

2021 Clean Water Implementation Large Grant Application - Clean Water Fund

Eligibility Questions

You are applying for a Clean Water Implementation Large Grant through the Clean Water Fund.

These grants of \$200,000 to \$500,000 are intended to support high-priority restoration projects that create a measurable impact on local water quality and help Lancaster County achieve the goals in its Countywide Action Plan (CAP).

Applicants should be realistic with the dollar figure they request due to the need to spend all funds by March 1, 2023.

We encourage you to be brief and specific in all your answers. Bulleted lists are completely acceptable.

More information about the ranking criteria, due dates, and project budget requirements, can be found on the Lancaster County Community Foundation website as well as the Lancaster Clean Water Partners website.

All questions regarding the fund and application process can be directed to Laurel Etter Longenecker, Countywide Action Plan Coordinator Team (laurel@landstudies.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: 250

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

Has your organization completed an independent audit or financial review within the last 12 months?*

Choices

Yes

No

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 Laurel Etter Longenecker (laurel@landstudies.com).

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: 1 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 Contact Information*

The project coordinator is the main contact for this project and will be in communication with Laurel Etter Longenecker throughout the grant period regarding reports and reimbursements.

List the contact information for the person that best fits this role.

Character Limit: 250

Grant Request (Dollars)*

Grant range: \$200,000 to \$500,000

Character Limit: 20

Project Summary*

Summarize the purpose, design, and best management practices of your project. How exactly will these funds be used in the project? Be as specific as possible.

Character Limit: 1000

Property Information

Project Location Address*

Character Limit: 250

Property Owner Information

Share the property owner's name, address, and phone number.

Character Limit: 250

Name of Stream/Watershed:*

Character Limit: 100

Is there a stream on the property?*

Choices

Yes

No

Is this considered a 303d impaired stream?*

Choices

Yes

No

Is the stream buffered or planned to be buffered?*

Choices

Yes

No

If no, are you willing to install at least a 35ft forest buffer?

Choices

Yes

No

Application Questions

Need*

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

Explain how your project contributes to Lancaster County's collective effort for clean water. How does your project address the common goal of clean and clear water by 2040?

Character Limit: 10000

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 Lancasterians, 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, please describe.

Character Limit: 10000

Community Mapping Tool*

Use the Lancaster Clean Water Partners' Collaborative Watershed Mapping Tool to provide the following information for your project:

Project Address

Watershed

Priority Catchment (Tier 1, Tier 2, none)

Municipality

Restoration Opportunity Score

Character Limit: 5000

Timeline and Implementation Plan*

Provide a timeline for your project.

Include the following details:

- Permitting; acknowledgement of blackout periods on streams for certain fish species; municipal board meetings if decisions are required, etc.
- Work that is already completed

- Major milestones towards the project's completion using months
- Ongoing maintenance that will occur after project completion

Describe if/how you are bundling multiple projects into one application to increase efficiency and scale of implementations. Include steps you have already taken to work with contractors to ensure there is not a bottleneck of work that slows down implementation.

***Note the awarded dollars need to be spent by March 1, 2023. However, priority will be given to projects that can be implemented by the end of 2021.**

Character Limit: 5000

Partners*

List any partners you are collaborating with to implement this project.

Describe how this partnership enhances the project or will contribute to its success.

Have you notified the township where your project is located and asked for their participation and/or support? What was the result?

If one currently exists, have you notified the watershed association where your project is located and asked for their participation and/or support? What was the result?

Character Limit: 7000

Community Connections*

Describe how your project will accomplish Lancaster's Countywide Action Plan goals.

Refer to ways your project addresses priorities like working in headwaters areas first, connects contiguous restoration areas, and includes an element of education to inspire fellow community members to take action next.

Read the full plan at <https://lancastercleanwaterpartners.com/lancaster-countywide-action-plan/>

Character Limit: 2000

Sustainability*

Describe the sustainability of this project.

Is it likely to be in place and functioning correctly for 1-2 years? 5 years? 10+ years? What might change that answer?

