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Effective Grant Solicitation and Management

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ABSTRACT

Effective Grant Solicitation and Management

- State and Federal Funding has been available for awhile
- Infrastructure projects are becoming increasingly more expensive to fund
- Funding for State and Federal Programs has Increased to Reflect the Increase in Project Costs
- State and Federal Funding Opportunities for infrastructure projects
- Some Funding Opportunities are Popular and Receive a High Volume of Applicants While Others Receive Very Few Applicants
- Discuss example Maryland funding agencies
- Grant solicitation should be planned and thought out and not reactive

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AGENDA

- Brief History of Grants
- The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- Solid Waste Infrastructure and Recycling Grant Program
- Maryland Grant Opportunities
 - Maryland Department of Natural Resources – Grants Gateway
 - Chesapeake Bay Trust
 - Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program
 - Community Development Block Grant
- Grant Preparation, Challenges, and Tools
- Resources

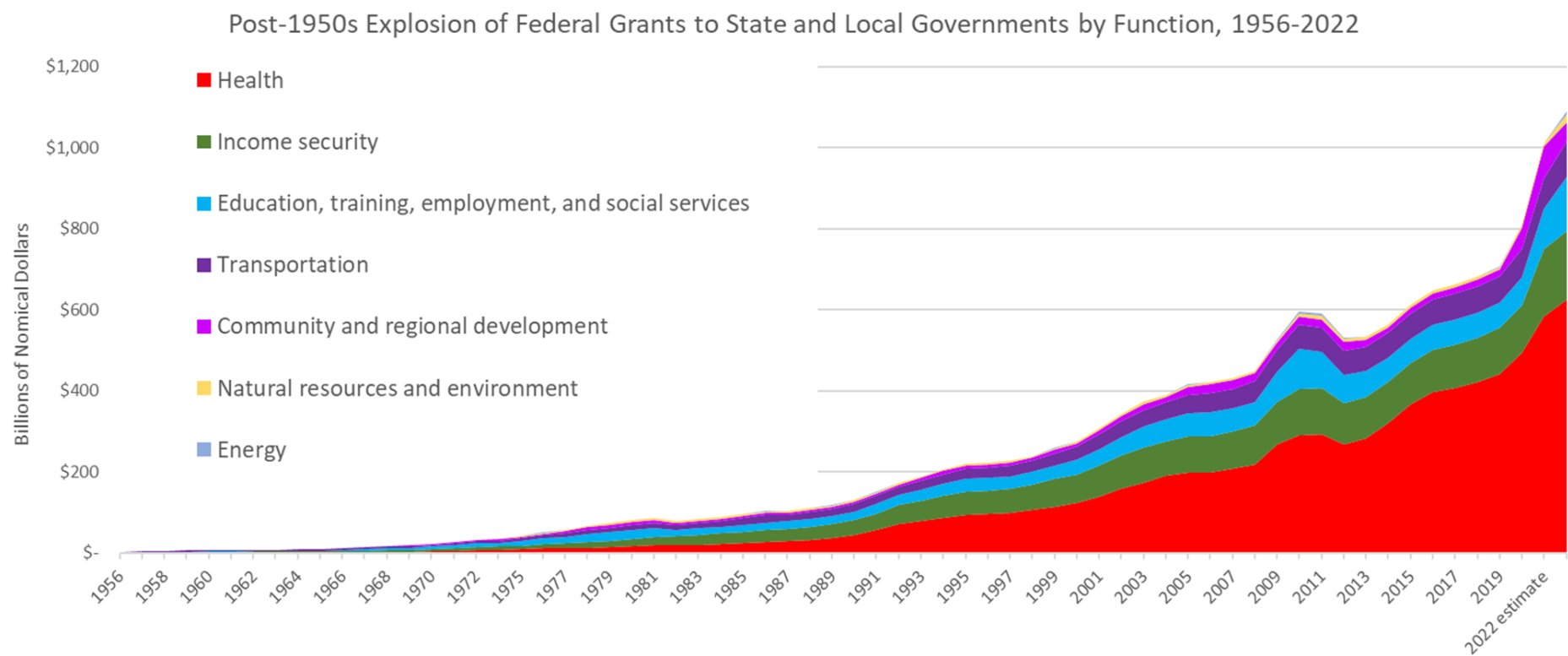
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A grant is a fund given by an entity – often a public body, charitable foundation, or a specialized grant-making institution – to an individual or another entity for a specific purpose linked to public benefit. Unlike loans, grants are not to be paid back.

