

# Watershed Assistance Grant Program Review of Fiscal Year 2024 Funded Projects

## Objective

This document provides a high-level review of the Chesapeake Bay Trust [Watershed Assistance Grant Program](#) Fiscal Year 2024 Funded Projects. This program funds projects that support watershed restoration project designs and permitting and for watershed planning and programmatic development.

## Program Summary

The Watershed Assistance Grant Program supports local governments and nonprofit organizations in Maryland and West Virginia by providing funding for early-stage watershed restoration and planning projects. Program goals include supporting project readiness, advancing implementation efforts and aligning with local and state watershed plans. The program features two funding tracks – Track 1 supports project design and Track 2 supports watershed planning and program development.

Application Deadline	Applications must be submitted by <b>November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 4:00 PM ET</b> . Grant applications are submitted through <a href="#">the program's website</a> .
Funding Overview	For FY 2026: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>» Total Funding: \$1,400,000 between MD and PA</li><li>» Minimum Award: Up to \$75,000</li><li>» Maximum Award: Up to \$150,000</li></ul>
Eligible Uses	<b>Track 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>» Wetland, marsh or stream restoration</li><li>» Stormwater management practices</li><li>» Living shorelines</li><li>» Bioretention cells and large-scale rain gardens</li></ul> <b>Track 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>» Planning and program development</li></ul>
Cost Sharing Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>» No cost share is required but it is encouraged for a stronger application</li></ul>

## FY 2026 Watershed Assistance Grant Program NOFO Application Status

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is currently soliciting applications for the Fiscal Year 2026 Watershed Assistance Grant Program. If you have additional questions on this program, please submit a question to Megan Diehl at (410) 974-2941 or [mdiehl@cbtrust.org](mailto:mdiehl@cbtrust.org).

## Summary of Watershed Assistance Grant Program Awards Won in Maryland

For the [FY 2024](#) Watershed Assistance Grant Program funding cycle, grant applicants in Maryland received 226 awards:

- » 129 awards totaled \$10,000 or less
- » 85 awarded funds supported restoration and implementation projects

*Table 1. Local- and County-Level Grant Awards: Sample Selection*

Local/County Recipient	Project Type	Awarded Funding	Project Description
Baltimore	Restoration and Implementation	\$49,161	Funds awarded for mitigating stormwater runoff and erosion at Strength to Love II's urban farm through tree and ground cover planting.
Baltimore	Implementation	\$50,000	Funds awarded for revitalization of Upton Gardens of Hope with eco-friendly enhancements, new planting beds, and community engagement.
Frederick	Restoration and Implementation	\$22,077	Land and Cultural Preservation Fund, Inc received an award for installing native plants along Carroll Creek to enhance the environment and provide educational opportunities.
Hagerstown Community College	Implementation	\$39,948	Antietam Creek Watershed Alliance (ACWA) received an award for creating educational microbioretenion swales at Hagerstown Community College parking lot.
Brentwood	Restoration and Implementation	\$62,650	Funding was awarded for the replacement of pavement with permeable pavement and the installation

			of tree trenches at the Windom Road Historic Barrier Park.
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