

# GREEN STREETS, GREEN JOBS, GREEN TOWNS GRANT PROGRAM



## SUMMARY

The Chesapeake Bay Trust offers grants for community greening projects, including projects that reduce stormwater runoff and improve health of local streams.

- Established in 2011 with support from EPA
- Administered by Chesapeake Bay Trust
- Annual program funding (2022): over \$1 million
- Total funding since inception (2011): \$11.4 million
- Funding Source: US EPA Region III and Chesapeake Bay Trust with support from MD Department of Natural Resources

## FEATURES

Program is intended to facilitate communities' integration of green techniques into traditional gray infrastructure projects. Supports projects that address climate adaptation.

Most competitive projects leverage ongoing planning, design, and construction activities with other funds such as hazard mitigation (FEMA) and Section 319 Nonpoint Source programs.

Encourages pursuit of projects in concert with existing street and other gray infrastructure re-design and/or repair projects.

## ELIGIBILITY

### Who is Eligible?

All tax-exempt entities, such as local governments and non-profit organizations, within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

### Eligible Costs

Green Streets: conceptual plans (max \$15,000), engineered designs (max \$30,000), and implementation (max \$150,000).

Community Greening: urban tree planting and greening of vacant lots with community gardens and urban farms (max \$50,000); covers design, plant material, rental of equipment, and payment of maintenance staff.

Also funds White papers (max \$20,000) that promote GI and provides technical assistance for Green Street Charrettes (planning/visioning sessions).

## HELPFUL TIPS

The majority of projects funded through this program have a per impervious acre treated cost of \$100,000 to \$200,000 in total project cost (excluding any gray infrastructure elements such as paving, sidewalks, etc.) and \$70,000 to \$150,000 in requested amount (not including match proposed).

Urban tree planting projects are generally in range of \$150 to \$450 per tree planted (trees, supplies, labor, maintenance)

## HOW TO APPLY

Deadline March 8, 2023. Technical Review Committee uses set of Evaluation Criteria found in application. Average approval rate from past 3 years is 48%. [Program website](#).

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