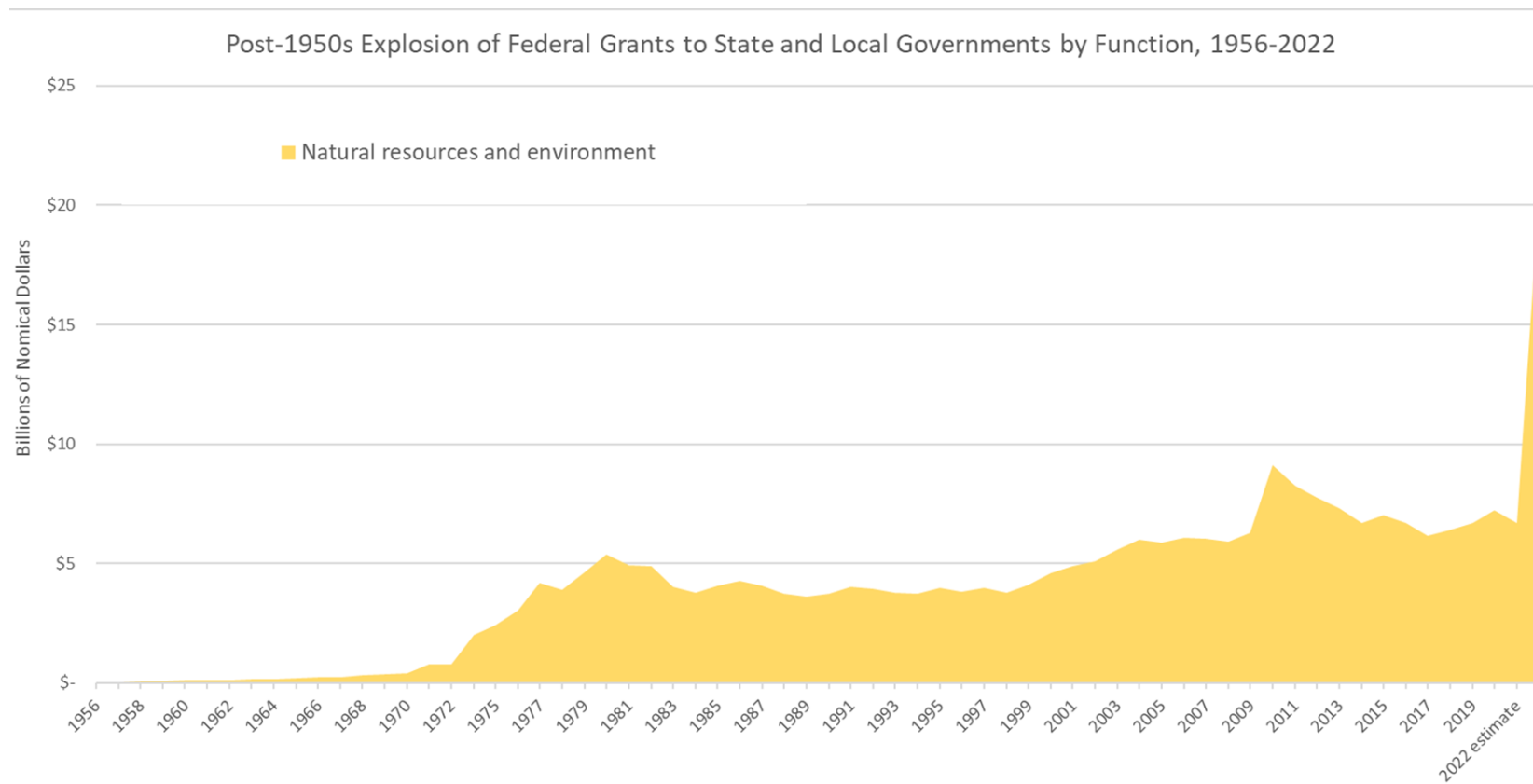
- *Wikipedia*

GRANT HISTORY

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INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT AKA - BIPARTISAIN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

- The federal government spends over **\$500 billion** annually on grants-in-aid to state and local governments, making grants-in-aid the third largest item in the budget after Social Security and national defense.
(<https://www.mercatus.org/system/files/Federal-grant-aid-state-and-local-chart-analysis-pdf.pdf>)
- If distribution of stimulus funds follow historic trends, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) will rely very heavily on use of grants to distribute funds.
- IIJA has waived non-federal match in many instances.

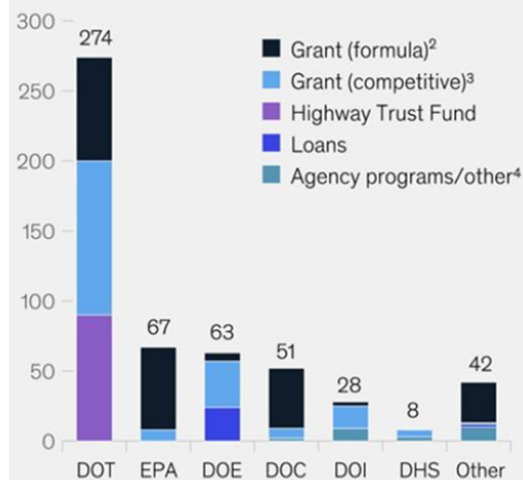
INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

Some \$300 billion in formula grants (including allocations to the Highway Trust Fund) will be disbursed through the IJIA. These formula grants provide predetermined funding to states based on various factors (for example, population size). Most formula-based funding is dedicated to roads and bridges—and most of that is dedicated to the two states with the most highway infrastructure: Texas and California.

