

Questions from 1/5/2022 Info Session

Q: Is the eligibility for priority watersheds or priority catchments?

A: Anywhere in the County is eligible; however, projects located within Tier 1 and Tier 2 catchments will rank higher and the opportunity score will affect scoring (higher score = more points).

Q: Do you have more specific information about the paperwork that will be required quarterly for awardees?

A: [Here is copy of the required quarterly progress report and reimbursement request](#) that was required for 2021 grantees. The reporting requirements for 2022 will be largely unchanged.

Q: Does the cost need to be broken out between individual BMPs or can the same type of BMP be lumped together?

A: The same type of BMP (ex: mudsills), they can be lumped together. Please include the number of the practice (ex: 3 mudsills). This information will be used for the CAST modeling for the State.

Q: Where do we find the Tier 1 and Tier 2 listings?

A: On the [Collaborative Watershed Mapping Tool](#), under the Implementation tab. [This tutorial](#) will help you navigate the tool. Please note that this is just one element of the scoring.

Q: Can more than one individual have access to the grant through the grant portal?

A: Yes, if requested. After a grant is awarded, let us know if multiple users are necessary and we will request Lancaster County Community Foundation to enable access.

Q: What do you anticipate being the beginning of the grant contract period? Are construction contracts able to be awarded before that date if funds are not expended until that date?

A: The grant term will begin when the awards are announced - the week of April 4th. On a case by case basis, the start date may be backdated if the project is ongoing and is clearly explained in the application. If the construction contract has already been awarded, prevailing wage rates must have been included in the bid. Please contact us to discuss if needed.

Q: How many projects do you anticipate funding?

A: It depends on the exact applications. We will use all of the available funding.

Q: Describe Lancaster's application to the state for CAP funding, what was Lancaster funded, and where is the difference of the amounts (county total and amount available for the Clean Water Fund)?

A: In total, we applied for \$27 million to address agriculture, stormwater, and stream restoration projects that would achieve nutrient and sediment reductions outlined in Lancaster's Countywide Action Plan. The projects were provided by a variety of partners to demonstrate the current demand for financial support to address what we knew as of October would be possible in calendar year 2022. PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) awarded the county

\$3.5 million. Of that, \$500,000 was specified by the state from a Most Effective Basins grant for urban areas for the Blue Green Corridor Project along the Little Conestoga Creek. DEP did not pinpoint other specific projects to fund, allowing decision-making to happen at the local level. Since we know that the biggest opportunity for moving the needle in sediment and nutrient reductions is in agriculture, \$900,000 was allocated for agricultural best management practices (BMPs) that will be designed and implemented by the Conservation District plus specific support for landowners participating in the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) project. A total of \$1.7 million is available for competitive subgrants through the Clean Water Fund - this grant opportunity!

Q: Are the admin costs that are allowed inclusive of salary and indirect?

A: Yes.

Q: Can we get feedback on a prior application that wasn't funded?

A: Yes, please contact Laurel.

Q: How are the list of priorities ranked?

A: Nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment reductions carry the heaviest weight for scoring. The rest of the priorities are not listed in any particular order. Projects on contiguous parcels will also rank higher. [Please see the list of ranking criteria.](#)

Q: If the entire contract for a particular contractor is greater than what this grant will be covering and covered by other sources of funding, will the entire contract be subject to prevailing wage?

A: Yes.

Q: Where can we find the prevailing wage rates?

A: Contact the Bureau of Labor Law Compliance for a prevailing wage rate determination at (717)-705-5969. This determination can also be initiated online at <https://www.dlsecureweb.pa.gov/PrevWage/Pages/DetermRequest.aspx?ID=&PageType=>.

Q: Who will the reimbursements go to - landowner, contractor, etc?

A: Grant reimbursements will go to the grantee (applicant). The grantee pays the contractor(s).