

Funding Resources in Delaware in Support of Local Government Goals - Public Handout

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1 DNREC Chesapeake Bay Grant Program	US Environmental Protection Agency	Delaware state, county, or municipal government, government agency, governmental subdivision or program, non profit organization, educational institution, community organization, homeowners association.	On-going		To aid Chesapeake Bay watershed jurisdictions in implementing and expanding regulatory, accountability, assessment, compliance enforcement capabilities, and implementing projects in support of reducing nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment loads delivered to the Bay.	Chesapeake Bay watershed	Holly Walker, DNREC Nonpoint Source Program 302-739-9921 or holly.walker@delaware.gov	Delaware is awarded three grants to focus on the restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay and its surrounding watershed. Projects from this grant support the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan with particular emphasis on programs for control and abatement of nonpoint source nutrient and sediment pollution.
DNREC - Nonpoint Source Clean Water Act Section 319(h) Grant Program	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - Clean Water Act Section 319(h)	Project can be sponsored by public or private entities, including local governments, tribal authorities, cities, counties, regional development centers, local school systems, colleges and universities, local nonprofit organizations, state agencies, federal agencies, watershed groups, for-profit groups, and individuals. Project grants to individuals are limited to demonstration projects. Priority will be given to those projects whose goal is to improve the water quality of water bodies identified as having nonpoint source pollution impairments and implemented in those watersheds that have approved watershed management plans.	Ongoing - Annual Request for Proposals (RFP)	N/A	To provide funding to implement water quality-based best management practices (BMPs) to address nonpoint sources of pollution in impaired waterbodies to help achieve established TMDLs.	BMP projects must be implemented in watersheds that have EPA approved nine element (a-i) watershed implementation plans in Delaware.	DNREC Nonpoint Source Program, Ben Coverdale, Program Manager, (302) 739-9921, Michael.Coverdale@delaware.gov	The Delaware Nonpoint Source Section 319 Grant Program is a competitive grant where applicants must submit a robust application for consideration of funding. Grantees must provide a minimum of 67% non-federal matching funds to be eligible for federal grant monies.
Water Infrastructure Advisory Council (WIAC) Community Water Quality Improvement Grants	Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)	Delaware non-profit organization, conservation districts, community organization, and homeowners association.	Annual with solicitation in November.	\$25,000 minimum, \$75,000 maximum, 25% Cash Match	Implementing projects and programs within the developed landscape to improve water quality in designated impaired watersheds	Impaired Watersheds	Jim Sullivan - Division of Watershed Stewardship 302-739-9921; james.sullivan@delaware.gov	The grants are intended to demonstrate innovative and/or environmentally beneficial and sustainable methods, techniques, and /or practices for water quality improvements with cost effective and measurable results. This grant requires a 25 percent cash match which may be federal, state, or local cash. Applicants may submit up to two project proposals per grant cycle.
Water Infrastructure Advisory Council (WIAC) Surface Water Matching Planning Grants	Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)	Delaware state, county, or municipal government, government agency, governmental subdivision or program	Ongoing with solicitation in July. Potential additional solicitations in December depending on balance of available funding set aside.	(1) \$50,000 per project (2) Requires a 1:1 Match, \$100,000 annual cap	Planning grants for (1) Stream and wetland restoration, (2) Reduction of nutrient loadings to receiving waters, (3) Watershed studies.	Statewide	Jim Sullivan - Division of Watershed Stewardship, james.sullivan@delaware.gov 302-739-9921	The grants are intended for the planning/preliminary engineering/feasibility analysis of stormwater retrofits, green technology practices, stream and wetland restoration projects, small watershed studies, development of master surface water and drainage plans, and other point and non-point source water pollution control projects. The Surface Water Matching Planning Grant is a set aside in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Non-Federal Administrative Account. The program is designed to assist counties and municipalities to prepare surface water projects for funding through Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund (WPCRLF). The available funding can be used to assist with surface water planning in general, and for specific project planning and designs necessary to submit a loan application to the WPCRLF for funding consideration.