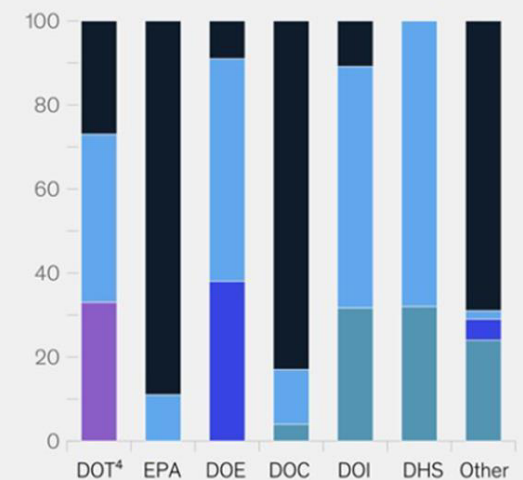
The Department of Transportation will direct more than half of all new funding under the US Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IJIA) new funding, by federal department¹

Funding type, \$ billion



Funding type, % share



Note: Numbers may not sum to 100%, because of rounding.

¹Agencies: DOT = Department of Transportation; EPA = Environmental Protection Agency; DOE = Department of Energy; DOC = Department of Commerce; DOI = Department of the Interior; DHS = Department of Homeland Security. ²Other includes Department of Agriculture, Federal Communications Commission, and Department of Health & Human Services.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

- **Bill Signed**
15 November 2021
- **\$973B FY2022-FY2026**
 - \$550B New Investments
- **States receive \$2B-\$45B in NON-grant Funding Each**

\$284B Transportation – USDOT

\$55B Water – USEPA

\$65B Broadband – DOC

\$73B Energy & Power – DOE

\$21B Remediation – USEPA

\$8.3B Western Water Infrastructure – DOI, USDA, USFS

\$46B Resiliency – DHS

\$110B Roads & Bridges

\$39B Transit

\$66B Rail

\$11B Safety

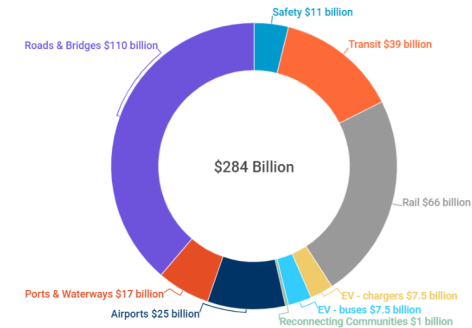
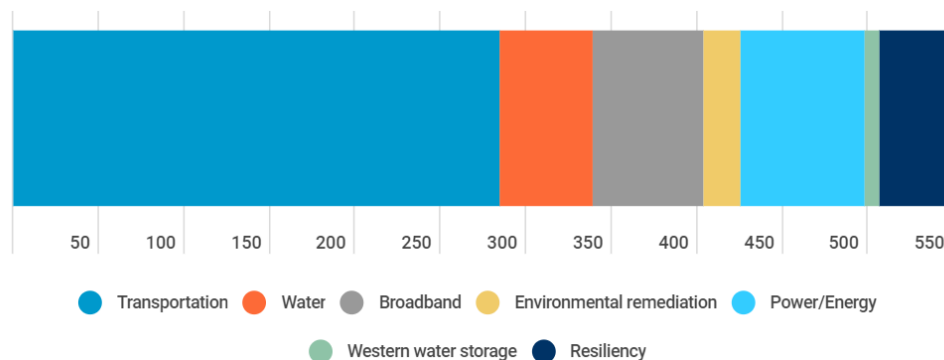
\$25B Airports

\$17B Ports & Waterways

\$7.5B EV Chargers

\$7.5B Electric Buses

\$1B Reconnecting Communities



INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

Increased Contract Authority

- \$273B Highway Trust Fund (FY22-FY26) – 31.8% ↑

Supplemental Appropriations

- \$40B New Bridge Investment Program (\$12.5B Competitive)
- \$10.B Nationally Significant Freight & Highway Projects (INFRA) – 142% ↑
 - \$4B Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant
- \$7.5B Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program (Previously BUILD/TIGER)
 - Federal Cost Share 80%; disadvantaged areas, includes replace and rehabilitate culverts, \$1-\$25M awards; rural/urban split
 - Awards to be published 270 days after Notice of Funding Opportunity –timing unclear.
- \$5B Surface Transportation Block Grant - 15.2% ↑
- Appalachian Regional Commission / Alaska Denali Commission
 - \$100M High-Speed Broadband
 - \$25M Appalachian Regional Energy Hub Initiative

At-Grade Rail Crossings Cap ↑ from \$7.5k-\$100k; 100% Federal Cross Share

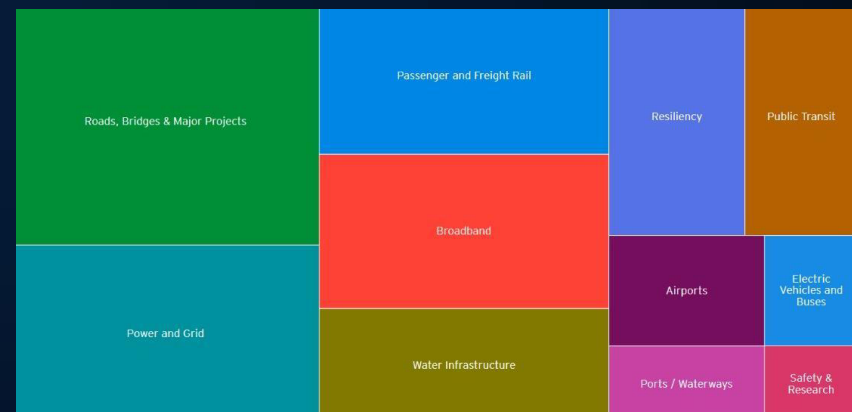
\$500M Reconnecting Communities

\$25M Grants for Pedestrian Safety

\$2B Rural Transportation Grants

Codifies “One Federal Decision”

