



DNREC Funding Sources

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Assist with Implementing Water Quality Projects in the Chesapeake Watershed and Statewide

Surface Water Matching Planning Grant (Statewide)

- Up to \$50,000 for planning projects for municipalities, county, and conservation districts.
- Requires 1:1 cash match.
- Applications due by:
 - August 20, 2025

Community Water Quality Improvement Grant (Statewide)

- Requires a NGO, Homeowners Association, or Conservation District to sponsor project and take the lead.
- Up to \$75,000 for implementation projects.
- Does not require a match; can be used as a match to Federal grants.
- Applications due by:
 - October 29, 2025

Chesapeake Bay Local Government Implementation Funding Grant

- Up to \$366,000 for implementation projects for local governments.
- Requires 1:1 cash match which may be a combination of state or local cash, or in-kind services. In-kind services may be used for up to 25% of the match.
- May be matched with State or local funding, not Federal funding.
- Applications opens in December 2025, due first week of March 2026, awards announced in April 2026

Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant

- Up to \$1.6 million for implementation projects.
- Requires 1:1 cash match which may be a combination of state or local cash, or in-kind services. In-kind services may be used for up to 25% of the match.
- May be matched with State or local funding, not Federal funding.
- Applications opens in December 2025, due first week of March 2026, awards announced in April 2026.

319 Nonpoint Source Program Grant (Priority Watersheds)

- Approximately \$1.2 million/year.

- Requires match that equals 67% of the federal grant funds being requested (The minimum match requirement can be calculated by multiplying the requested Federal Section 319 grant funding by .667).
- May be matched with a state grant, not federal money.
- Applications opens in December 2025, dues first week of March 2026, awards announced in April 2026.

Delaware Community Conservation Assistance Program (DeCAP) (Chesapeake Watershed)

- Approximately \$50,000/year for small conservation cost share projects.
- Requires match that equals 25% of the grant funds being requested.
- May be matched with homeowner funding or a state grant, not federal money.
- Applications open in year-round until fiscal year funding is exhausted.

Delaware Forest Buffer Incentive Program (Chesapeake Watershed)

- Approximately \$50,000/year to install buffers adjacent to waterways.
- Program covers the cost of installing the buffers and some maintenance cost.
- Requires buffer to be maintained for a minimum of 5 years.
- Applications open in year-round until fiscal year funding is exhausted.

More information on the CWQIG and the SWMPG programs is located:

<https://dnrec.delaware.gov/environmental-finance/>

More information on the Chesapeake Bay Implementation Funding Grant is located:

<https://dnrec.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/nps/chesapeake-grants/>

More information on the Delaware 319 Grant is located:

<https://dnrec.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/nps/>

More information on DeCAP is located:

<https://dnrec.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/nps/decap/>

More information on the Forest Buffer Incentive Program is located:

<https://dnrec.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/nps/forest-buffer-incentives/>

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For a full list of available funding opportunities and programs.