

## Purpose

Clean and clear water in Lancaster County!

## About the Lancaster Clean Water Fund

Across Lancaster County, clean water is a priority. With the majority of Lancaster County streams and much of our groundwater unhealthy, our community is a priority area for reducing nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment by 2025 in accordance with Lancaster's Countywide Action Plan (CAP).

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

Projects funded are part of a communitywide collaborative effort to reach our shared goals of better water quality.



## Nonprofits and Municipalities are Eligible to Apply

**This opportunity is intended to achieve clean and clear waterways by 2040.**

We work with trusted experts in the field, including:

- Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- Lancaster County Conservation District
- Lancaster Farmland Trust
- Local municipalities
- The Nature Conservancy

# Grant Opportunities

## Grant Portal

Available at  
[LancFound.org/grants](https://LancFound.org/grants)

### 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 nitrogen reductions for Lancaster's Countywide Action Plan (CAP).

### Application Process

1. Read the "Things to Know" document regarding federal funding requirements that apply.

2. Tune into the [Sept. 5 info session](#) at 10 am. Register [here](#).  
The info session is optional but recommended.

3. Contact Megan Blackmon to get the access code to the application.

Use the code to access the application on the Community Foundation portal, found at [www.LancFound.org/grants](https://www.LancFound.org/grants).

4. Applications are due on September 30, 2023.

Applicants can expect to hear back regarding approval or denial of the application in early January 2024



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### Grant Specifics

- **Projects should be able to be completed by June 2025, with the preference for those that will be completed by the end of 2024.**
- Match is not required, but will improve the efficiency score.
- Agriculture, stormwater or storm restoration projects are eligible.
- This funding is intended for implementation projects but design and/or engineering may be eligible for up to 25% of construction costs and 5% of administrative costs.

### Evaluation Criteria

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