- 2-year DOT Timeline (but ↑ allowable extensions)



INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

Lead Pipe Remediation

- \$15B Capitalization Grants
 - 49% of funds will be made by States to Counties and Local Governments to address Lead in Drinking Water

Western Water Infrastructure

- \$100M Small Water Storage or Groundwater Storage Competitive Grants ↑
- Secure Rural Schools Program for 3 Years (Removes previous 5% reduction); \$60M ↑ each year from 2020 level to address infrastructure needs
- USFS or BLM \$15B Airport Improvement Program (Increase Safety & Reduce Environmental Impacts)

Superfund

- \$1B to Initiate Cleanup and Clear Backlog of 49 previously unfunded Superfund Sites ; 24 states; all 10 EPA Territories

State and Tribal Assistance Grants: Brownfields

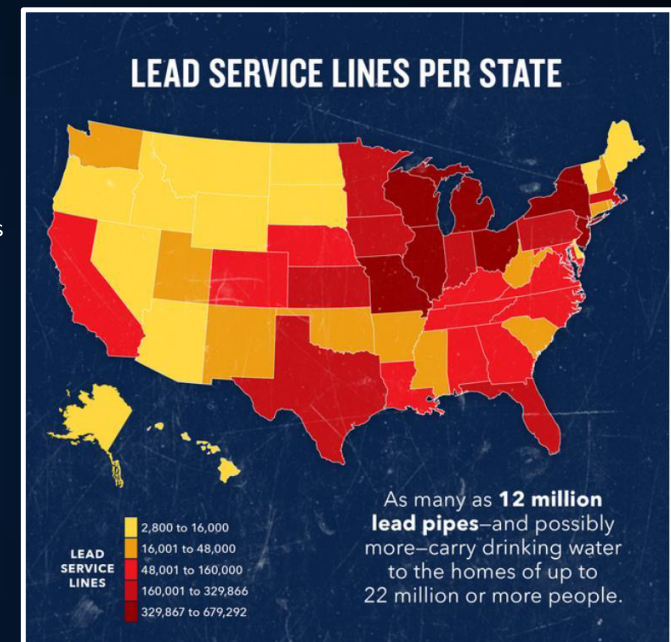
- \$1.2B Brownfields Restoration Projects

\$29.3B Grants under SRFs (Clean Water/Drinking Water)

- \$11.7 CWSRF
- 12% Drinking Water must go to Disadvantaged Communities
- 10% Clean Water must go to Disadvantaged Communities

\$10B Emerging Contaminants & PFAS

- \$5B SDWA – small, disadvantaged communities to purchase point of use (Water Infrastructure Improvements for Nation Grants) (allocated to States)
- \$4B DWSRF focus on PFAS; (fund the Testing for Water Suppliers)
- \$1B CWSRF provide technical assistance to rural, small, tribal, and publicly owned WWTP discharge with PFAS
- 100% Forgiveness Loans or Grants



BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

SOLID WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE AND RECYCLING (SWIFR) GRANT PROGRAM

- New grant program authorized by the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act and funded through IIJA
- **\$275 million** for Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grants to support Building a Better America
- Allocated as **\$55 million per year** from Fiscal Years 2022 to 2026 to remain available until expended
- Additional **\$2.5 million** in Fiscal Year 2022 funding provided by EPA to implement the program.

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

Materials and waste streams include:

- municipal solid waste, including plastics, organics, paper, metal, glass
- construction and demolition debris

Also includes the management pathways of:

source reduction, reuse, sending materials to material recovery facilities, composting, and industrial uses (e.g., rendering, anaerobic digestion), and feeding animals.

SOLID WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE AND RECYCLING (SWIFR) GRANT PROGRAM

Applications must achieve one or more of the following objectives:

1. Establish, increase, expand, or optimize collection and improve materials management infrastructure.
2. Fund the creation and construction of tangible infrastructure, technology, or other improvements to reduce contamination in the recycled materials stream.
3. Establish, increase, expand, or optimize capacity for materials management.
4. Establish, improve, expand, or optimize end-markets for the use of recycled commodities.
5. Demonstrate a significant and measurable increase in the diversion, recycling rate, and quality of materials collected for municipal solid waste.

MARYLAND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- Maryland Department Of Natural Resources
- Chesapeake Bay Trust
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- Community Development Block Grant



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – GRANTS GATEWAY

OUTCOME 1

Accelerate recovery and restoration of natural resources by implementing non-point source pollution reduction projects.

OUTCOME 4

Improve student ability to take action benefiting Chesapeake and coastal ecosystems through outdoor learning and stewardship.

OUTCOME 2

Understand and enhance capacity to plan for impacts from coastal and precipitation-based flood events.