Example: The extreme weather of 2018 took out many young riparian buffers. This project will be located next to an established forest so not only does it strengthen the ecosystem services of the stream stretch, but it also has a buffer from future storm events such as those seen in 2018.

Example: The landowner's business is growing and is not directly impacted by severe changes in market trends. The BMP's this grant will fund will be in use for generations to come thanks to the landowner's succession plan.

Character Limit: 2000

Measurable Results*

How will you determine the success of the project?

Overall, what does success look like when this project is completed? Briefly indicate how project performance will be monitored and measured. Include a description of any pre- and post-project water quality monitoring that you plan to use to show progress.

Character Limit: 2000

Matching Funding*

If applicable, describe the source and type of your matching funds or in-kind hours for this project. If there aren't any put N/A.

If you plan to use these grant dollars as match for another grant, describe here.

If awarded this full grant request, does it fulfill the project's full budgetary needs to complete the project?

***NOTE: Matching funds are not required for this grant.**

Character Limit: 10000

Please fill in the following specific BMP practices as applicable for your project.

See Lancaster's Countywide Action Plan for the full list of BMPs we have identified for local progress. If you need more detailed BMP descriptions or definitions, see Quick Reference Guide for Best Management Practices from the Chesapeake Bay Program.

Acres of riparian buffers:

Character Limit: 250

Acres of grass buffers:

Character Limit: 250

Linear feet of streambank fencing:

Character Limit: 250

Linear feet of urban stream restoration:

Character Limit: 250

Linear feet of non-urban stream restoration:

Character Limit: 250

Linear feet of floodplain restoration:

Character Limit: 250

Acres of wetland restoration:

Character Limit: 250

Acres of tree planting:

Character Limit: 250

Acres of easements secured:

Character Limit: 250

Acres of manure management plan:

Character Limit: 250

Acres of Conservation/ Ag E&S plan:

Character Limit: 250

Acres of barnyard runoff controls:

Character Limit: 250

Animal units of manure storage facilities:

Character Limit: 250

Manure treatment technologies:

Character Limit: 250

Other Ag BMP (include unit):

Character Limit: 250

Stormwater Control Measures (list specific BMP and acres treated):

Character Limit: 250

Other stormwater BMP (include unit):

Character Limit: 250

Volunteer hours anticipated:

Character Limit: 250

Required Attachments

Completed applications include the following attachments.

NOTE: 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 or Equivalent*

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

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Independent Audit or Financial Review*

Upload your entire **audited or reviewed** financial statement, completed by an independent CPA firm, that was completed within 12 months of this application's due date.

File Size Limit: 10 MB

Project Budget Worksheet*

Download the budget worksheet, https://lancfound.org/wp-content/uploads/Budget-Worksheet_Clean-Water-Fund.xlsx fill it out, save it, and then upload it here.

The intention of the fund is to provide funding to support BMP implementation, resulting in complete on-the-ground project completion. Personnel costs cannot be reimbursed but may be provided for by match. Signage is recommended to be installed as part of the finished project (a template will be provided to grantees).

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Landowner Commitment Letter*

Upload a letter of commitment from the landowner indicating their support of this project. Include an acknowledgement that funders and/or Lancaster Clean Water Partners staff may visit the project during and at the completion of the project to document progress.

NOTE: If the project includes on-farm BMPs, the farmer must have a conservation plan and manure management plan (minimum) by the project completion date in 2023. These grant dollars cannot cover the cost of those plans; however, the state offers cost-share options.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

"Before" Picture #1*

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 Laurel Etter Longenecker (laurel@landstudies.com).

File Size Limit: 2 MB

"Before" Picture #2*

Upload a picture showing the land/area of your project, before your work has begun.

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File Size Limit: 2 MB

"Before" Picture #3*

Upload a picture showing the land/area of your project, before your work has begun.

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File Size Limit: 2 MB

Project Map

If you have a map showing the location of your project, please upload it.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Electronic Signature

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE*

Character Limit: 100

Date*

Character Limit: 10