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Water Infrastructure Advisory Council (WIAC) Wastewater Facility Matching Planning Grants	Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)	Only Municipalities and Counties	Ongoing with solicitation in July. Potential additional solicitations in December depending on balance of available funding set aside.	(1) \$50,000 per project (2) Requires a 1:1 Match, \$100,000 annual cap	Planning grants for (1) Reduction of nutrient loadings to receiving waters, (2) Minimization of Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO) (3) Reduction of Carbon footprint by using Renewable Energy	Statewide	Environmental Finance, Greg Pope, Greg.Pope@delaware.gov; 302-739-9941	The Wastewater Planning Matching Grants (grants) are designed to assist municipal and county wastewater utilities to prepare wastewater projects for funding through Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (Fund). The grants can be used to assist municipal and county wastewater utilities to continue the process of updating wastewater facility plans, prepare preliminary engineering reports, or conduct planning studies.
Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Wastewater Loan Program	Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)	Municipalities Counties, and Private Utilities within National Estuary Programs	Ongoing with two solicitations annually (January and August if necessary)		(1) Reduction of nutrient loadings to receiving waters, (2) Minimization of Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO) (3) Reduction of Carbon footprint by using Renewable Energy	Statewide	Environmental Finance, Greg Pope, Greg.Pope@delaware.gov; 302-739-9941	Eligible projects are those that meet the EPA description for 212 (centralized wastewater projects), 319 (non-point source), or 320 (estuary). Typical projects include: New wastewater treatment plant or upgrade or expansion or Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project; pump station (new or upgrade); new collector sewers or interceptors; surface water management projects under MS4 permit; sewer rehabilitation project and Solar energy.
Chesapeake Bay Forestry Grant Program	US Forest Service Chesapeake Bay Program	Municipal Agencies and Nonprofits	Varies		Establish forested buffers in impaired waterways within the watershed and increase tree canopy.	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	URBAN: Keshia Braunskill, DFS U&CF Program Coordinator, 302-698-4578, keshia.braunskill@delaware.gov RURAL: Sam Topper, Forest Stewardship Program Manager, 302-856-2893, sam.topper@delaware.gov	The Chesapeake Bay Watershed is a priority area for the Delaware Forest Service's urban and rural forestry programs.
Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program	US Forest Service U&CF Program	Municipal Agencies (State, County, & Local), Homeowner Groups	Annual	\$5,000 max.	Water, Air, and Soil Quality	Statewide	Keshia Braunskill, DFS U&CF Program Coordinator, 302-698-4578, keshia.braunskill@delaware.gov	Delaware Forest Service pursues multiple objectives with its annual urban and community grant program.
Delaware Land and Water Conservation Trust Fund	Income from Trust Fund earnings	Counties, municipalities and park districts	Annual		Outdoor recreation, riparian corridor protection and open space preservation.	Statewide	Bob Ehemann, Division of Parks and Recreation 302-739-9241 or robert.ehemann@delaware.gov	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Open Space Program- Riparian corridor protection and open space preservation. Outdoor Recreation Parks and Trails (ORPT)- County and municipal governments and park districts (Sponsors) are eligible to apply for matching financial assistance. Up to 50% funding is available for projects sponsored by municipalities or counties; and up to 75% funding is available for park districts, municipalities that have not received ORPT funds in the past, and projects located in or serving Census Tracts identified as highest vulnerability by the CDC Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) for Delaware. The Delaware SVI can be found on the My Healthy Community portal at https://myhealthycommunity.dhss.delaware.gov/locations/state/climate-change/svi. A project sponsor must provide a source of match which may come from the sponsor's budget, other grants the sponsor has secured, donations or other sources.
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grants	US Fish and Wildlife, Small Watershed Grant	Varies	Annual		Varies	Small Watersheds	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation www.nfwf.org	DNREC plans to partner with federal, state, local, and non-governmental groups to reduce nutrients and sediment from urban and rural nonpoint sources in the headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay using innovative stormwater retrofits and riparian, channel, and wetland restoration techniques. The proposal includes prioritization of urban retro-fit and restoration opportunities within the Delaware portion of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, targeting sub-watersheds primarily in the Nanticoke, Chester and Choptank Watersheds to focus implementation using innovative techniques. This approach addresses two of the key challenges identified by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, focuses within the geographic priority areas and provides holistic strategies to address all major sources of nutrients while providing outreach, technical assistance, implementation and monitoring.
Central Wastewater Systems	USDA Rural Development	Most state and local governmental entities, Private nonprofits, Federally-recognized tribes	On-going		Assist in meeting state priorities.	Communities with a population less than 10,000; priority given to truly rural areas.	USDA Rural Development, Community Program Division, 1221 College Park Drive, Suite 200, Dover, DE 19904, (302) 857-3625 https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/de	Could include storm drain and solid waste disposal, as well as water/wastewater.