OUTCOME 5

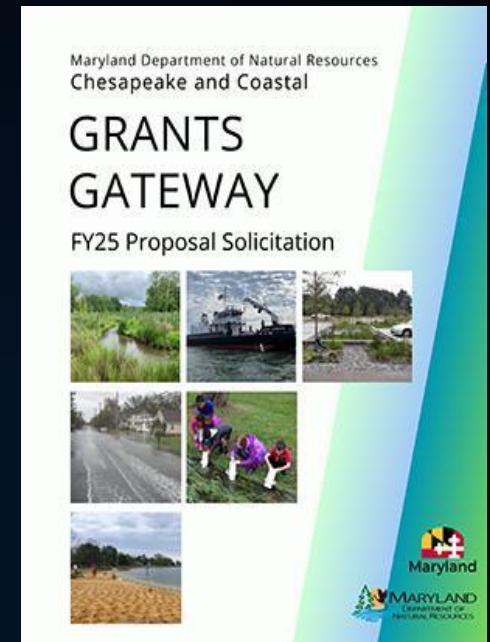
Foster sustainable development and use of Maryland waterways with projects that benefit the general boating public.

OUTCOME 3

Design and construct habitat restoration projects to address erosion and flooding in communities and on public lands.

SHORELINE EROSION LOAN PROGRAM

Protect waterfront property and enhance wildlife habitat utilizing nature-based living shoreline techniques.



Grants Gateway

OUTCOME 1

Accelerate recovery and restoration of natural resources by implementing non-point source pollution reduction projects.

- Minimum Request - **\$500,000**
- Must address water quality to the mainstem of the Chesapeake Bay or Atlantic Coastal Bays by reducing non-point source pollution (nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment)
- Must demonstrate ability to construct within **12 months** of award (essentially, designed and permitted)

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OUTCOME 2

Understand and enhance capacity to plan for impacts from coastal and precipitation-based flood events.

- Request up to **\$125,000**
- Local governments seeking to improve their understanding of flood impacts and vulnerabilities and who want to address those impacts at a community scale are encouraged to submit a proposal.
- Flood impacts to be addressed may be at the community, county, or municipal level and may be the result of high tide flooding, changing sea levels, and/or an increased incidence and severity of precipitation events.
- Proposed projects can seek to plan for either or both short (1-10 years) and long (+10 years) term flood impacts.

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OUTCOME 3

Design and construct habitat restoration projects to address erosion and flooding in communities and on public lands.

- May request design/permitting, design-build, or construction funding for restoration projects
- Design/permit projects are typically completed within **24 months** and cost up to **\$100,000**. Permit fees are not eligible.
- Construction projects are typically completed within **12 months**.
- While there is no funding cap for construction, most projects are anticipated to cost between **\$200,000** and **\$1.5M** depending on project scale.

Grants Gateway

OUTCOME 4

Improve student ability to take action benefiting Chesapeake and coastal ecosystems through outdoor learning and stewardship.

- No stated minimum or maximum funding amount
- Funding will be offered as available to support learning experiences and educational opportunities focused on environmental issue exploration and investigation.
- Funding will support two tracks for this outcome:
 - Track One will focus on projects serving formal K-12 education systems
 - Track Two will focus on projects serving communities or public education
- Ideal projects will develop youth and community-led environmental awareness, literacy, and stewardship actions creating healthier communities throughout the state.

Grants Gateway

OUTCOME 5

Foster sustainable development and use of Maryland waterways with projects that benefit the general boating public.

Typical projects include:

- Construct, renovate, or maintain public boating access facilities
- Dredge navigable channels and harbors
- Purchase fire/rescue vessels in partnership with local fire companies

Grants Gateway

SHORELINE EROSION LOAN PROGRAM

Protect waterfront property and enhance wildlife habitat utilizing nature-based living shoreline techniques.

- The Shoreline Erosion Control Revolving Loan Fund provides waterfront property owners with an opportunity to apply for a zero-interest loan for nature-based living shoreline projects.
- Loan terms range from 5-20 years (determined by project type) and include a nominal administrative fee based on projected construction costs. The loan is secured by a Shoreline Erosion Control Lien and/or a Special Shoreline Erosion Control
- Taxing District (dependent on applicant type).
- Local governments, non-profit organizations, communities, and private property owners are eligible to apply. A site visit with DNR Staff is required prior to application submission.

CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust awards \$20-30 million in grant funding each year to hundreds of nonprofits and community organizations throughout the region for hands-on projects that are ensuring cleaner, greener, healthier Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny watersheds for years to come.



CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST

- Anne Arundel County Community Tree Planting Mini Grant
- Anne Arundel County Forestry & Forested Land Protection
- Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration
- Capacity Building Initiative - Organizational
- Capacity Building Initiative - Networks
- Charles County Forestry
- Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps Host
- Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps Member
- Chesapeake Oyster Innovation Award Program
- City of Rockville RainScapes Rebate
- Clean Water Montgomery Grant Program
- Community Engagement & Restoration Mini Grants
- District of Columbia Community Stormwater Solutions
- District of Columbia Donation and Reuse
- District of Columbia Urban Agriculture
- Environmental Education
- EPA Chesapeake Bay Goal Implementation Team Support
- Keep Maryland Beautiful
- Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns
- MDE Nontidal Wetlands Award Program

