. The entity must be [ESM-certified by the Center for Dirt & Gravel Road Studies](#).

Eligible Costs

Generally, any expenses related to implementing ESM project. Each county can limit or restrict funding.

- Materials
- Equipment rental
- Wages
- Up to 10% of project costs permitting and design

Each county sets project limits and match requirements.

Some counties allow for education and administration funds.

HELPFUL TIPS

Grants can be used as match for other PennDOT grants.

You can think beyond standard stormwater practices with this funding and improve less traveled areas.

Same application for Dirt & Gravel Roads and Low Volume Roads; one-page application and work plan is easy to complete.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply through Conservation District:
Lancaster County - Matt Kofroth at 717-299-5361
York County – Emily Neideigh at 717-840-7430

2023 Deadlines: York County – 2/16, 5/18, 8/17, 11/16; Lancaster County – 8/18/2023

Link to application: [Lancaster County](#)
[York County](#)



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