

Purpose

Clean and clear water in Lancaster County!

About the Lancaster Clean Water Fund

The Lancaster Clean Water Fund serves as a catalyst for increased collaboration with partners to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of current and future clean water projects. Across Lancaster County, clean water is a priority. With over half of Lancaster County streams and much of our groundwater unhealthy, our community is PA's priority area for reducing specific pollutants (nutrient and sediment) by 2025 in accordance with Lancaster's Countywide Action Plan (CAP).

The Lancaster Clean Water Partners is committed to reaching clean and clear water by 2040. The Lancaster Clean Water Fund provides a unique opportunity to work with landowners, leaders, and communities across the county on education, restoration, and protection projects to improve water quality. The fund supports projects that address clean water priorities as well as the pollution reduction goals in Lancaster's CAP.



Partners

This grant is created and managed with the Lancaster Clean Water Partners to achieve clean and clear local waterways by 2040.

We work with countless trusted experts in the field to make this grant possible, including:

- Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- Economic Development Company of Lancaster County
- Lancaster Conservancy
- Lancaster County Conservation District
- Lancaster Farmland Trust
- Local municipalities
- Penn State's Agriculture and Environment Center



Grant Opportunities

Clean Water Implementation Large Grant

Grants of \$100,000 to \$500,000

The **Clean Water Implementation Large Grant** supports installation of high-impact projects in priority locations to achieve nutrient and sediment reductions for Lancaster's Countywide Action Plan (CAP).

Grant Portal

Available at
LancFound.org/grants

Application Process

- 1 Use the Partners' Collaborative Mapping Tool to get your project location's restoration opportunity score before applying.
- 2 Contact Laurel Etter Longenecker to get the access code to the application.
- 3 Use the code to access the application on the Community Foundation portal, found at www.LancFound.org/grants.
- 4 Applications are due on **February 18, 2022**. Applicants can expect to hear back regarding approval or denial of the application the week of **April 4, 2022**.

Grant Specifics

- All grant contracts will span from the day of project approval to the end of March 1, 2023. **No extensions are possible.**
- Match is not required.
- Approximately \$1.7 million is available to be awarded for agriculture, stormwater, or stream restoration projects.
- This funding is intended for implementation projects but design and/or engineering may be eligible for up to 25% of construction costs and 5% for administrative costs.
- Specific ranking criteria will be used to evaluate all submitted projects. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the ranking criteria before applying. Applications that score above a certain level will be funded.

Evaluation Criteria

- Projects should align with Lancaster's CAP, demonstrate a collective effort for clean water, and show sustainability of the project through economic and climate changes.
- Refer to the ranking criteria for more information on how projects will be evaluated.



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