<p>In an effort to help applicants plan proposal development and submit applications to the Trust, a draft program schedule for the Trust's current fiscal year (FY) is provided. The Trust's FY is from July 1 to June 30. This calendar encompasses the general timing (month) when we expect a Request for Proposals (RFP) to be available to the public and does not reflect when funding decisions will be made or when the recipient will be notified of the decision. RFPs may be released at any time during the first month highlighted in green (unless noted otherwise) and the schedule is subject to change at any time. Review the program specific pages (program terms) to find out the most up to date information, and in-depth timeline information.</p>											
	2023					2024					
Program Name	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
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District of Columbia Community Stormwater Solutions											
District of Columbia Donation and Reuse											
District of Columbia Urban Agriculture											
Environmental Education											
EPA Chesapeake Bay Goal Implementation Team Support											
Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns											
MDE Nontidal Wetlands Award Program											
Outdoor Learning Network Initiative - Network Leadership Course											
Outreach & Restoration											
Prince George's County Community Gardens Mini Grant											
Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate											
Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship											
Pooled Monitoring Initiative's Research Award Program											
Sponsorship Program											
Urban Trees											
Urban Trees Mini Grant Program											
Veterans Engagement Mini Grant											
Watershed Assistance Grant Program											
Youth Environmental Education Grant Program											

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- Urban Trees Mini Grant Program
- Veterans Engagement Mini Grant
- Watershed Assistance Grant Program
- Youth Environmental Education Grant Program

CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST (CBT) – OUTREACH AND RESTORATION PROGRAM

This grant program encourages outreach, community engagement activities, and on-the-ground restoration projects that increase knowledge, change behavior, and accelerate stewardship of natural resources that involve residents in restoring local green spaces, waterways, and natural resources.

The Outreach and Restoration Grant Program is a partnership between the Chesapeake Bay Trust and:

- BGE an Exelon Company
- Charles County
- City of Baltimore Department of Public Works
- City of Gaithersburg
- City of Rockville
- City of Salisbury
- Harford County
- Howard County
- Maryland Department of Transportation
- Maryland Port Administration
- Queen Anne's County
- Tradepoint Atlantic

CBT – OUTREACH AND RESTORATION PROGRAM

TRACK 1

Outreach/Knowledge
Building Projects (up to
\$50,000)

TRACK 2

Behavior Change Projects
(up to \$75,000)

TRACK 3

Restoration Projects (up to
\$100,000)

TRACK 4

Outreach and Restoration
Projects (up to \$125,000)



Outreach and Restoration Grant Program

FY24 Request for Proposals



Chesapeake Bay Trust | 108 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403
(410) 974 - 2941 | www.cbtrust.org

CBT – OUTREACH AND RESTORATION PROGRAM

Knowledge building projects must measurably increase public understanding and engagement as it relates to the benefits, challenges and solutions to restoring Maryland's natural resources and community health. Projects should seek to increase knowledge within a priority audience, which can be described as a specific population of focus that is a clearly defined sub-segment of the general public, on a topic in which a basic level of knowledge has not yet been established.

TRACK 1

Outreach/Knowledge Building Projects (up to \$50,000)

EXAMPLE PROJECTS

- Projects that increase awareness of environmental health disparities, such as access to healthy green space
- Environmental workforce development and jobs training programs
- Workshops promoting best practices for restoration and protection of natural resources
- Community science programs that support the collection of air quality
- water quality, or other natural resource data which will then be used to measurably increase knowledge among other audiences
- Environmental knowledge-building events
- “Train the trainer” programs
- Activities such as stream clean ups and storm drain stenciling coupled with education efforts
- Environmental art installations designed to increase awareness of environmental, especially water-related issues.

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TRACK 2

Behavior Change Projects (up to \$75,000)

EXAMPLE PROJECTS

- Engaging community members in the development of programs that change producer behavior to reduce litter (i.e. extended producer responsibility programming)
- Native only nurseries campaign (stop selling non-natives);
- Pet waste campaigns;
- Litter reduction campaigns;
- Rain barrel installation and use campaigns;
- Fertilizer reduction campaigns;
- Proper disposal of fats, oils and grease campaigns; and
- Septic system maintenance campaigns.

CBT – OUTREACH AND RESTORATION PROGRAM

Restoration projects must implement on-the-ground projects that benefit both the community and the quality of one or more natural resources (e.g., water quality, air quality, tree canopy, and habitat).

Applicants are encouraged to rely on widely-accepted best management practices (BMP). Projects evaluate Wasteload Allocations and Impervious Acres Treated.

TRACK 3

Restoration Projects (up to \$100,000)

EXAMPLE PROJECTS

- Stormwater best management practices (BMPs) such as rain gardens, bioretention, living shorelines, pervious pavement, cisterns, or rain barrels that improve water quality and reducing flooding burden for the community
- Tree planting and reforestation projects for urban, suburban, or rural areas that improve both environmental and human health
- Streamside forest buffers
- Urban soil restoration
- Sustainable landscaping
- Reclaiming vacant lots to install site appropriate stormwater BMPs with other greening and space activation elements
- Wetland creation, restoration, and enhancement
- Installation of agriculture best management practices, including wetlands, buffers, and excluding livestock from streams
- Small-scale stream restoration and fish passage projects

CBT – OUTREACH AND RESTORATION PROGRAM

TRACK 4

Outreach and Restoration Projects (up to \$125,000)

Outreach and restoration projects must combine elements from Track 1 and Track 3 above to achieve increased meaningful and measurable outcomes.

