

Appendix D: Potential Sources of Funding

SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE	PROGRAM NAME	CONTACT NUMBER	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM
DCED	Communities of Opportunity		Provides grants to municipalities, redevelopment authorities and housing authorities for community revitalization, economic development, and low-income housing development and rehabilitation.
DCED & Governor's Office	Community Revitalization Program		Very broad grant program. Officially intended to promote community stability, increase tax bases and improve quality of life. Applications may be made by municipalities, authorities, economic development organizations and non-profit corporations. Public/non-profit/profit partnerships are encouraged. Generally can be used for infrastructure, community revitalization, building rehabilitation, demolition of blighted structures, public safety, and crime prevention.
DCED in cooperation with PA DEP	Industrial Sites Reuse Program, PA ("Brownfields")		Provides grants of up to 75% and low interest loans for assessment of environmental contamination and remediation work at former industrial sites. Available to private companies, non-profit economic development agencies or authorities that own the land. Mainly targeted towards cities. Financing is not available to the company that caused the contamination.
DCED	Intermunicipal Projects Grants		Promotes cooperation between neighboring municipalities so as to foster increased efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of municipal services at the local level.
DCED	Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program		Assists local governments and counties to prepare comprehensive plans, downtown plans, special community development studies and development regulations. Typically provides 50% of the eligible costs.
DCED	Shared Municipal Services		Provides modest-sized 50/50 matching grants to promote cooperation among municipalities, in order to increase the efficiency of public services. Two or more municipalities may apply, or a council of governments.
DCNR	Community Conservation Partnership Grant Program		Funds a wide variety of recreation, greenway, rivers conservation and open space preservation activities with 50% matching grants. Four main categories of grants are: Planning and Technical Assistance, Acquisition Projects, Development Projects, Federally Funded Projects

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DCNR	Conservation Corps, PA.		Provides funding for work crews for community projects, such as trail improvements.
DCNR	Keystone Rec., Park & Cons. Program - Land Trust Grants		Grants to well-established non-profit land trusts and conservancies to plan for and acquire critical natural areas. Land that is acquired must be open to the public.
DCNR	Keystone Rec., Park & Cons. Program - Community Grants		Provides 50% matching grants to municipalities to fund: overall planning for park and recreation, master plans for individual parks, acquisition of parkland and nature preserves, countywide natural area inventories, and rehabilitation and improvements to public recreation areas. Grants up to \$20,000, without a local match, are available for material and design costs in small municipalities.
DCNR	Pennsylvania Forest Stewardship/Stream ReLeaf Program	717-787-2106	Cost-Share (75%) assistance for riparian zone protection or improvement projects: streambank restoration, fencing and crossings.
DCNR	Rivers Conservation Program	717-787-2316	Conserve and enhance river resources by offering planning grants, technical assistance, implementation grants, development grants, and acquisition grants.
DCNR	Urban Forestry Grants		Provides grants for tree planting projects. Is also a Federal "America the Beautiful" grant program for tree planting.
DEP	Coastal Zone Management Program	717-787-5259	Grants for planning and construction in the Lake Erie and the Delaware Estuary Coastal Zones.
DEP	Environmental Stewardship and Watershed Protection Grant Program	717-787-5259	Grants focus on nonpoint source pollution and watersheds: acid mine drainage abatement, mine cleanup efforts, well plugging, planning and implementing local watershed-based conservation efforts (formerly WRAP+WRPA).
DEP Bureau of Waterways Engineering	Flood Protection Program, PA		Offers design and construction of flood protection projects. The project must be deemed economically justifiable under the state capital budget process.
DEP	Nonpoint Source Management (EPA 319) Program	717-787-5259	Grants for planning and nonpoint source pollution control projects.
DEP	PA Environmental Education Grants Program	717-772-1828	Provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate or disseminate environmental education practices, methods or techniques.

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DEP	Pennsylvania Wetland Replacement Project	717-787-6827	Grants for restoring wetlands, riparian corridors and other aquatic systems within the Commonwealth.
DEP	Sewage Facility Planning Grants		Grants to pay up to 50% of the costs to prepare a new sewage facilities plan or update an existing plan, under State Act 537 of 1966.
DEP	Stormwater Management Program	717-772-4048	Watershed planning for stormwater control (counties) and implementation of programs at local levels (municipalities).
DEP	Stream Bank Fencing Program	717-783-7577	To improve water quality and reduce soil erosion by constructing one or two strand fences to limit livestock access streams.
DEP	Stream Improvement Program (SIP)	717-787-3411	Assistance through the construction of small projects to prevent flooding, restore natural stream channels and to stabilize banks.
Federal Emergency Management Agency	Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Program		Provides 75% funding to relieve imminent hazards from flooding, such as voluntary buy-outs and demolitions of highly flood-prone properties.
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program	202-857-0166	This program supports communities undertaking small-scale watershed projects. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$35,000 to local governments and community groups for education and demonstration projects to protect watersheds.
National Park Service	Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program	215-597-1581	The National Park Service works with communities to conserve land and river resources and provides funding for various projects dealing with the conservation of these resources including the development of trails and greenways.
PACD	Nonpoint Source Pollution Education Mini Project Grant	717-238-7223	Small grants for Pennsylvania-based, grassroots educational projects that address nonpoint source watershed concepts.

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PA Infrastructure Investment Authority and PA DEP Bureau of Water Supply Management- -Involves both U.S. EPA and State funds	PENNVEST		Offers low interest loans for construction and improvement of drinking water and wastewater systems. Outright grants may be available for highly distressed communities. Mainly intended for public systems, but some private systems may be approved. Water projects are funded through the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund. Sewage projects are funded through the Clean Water Revolving Fund. In addition, PennVest is authorized to provide loans for projects to control existing stormwater problems, such as separating stormwater from sanitary sewage. The "Advance Funding Program" provides low-interest loans for feasibility studies and engineering of systems if the utility cannot fund such work itself.
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development		888-223-6837	Financial assistance may include: preparing environmental protection or physical development strategies or special studies that will support comprehensive land use planning. The application of advanced technology such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS).
The William Penn Foundation Philadelphia, PA		215-988-1830	Grants to preserve natural areas, including environmental education and planning within the foundation's geographic area (primarily southeastern Pennsylvania).
U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service North America Waterfowl and Wetlands Office (NAWWO)		703-358-1784	The North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989 provides matching grants to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Both the Standard and Small Grants Programs help deliver funding to on-the-ground projects through protection, restoration, or enhancement of an array of wetland habitats.
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds		202-260-4538	EPA establishes a cooperative agreement with one or more nonprofit organization(s) or other eligible entities to support watershed partnership organizational development and long-term effectiveness. Funding supports organizational development and capacity building for watershed partnerships with diverse membership.

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds		202-260-8076	This Five-Star Program seeks to support restoration projects in 500 watersheds by 2005, a key action of the Clean Water Action Plan. Competitive projects will have a strong on-the-ground habitat restoration component that provides long-term ecological, educational, and/or socioeconomic benefits to the people and their community.
U.S. EPA	Brownfields Program		Grants for a very limited number of pilot demonstration projects for cleanup of contaminated underused industrial sites.
U.S. EPA	Sustainable Development Challenge Grants (SDCG)	206-553-2634	Grants to support communities in establishing partnerships to encourage environmentally and economically sustainable practices.