

2021 Community Conservation Grants - Clean Water Fund

Eligibility Questions

You're applying for a Community Conservation Grant through the Lancaster County Community Foundation's Clean Water Fund.

These grants of \$1,000 to \$15,000 support education, outreach, and regional engagement projects that improve Lancaster's water quality through collaboration and creativity.

When applicable, please visit the Lancaster Clean Water Partners' Collaborative Watershed Mapping Tool to assist in answering any of the application questions.

We encourage you to be brief and specific in all your answers. Bulleted lists are completely acceptable. Examples of previous applications are provided in this Google Folder to assist in crafting your application. The examples are only to provide guidance, not to be copied verbatim.

All questions regarding the fund and application process can be directed to Emily Smedley, Communications and Program Manager at the Lancaster Clean Water Partners (esmedley@lancastercleanwaterpartners.com).

Is your organization categorized as 501(c)(3) by the IRS or a municipality?*

Choices

Yes

No

Is your organization registered with the PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations (or exempt)?*

Choices

Yes

No

Exempt

PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations Registration Number

Character Limit: 6

Expiration Date

Character Limit: 10

Reason for exemption or non-registration

Character Limit: 250

Is your organization current on paying its payroll taxes?*

Choices

Yes

No
Not Applicable

If you answered "No" to any of the questions above, please stop here because your organization does not meet the eligibility requirements. Otherwise, continue to the next section. If you have questions contact Emily Smedley (esmedley@lancastercleanwaterpartners.com)

Non-Discrimination Policy

Non-Discrimination Grant Making

The Lancaster County Community Foundation is committed to non-discrimination in its grantmaking. It is the policy of LCCF not to discriminate against any grantee partner or grant applicant on the basis of sex, gender; gender identity; gender expression; race; color; national origin; religion; creed; age; disability; citizenship; marital or domestic partnership status; sexual orientation; genetic predisposition; military or veteran status; or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local law, rule or regulation. Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Lancaster County Community Foundation (Rev. 7-17-19).

Does your organization have a non-discrimination policy?*

Choices

Yes
No

Non-discrimination Policy Statement

Character Limit: 10000 | File Size Limit: 2 MB

Organizational Profile

Mission Statement*

Character Limit: 500

Does your organization have a conflict of interest policy?*

Choices

Yes
No

Project Information

Project Name*

Character Limit: 100

Project Coordinator Information*

The project coordinator is the main contact for this project and will be in communication with Emily Smedley throughout the grant period regarding reports and reimbursements. List the name and contact information for the person that best fits this role.

Character Limit: 250

Grant Request (Dollars)*

Grant range: \$1,000 - \$15,000

Character Limit: 20

Project Summary*

Summarize the purpose and design of your project. Briefly explain how your project will contribute to the conservation, protection, and/or education of Lancaster’s local waterways.

Character Limit: 1000

Property Information

The following questions are not required for all applications. Answer questions as applicable.

Project Location Address

Character Limit: 250

Property Owner Information

If applicable to the project, list the landowner’s name, address, and email.

Character Limit: 250

Name of Stream/Watershed

Character Limit: 250

Is there a stream on the property?

Choices

Yes

No

If so, is this considered a 303d impaired stream?

Choices

Yes

No

Is the stream buffered or planned to be buffered?

Choices

Yes

No

Application Questions

Need*

Describe why your project is needed and who it will impact.

Character Limit: 4000

Equity & Inclusion*

The Lancaster Clean Water Partners believes equal access to justice and clean water are human rights. Our vision of clean and clear waterways means healthy local streams for all Lancastrians, but particularly those that have historically had unequal access to it. Our collaborative work is intended to amplify the diverse voices in our community demanding environmental and social equality.

What are your organizational aspirations and current challenges regarding racial equity and inclusion, and/or social justice? Does this work relate to your project? If so, describe.*

Character Limit: 4000

Timeline & Implementation*

Provide a timeline for your project, including major milestones towards the project's completion. Include details about permitting (when applicable) and ongoing maintenance and monitoring (after project completion).

Character Limit: 5000

Project Barriers*

Are there any barriers to this project's completion (i.e. lack of other funding sources, organizational changes, maintenance after project completion)?*

Character Limit: 2000

Matching Funds*

Match is not required but encouraged.

If applicable, describe the source and type of your matching funds or in-kind hours for this project. If match is included, match commitments are required by July 26.

Character Limit: 1000

Partners*

List any partners you are collaborating with to implement this project directly. Describe how this partnership enhances the project or will contribute to its success.

Character Limit: 5000

Budget Description*

How exactly will these funds be used in the project? Describe how you would use this grant money. Include any significant expenditures and how they impact your project. Be as specific as possible.

Character Limit: 5000

Organizational & Community Results*

What do you hope to gain or learn from this project? How will the community or organization be transformed? How will you know if you achieved your goals?

Describe the qualitative and quantitative goals of this project.

Character Limit: 2000

Required Attachments

The following questions are not required for all applications. Answer questions as applicable.

Please note that if you do not have access to a scanner, you can use the "Fax to File" tool on the left menu. This tool will convert a fax to a PDF document.

Board of Directors Roster*

Upload a current fiscal year board roster that contains at minimum the name and occupation of each member.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Match Commitment Letter

Match is not required but encouraged.

If applicable, upload a letter from the organization's Executive Director, CEO, President, or Board President that details the source of matching funding for this project. Matching fund commitments must be secured by July 26, 2021.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Landowner Commitment Letter

If applicable, upload a letter of commitment from the landowner indicating their support of your project.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

"Before" Picture #1

If applicable, upload a picture showing the land/area of your project before your work has begun. If the file size of your photos is too large to upload here, please email them directly to

Emily Smedley (esmedley@lancastercleanwaterpartners.com).

File Size Limit: 2 MB

"Before" Picture #2

If applicable, upload a picture showing the land/area of your project before your work has begun. If the file size of your photos is too large to upload here, please email them directly to Emily Smedley (esmedley@lancastercleanwaterpartners.com).

File Size Limit: 2 MB

"Before" Picture #3

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File Size Limit: 2 MB

Project Map

If available, please upload a map showing the location of your project.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Electronic Signature

Note to applicants seeking staff feedback:

Staff will review and provide feedback on draft applications submitted through this system by June 23, 2021. Application drafts that are saved but not submitted will NOT be considered for feedback.

On or before July 14, 2021, we'll return your application to "draft" status. You can make any revisions and then re-submit by the final deadline, July 26, 2021.

Are you interested in receiving feedback on your application prior to final submission?*

This option is only available for applications submitted by June 23, 2021.

Choices

Yes, I would like staff feedback.

No, this is my final submission.

Clean Water Partners have provided feedback

Signature*

Character Limit: 100

Date*

Character Limit: 10