Applicants should describe how the restoration components of the project will be leveraged for demonstration and education to measurably build knowledge within the community engaged as it relates to the challenges and solutions to restore Maryland's natural resources/community health and engage people in on-the-ground community-based projects (e.g., use a rain garden restoration project as a tool for education to the priority audience).

The amount of work and funds dedicated to restoration activities versus outreach activities should be roughly proportional to the budget caps for those individual tracks. In general, outreach activities should constitute at least 15% of the overall budget.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – HAZARDOUS MITIGATION ASSISTANCE

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs administered by Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) require an initial step of preparing and submitting a Notice of Intent (NOI). The NOI is reviewed by MDEM to determine basic applicability for the three HMA programs as available.

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Designed to promote mitigation measures to reduce community disaster risk and disaster risk awareness. It is nationally competitive.

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

Caters to flood-prone communities registered in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). It is nationally competitive and tends to prioritize repetitive loss (RL) and severe repetitive loss (SRL) projects. Communities must be in good standing with the NFIP and the property must have an active NFIP policy.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Designed to fund plans and projects that aim to reduce long-term community disaster risk. This funding source is only activated following a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

On Oct. 12, 2023, FEMA published the fiscal year 2023 funding opportunities for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and the FMA grant programs, totaling **\$1.8 billion**.

MDEM projects typically fund **75% of the project** and requires a **25% applicant match**.

Competitive selection focused on reducing or eliminating the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and with NFIP-participating communities.

Repetitive flood damage is required to be documented. Significant data gathering effort to document financial impacts due to flood damage.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

Localized Flood Risk Reduction Projects

Address localized flood risk for the purpose of reducing National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) flood claim payment. These projects are local level drainage/flood control projects to improve drainage and reduce flood risk for communities and can include numerous activities such as drainage pipes, pump stations, topographic grading, seawalls, marsh restoration, and other nature-based solutions.

Individual Flood Mitigation Projects

Those that mitigate the risk of flooding to individual NFIP-insured structures and give priority to properties meeting Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) and Repetitive Loss (RL) definitions. These project types include acquisition, acquisition relocation, relocation, elevation, mitigation reconstruction, and dry floodproofing of historic or commercial structures.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

- Provides funding to state, local, tribal and territorial governments so they can develop hazard mitigation plans and rebuild in a way that reduces, or mitigates, future disaster losses in their communities
- Available after a presidentially declared disaster
- Homeowners and businesses ***cannot*** apply for a grant. However, a local community may apply for funding on their behalf
- Must develop and adopt hazard mitigation plans to receive funding for hazard mitigation project application

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

The HMGP may provide funding for generators that protect critical facilities. Generators must meet certain criteria to be eligible, including:

Cost-effective: The project must have a benefit-cost ratio of at least 1.0, meaning for every dollar spent, at least one dollar should be saved or avoided in future events

Long-term solution: The generator must contribute to a long-term solution
relate to hazards: The generator must directly relate to the hazards being mitigated

Part of a larger project: The generator must be part of a larger project

Protect critical facility: The generator must protect a critical facility, such as a police or fire station, hospital, or water and sewer treatment facility

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Block Grant Program funded projects must be for eligible activities under Program regulations AND must meet one of the three national objectives:

1. Benefits persons of low- and moderate- income
2. Eliminates slum and blight
3. Meets an urgent need of recent origin that threatens public health and safety

Over a designated three-year period, the state must cumulatively use **70%** of its allocation to benefit persons of low and moderate income.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Eligible projects generally fall into three types:



Housing



Public facilities
(water/sewer; streets;
childcare, senior or
community centers;
shelters)



