

Purpose

Clean and clear water in Lancaster County!

About the Lancaster Clean Water Fund

The Lancaster Clean Water Fund is a funding source for clean water projects in Lancaster County, open to nonprofits and municipalities. Across Lancaster County, clean water is a priority. With over half of Lancaster County streams and much of our groundwater unhealthy, our community is a priority area for reducing nitrogen 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
- The Nature Conservancy



Grant Opportunities

Clean Water Implementation Large Grant Round 2 of 2022

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

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



Application Process

- 1 Tune into the July 26 Info Session at 1:00 p.m. Register here! The info session is optional, but recommended.
- 2 Contact Megan Blackmon 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 **September 30, 2022**. Applicants can expect to hear back regarding approval or denial of the application **in early January 2023**.



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Grant Specifics

- **Projects should be able to be completed by June of 2024, with preference for those that will be complete by the end of 2023.**
- Match is not required, but will improve the efficiency score.
- Eligible practices include agricultural and urban best management practices (BMPs), stream and wetland restoration, riparian buffers, and many others. Please reference the CAP for the full list of eligible BMPs.
- 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.

Evaluation Criteria

- Projects should align with the 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.