

PENNVEST NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS

SUMMARY

PENNVEST provides loans and grants in support of nonpoint source (NPS) pollution reduction projects, including agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs) and urban green infrastructure/stormwater management practices.

- Administered by PA Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST); NPS program started in 2010
- Annual NPS program funding (2020-21): \$188 million
- Funding Source: Clean Water State Revolving Fund (80% federal and 20% state funds) and other state sources

FEATURES

Funding for NPS projects could be a loan, loan/grant combination, or all-grant based on ability of property owner to repay a loan.

PENNVEST funding can typically be used as match for other funding sources.

Issuance of grants is based on financial need.

Intended for shovel-ready projects.

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

An owner or operator of a facility or system; can be public or private. Includes municipalities, municipal authorities, private landowners. Conservation districts can apply on behalf of farm landowners.

Eligible Costs

Covers implementation of project practices that will improve water quality. Does not cover costs for planning, design/engineering, and permitting.

No cap on project awards.

HELPFUL TIPS

For private-for-profits (e.g., farmers), must be willing to have recent tax returns and other financial statements reviewed to determine capacity to cover debt service.

Must have DEP approvals/permits prior to a complete application.

Higher ranking points to projects where: 1) receiving stream is listed as impaired, 2) project is part of DEP, MS4 PRP, Chesapeake Bay County Action Plan, or TMDL plan, 3) high water quality benefit-to-cost ratio.

HOW TO APPLY

Must meet with Project Specialist prior to submitting application. Contact: Tess Schlupp, Project Specialist, Southcentral PA Region, 717-783-8618, tschlupp@pa.gov.

[Online application](#) process. PENNVEST Board approves projects on quarterly basis, with 2023 application cut-off dates of 2/1/23 and 5/3/23.