Economic development
projects

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

CDBG ELIGIBLE NON-ENTITLEMENT JURISDICTIONS

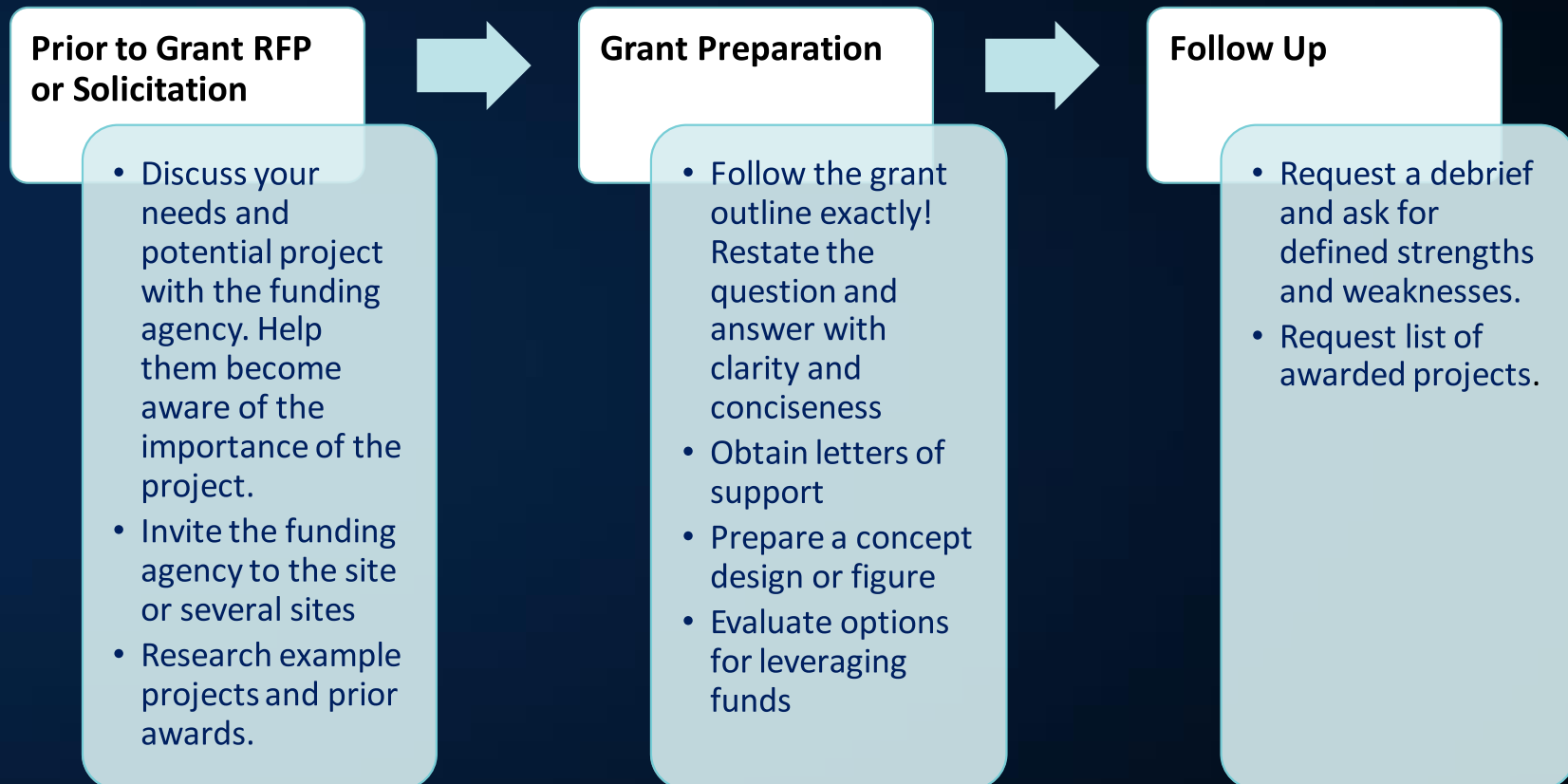
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Allegany County	Anne Arundel County *	Calvert County	Caroline County	Carroll County	Cecil County	Charles County
Barton Frostburg Lonaconing Luke Midland Westernport	Highland Beach	Chesapeake Beach North Beach	Denton Federalsburg Goldsboro Greensboro Henderson Hillsboro Marydel Preston Ridgely	Hampstead Manchester Mount Airy (part) New Windsor Sykesville Taneytown Union Bridge Westminster	Cecilton Charlestown Chesapeake City Elkton North East Perryville Port Deposit Rising Sun	Indian Head La Plata Port Tobacco
Dorchester County	Frederick County	Garrett County	Kent County	Montgomery County *	Prince George's County *	Queen Anne's County
Brookview Cambridge Church Creek East New Market Eldorado Galestown Hurlock Secretary Vienna	Brunswick Burkittsville Emmitsburg Middletown Mount Airy (part) Myersville New Market Rosemont Thurmont Walkersville Woodsboro	Accident Deer Park Friendsville Grantsville Kitzmiller Loch Lynn Heights Mountain Lake Park Oakland	Betterton Chestertown Galena Millington Rock Hall	Barnesville Chevy Chase View Chevy Chase Village Chevy Chase Village (Sec.3) Laytonsville Village of Martin's Additions		Barclay Centreville Church Hill Queen Anne (part) Queenstown Sudlersville Templeville
St. Mary's County	Somerset County	Talbot County	Washington County	Wicomico County	Worcester County	
Leonardtown	Crisfield Princess Anne	Easton Oxford Queen Anne (part) St. Michaels Trappe	Boonsboro Clear Spring Funkstown Hancock Keadysville Sharpsburg Smithsburg Williamsport	Delmar Fruitland Hebron Mardela Springs Sharptown Willards	Berlin Ocean City Pocomoke City Snow Hill	
* ENTITLEMENT COUNTY NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR MARYLAND CDBG PROGRAM						

GRANT PREPARATION, CHALLENGES AND TOOLS

GRANT CHALLENGES, SOLUTIONS, AND TOOLS



GRANT PREPARATION



GRANT CHALLENGES, SOLUTIONS, AND TOOLS

- Challenges:
 - Grant writing is similar to proposal writing, but they are not the same!
 - Successful grants have a demonstrated need and thought-out technical approach.
 - Grants are still a competitive field and do take time and creativity to develop.
- Solutions:
 - In-Kind services can significantly strengthen your application. Most counties and municipalities have public work departments that can assist with projects.
 - Dedicate staff to researching and writing grants. Most grants follow an annual schedule.
- Tools:
 - Develop a playbook to follow if you want to explore in-kind donations.
 - Develop relationships with the agencies

RESOURCES

- <https://www.epa.gov/infrastructure>
- <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/>
- <https://cbtrust.org/grants/>
- grants.gov
- grants.Maryland.gov
- <https://mdem.maryland.gov/community/Pages/grant-subapplicant-resources.aspx>
- <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/pages/programs/default.aspx>
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